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With this issue, *Collaborative Librarianship* begins its fourth year of publication. The reasons for beginning the Journal continue to be relevant today, and perhaps even more compelling. In the time leading up to volume 1, number 1, (January 2009), we recognized that collaboration is a fundamental value in the practice of librarianship and that it takes many forms, from in-house to consortia cooperatives and beyond. We believed that in the development both of resources and the provision of services, partnerships are crucially important, whether formal or informal, and in myriad manifestations. The journal was created to advance an understanding of the principles of why and how organizations and persons work together to achieve the greater good. With three years of publication under our belt, *Collaborative Librarianship* continues to encourage and support the expansion of partnerships within the library world, records and explores exemplars of collaboration, and probes the challenges encountered along the way.

Also, with this issue we announce an expansion in leadership. Valerie Horton, Executive Director of the Colorado Library Consortium (CLiC), now adds to her existing position as one of “News” editors of *Collaborative Librarianship* a new role as Co-General Editor. We also celebrate a new milestone in readership. As of the end of March 2012, the total “views” of all items published to date tops 150,000. In the past three months alone, the total views of articles and reviews increased by over 25,000 and the “News” views were up by over 3,300. Although the market/readership rubrics in the journal industry are likely different from other forms of publishing, if the scholarly book publishing market is any indication, these are remarkable figures indeed. Thank you to all our readers and contributors, and a special thanks to our peer reviewers, editors and other members of our management team.

Volume 4, number 1 offers two scholarly (peer reviewed) articles, one on a mentoring program in Latin America and another on library-faculty collaboration in matters related to collection development. “From the Field” offers two articles as well. The first provides an in-depth analysis of MS SharePoint and the other consists of an interview with the Managing Director of the National Information Standards Organization, Todd Carpenter, who also serves on this Journal’s Advisory Board. Rounding out the two offerings in each section, one review focuses on the book, *The Social Factor*, and the other on a substantive article on collaboration of librarians and writing instructors. Your comments and responses are always welcomed via email to the General Editors. We also welcome article submissions on any topic related to library collaboration. As usual, these may be submitted, unsolicited, through our Journal website.

Again, thank you for your ongoing commitment to library collaboration and for your continued support of this publication.

