

Welcome to the January 2017 issue of *CE&RL News*. The ACRL Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education continues to be a major topic of discussion in the academic library community. In this issue's Perspectives on the Framework column, Troy Swanson of the Moraine Valley Community College discusses his efforts in "Sharing the ACRL Framework with faculty." Also, visit this month's News from the Field department for information on the launch of the exciting new ACRL Framework Sandbox.

Experimenting with social media and related technologies for marketing and instruction continue to be a focus for many libraries. In this month's ACRL TechConnect feature, Elizabeth Price and Rebecca Richardson of Murray State University write about their library's experiences with Yik Yak in their article "Eavesdropping on the user experience."

Emily Ford of Portland State University shares her experiences and evolving thinking on digital badging in instruction in her The Way I See It essay "To badge or not to badge?"

With the ACRL 2017 early-bird registration deadline fast approaching, the Baltimore conference is also

a trending topic. Sara Arnold-Garza and Joanna Gadsby provide a fascinating history of "Social justice and Baltimore" in our look at the conference's host city.

Strategic planning is another important, but sometimes dreaded, process for most academic libraries. Aaron L. Brenner, Robin Kear, and Eve Wilder provide a look at ways the University of Pittsburgh Libraries went about "Reinvigorating strategic planning" by introducing more collaborative processes.

"The Johns Hopkins Libraries open access promotion fund" is the focus of this month's Scholarly Communication column by Robin N. Sinn, Sue M. Woodson, and Mark Cyzyk.

Make sure to check out the rest of our features and departments, including Internet Resources on "United Nations" statistical and data resources by Lisa DeLuca of Seton Hall University, and a look at the contents of the January issue of *College & Research Libraries*, with a focus on library activism, in the *CE&RL* Spotlight department.

Thanks as always for reading the *News!*

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