In the news

Welcome to the March 2017 issue of *C&RL News*. With ACRL 2017 fast approaching, many of us are looking forward to gathering in Baltimore. Large events like the ACRL conference can sometimes be a bit daunting for those new to the profession and first-timers in general, however. Students at the University of Michigan (UM) School of Information take a proactive approach to preparing future professionals for the conference experience by holding their own student-led QuasiCon event. UM alumni Martha Stuit and Joanna Thielen provide an overview of "Introducing library students to library conferences" this month.

This issue's installment of our International Insights column looks at the conference experience from a global perspective, focusing on the history, background, and organization of "The European Conference on Information Literacy."

Kathy Shields and Christine Cugliari examine information literacy in practice, discussing how they used the Framework for Information Literacy "Scholarship as Conversation" frame as an instructional tool for nonprofit studies students in this month's Perspectives on the Framework column.

In this month's Scholarly Communication feature, Merinda Kaye Hensley and Steven J. Bell write about "Digital scholarship as a learning center in the library." If you are interested in digital scholarship issues, make sure to check out ACRL's Digital Scholarship Center Interest Group, as well.

We continue our look at the upcoming ALA/ACRL elections with responses from the candidates for ALA vice-president/president-elect to questions from the ACRL Board of Directors and a list of ACRL members running for ALA Council. Help shape the future of your associations by voting in the election starting March 13.

Make sure to check out the other features and departments this month, including new "ACRL Proficiencies for Assessment Librarians and Coordinators," a The Way I See It essay on "Word of mouth and library workshops" by Laura Turner of the University of San Diego, and a look at the March issue of *C&RL* from editor Wendi Kaspar.

Thanks as always for reading the *News!*— David Free, editor-in-chief, dfree@ala.org



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