

Welcome to the December 2016 issue of *C&RL News*. The upcoming holidays, coupled this year with an especially emotional election season, can be a stressful time both personally and professionally. Richard Moniz, Jo Henry, Joe Eshleman, Lisa Moniz, and Howard Slutzky provide context and advice for dealing with workplace stress in their article “Stressors and librarians: How mindfulness can help.” Their recommendations for mindfulness practice can be a big help with stress of all kinds, as well.

One of their tips for mindful behavior is to be thankful. Receiving thanks for a job well done can also help rejuvenate a commitment to the profession. At Duke University, librarians undertook a National Library Week project to give the campus community a chance to express their thanks for the university libraries. Arianne Hartsell-Gundy, Kim Duckett, and Aaron Welborn provide an overview of the “#ThankALibrarian” project. In this issue’s The Way I See It essay, Michelle Price writes about confronting stress while participating in a course in her article “Fun, fear, and frustration.”

The December issue features new installments of two of our popular ongoing features. Judy Ruttenberg writes about the “SHARE” project in the Scholarly Communication column while “The future of U.S. university international branch campus libraries” is the focus of the International Insights feature.

According to tradition, we also take a look back at ACRL’s accomplishments in advancing learning and transforming scholarship over the past fiscal year with our Annual Report. You can help make the next year of your association as successful as the last by volunteering to serve on an ACRL committee. The call for volunteers is available on page 543.

Make sure to check out the rest of our features and departments, including information on “Journal metrics” education for faculty from Lori Bronars, Internet Resources on “Cases, statues, law review, and more” by Jessica Almeida, and the latest installment of our series highlighting the ACRL 2017 host city of Baltimore by Natalie Burclaff and Gina Calia-Lotz.

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