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Seven years ago, Ivan Gaetz introduced a new journal: *Collaborative Librarianship*. As the General Editor of this new publication, he noted that “Libraries and librarians working together is not a new concept or new phenomenon. In fact, collaboration is at the heart of what libraries are about, and it has been for some time.” (1) During the years since the launch of this journal in 2009, librarians have continued to demonstrate this commitment to collaboration. Together, librarians have created regional shared print repositories such as the Western Regional Storage Trust (WEST); an important repository for digitized publications, HathiTrust; and centralized hubs of resource sharing through the Digital Public Library of America. Collaboration is clearly still at the heart of what we do.

Since its inception *Collaborative Librarianship* has critically examined a variety of collaborative efforts and enterprises through the publication of peer-reviewed articles within the field of library and information science. With the publication of articles “From the Field,” the journal has provided a forum for sharing information about a wide range of collaborative initiatives. Reviews of current scholarly literature, resources, and products have helped inform the profession about other opportunities to collaborate. The journal has stayed true to its focus on the human interactions that contribute to the advancement of our profession.

Ivan is now stepping down as the general editor, but will remain a member of the editorial board. Other members of the editorial board have decided to move on, while a majority of the advisory board has agreed to remain in place. In taking over as co-editors-in-chief, we (Jill Emery and Michael Levine-Clark) are excited to guide *Collaborative Librarianship* into this new phase while maintaining the excellent quality we have come to expect. As part of this commitment, we

are moving the journal from the OJS™ platform to Digital Commons™ in order to expand discoverability of content and the functionality of article submission. Sheila Yeh has coordinated this migration. And we’ve invited new members to join us on the editorial board: Jonathan Cain, Anna Creech, Liam Earney, Tony Horava, Jesse Koenecke, John McDonald, Elizabeth Winter, and Andrea Wirth. Many of them have already contributed to reviewing submissions and developing new content. Joe Kraus, who served the crucial function of laying out the articles from the first issue on, has stepped down, and Lauren Cantwell has taken over that role.

Volume 8, the first on the new platform, continues *Collaborative Librarianship's* tradition of reporting on dynamic collaborative projects with a mix of peer-reviewed articles and reports From the Field. In the first issue of volume 8, Lori Bowen Ayre continues her “Technology Matters” column with a look at summer reading programs. Emily Drabinski serves as the first author of a new column, “What Collaboration Means to Me,” and we plan to invite someone new to consider that question in every issue. Three reports From the Field show that collaboration is thriving in libraries: Susan Stearns reports on the Eastern Academic Scholars’ Trust (EAST) project; Rebecca Donlan and Stacy Sieck tell us about a librarian-publisher partnership to improve information literacy skills; and Judith C. Russell and Benjamin F. Walker share information about JRNL, a tool to assist libraries in managing shared print programs. Our two scholarly articles for this issue feature George Machovec’s overview of the development of a shared print analysis tool by the Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries and a report by Sheryl Knab, Caryl Ward, and Tom Humphrey on a consortial streaming video pilot.



Emery & Levine-Clark: Same As It Ever Was

Collaborative Librarianship continues to be committed to scholarly open access publishing devoted to collaboration across the broadest spectrum of librarianship. We are dedicated to highlighting all forms of collaboration – within libraries, between libraries, with non-library part-

ners, and with consortia. We will continue to advance the understanding of why and how organizations and people work together to achieve a greater good. Even though we have a new editorial board and platform, our goals and vision remain the same as they were seven years ago.

