

Welcome to the February 2009 issue of *C&RL News*. The ACRL 14th National Conference is fast approaching. In this issue, Kristen Shuyler and Dalia Corkrum provide a tasty overview of the Seattle culinary scene. They offer a wide range of dining tips to help you plan your conference experience. Juliet Kerico and Karen Munro also outline "Six steps to greening your ACRL National Conference experience." Make sure to visit the ACRL 2009 Web site at www.acrl.org /seattle for complete conference details.

With the rapid rise in mobile technologies, texting has become a communication norm, especially among today's college students. Laura Kohl and Maura Keating describe their experiences providing SMS reference service at Bryant University in "A phone of one's own."

Working with new technologies often requires a close partnership between librarians and their information technology counterparts. Andrea Coles, a librarian, and William Dougherty, an IT professional, discuss ways to increase collaboration as these departments must "Hang together or hang separately." Denise Shorey continues the collaboration theme by exploring an important working relationship, between supervisor and supervisee, in her essay "It takes two."

Voting in the 2009 ALA/ACRL election opens on March 17. In this month's issue, Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe and Kelly S. Janousek discuss their platforms as candidates for ACRL vice-president/president-elect.

Make sure to read all of the other great columns and features this month, include Laura R. Hodgins Internet Resources article on "Animal welfare advocacy" and information on becoming an ACRL legislative advocate from Michael J. McLane. Thanks for reading the *News*!

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