

Welcome to the April 2009 issue of *C&RL News*. The current economic downturn is impacting academic and research libraries (and librarians) in a variety of ways. Budget reductions lead to increasing competition for funding. Frozen positions lead to increased competition in the job market. Karin Durán, Eric Garcia, and Mara Houdyshell provide tips on successfully navigating the academic library interview process for both job seekers and employers in “From the inside out and outside in.” In a related essay, Ramirose Ilene Attebury takes a look at “The personal question,” adding to the debate over the impact of personal online presence in the job search process.

Maintaining a rich resume of participation in the profession is one way for job seekers to stand out from the crowd. Contributing to the literature of academic and research librarianship can add an edge in the employment, as well as promotion and tenure, processes.

In this month’s Internet Resources feature, Laurie Putnam provides an excellent list of resources for getting started in “Professional writing and publishing.”

Legislative activity, such as the economic stimulus plan, also has a potential impact on academic and research libraries. Jenni Terry of the ALA Washington Office outlines the potential benefits of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, and makes suggestions for action in her Washington Hotline column.

Make sure to take a look at all of the other great articles and columns, including a successful art gallery in a science library, tips for using Delicious for bibliographic access, lessons a regional library network learned about collaboration, impending copyright legislation, and the first in a two-part series recognizing the 2009 ACRL award winners.

Thanks for reading the *News*!

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