In the news

Welcome to the March 2022 issue of C&RL News. Taking a hard look at the effectiveness and inclusivity of peer review is one way in which legacy systems in academia are being reviewed and challenged through the lens of equity, diversity, and inclusion. Charlotte Roh of California State University-San Marcos begins this month's issue by examining ways of "Owning the peer review process," including a discussion of unpaid labor in scholarly publishing, in the latest installment of our Scholarly Communication column.

At Rutgers University-Camden, a group of librarians and students came together to advance issues of textbook affordability and increase the use of OER at their institution. Oriana Holmes-Price, Samantha Kannegiser, Erika Pitsker, and Zara T. Wilkinson write about how they went about centering student voices as part of the process in their article "Small actions, big impact."

Increasing the adoption of OER as textbooks is also an ongoing project at Penn State-Altoona. Librarians addressed the challenge by taking on the work of identifying e-books already included in their resource collections as proof of concept of the possibility of using existing licensed resources as a tool to reduce textbook costs. Lori Lysiak outlines their work moving forward "Division by division, book by book" to increase the use of OER on campus.

As we move closer towards the end of spring term, many students in LIS programs are eyeing graduation and planning for the job search process in a virtual or hybrid environment. Isabel Soto-Luna discusses her recent "Job search during COVID," providing a variety of handy tips for navigating the process for both job seekers and hiring institutions. In this issue's The Way I See It feature, Christine Woods writes about "Going online and staying online" as her job at Saint Leo University transitioned to a permanent remote work model.

Voting in the 2022 ALA/ACRL elections begins March 14. Kelvin Watson and Emily Drabinski, candidates for the 2023-24 ALA presidency respond to question from the ACRL Board of Directors this month to help you make an informed decision in the upcoming election. A list of ACRL members standing for election to ALA Council is also available in this issue. Help shape the future of your associations by casting your ballot for the candidates of your choice over the next month.

Thanks as always for reading the News!

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