

Welcome to the September 2021 issue of *C&RL News*. As we work on production of this issue, many academic libraries are preparing for a new term during a surge of the COVID-19 delta variant. While the pandemic continues both in the United States and globally, we start out this issue with two articles looking back.

Jolie Braun of The Ohio State University writes about collecting the everyday history of the pandemic through zines in her article “Unconventional collecting in extraordinary times.” Kaetrena Davis Kendrick, Amanda M. Leftwich, and Twanna Hodge discuss grassroots efforts in “Providing care and community in times of crisis” through a series of summits focusing on the mental health of BIPOC library workers.

In this month’s The Way I See It essay, Christopher Cox, Elliot Felix, Greg Raschke, and Mary Ann Mavrinc examine the place of the library on campus in the post-pandemic world in “Looking through the COVID fog.”

Jennifer Snoek-Brown, Dale Coleman, and Candice Watkins discuss student advocacy and OER at Tacoma Community College in their Scholarly Communication column “From spark to flame,” while improving library instruction skills through observation and self-reflection is the subject of Maoria J. Kirker, Mary K. Oberlies, Carolina Hernandez, and Sara DeWaay’s article “Teaching Squares.”

We also look back at the 2021 ALA Virtual Annual Conference with our annual roundup of ACRL programs and Board of Directors’ actions. Many thanks to all the reporters who volunteered to write program summaries.

Make sure to check out the other features and departments this month, including a look at improving “Streaming access in a fractured world” by Sarah Burns Gilchrist, Debbie Li, and Erin Toepfner and efforts in improving “Community engagement” through archives by Pam Hackbart-Dean and Walter Ray.

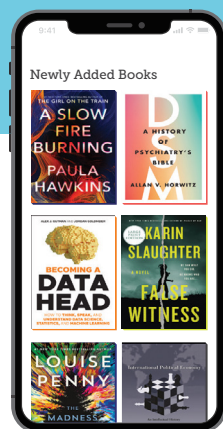
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