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Collaborative Librarianship took a long pause between the publication this spring of Volume 12 no. 1 and this fall's publication of Volume 12 no.2. Here we are in late October, just publishing the issue that normally comes out in early summer. While we both thought we would need to give ourselves room to be able to coordinate this issue, it has taken longer than expected. Both of us were working remotely through the summer due to COVID-19. This fall, the University of Denver Libraries re-opened and Portland State University Library did not. Both of these situations required numerous additional planning & strategy meetings within our organizations. Sometimes these meetings were pre-scheduled, but often these events were called and set with very short notice. We have both found ourselves pivoting at various junctures from something that we thought was set one day to doing the exact opposite the next. COVID-19 surged, went into valleys of remission, and surged again. Racist violence led so many of us to despair and protest. Our national political environment and those impacts shift daily now. Both of us find ourselves in wildly uncharted territory with little comprehension of where we may be tomorrow. The one thing we recognize about this situation is that we are not alone. Our colleagues, friends, and fellow academics are in this same space - trying to work together to bring about positive change.

From this place of maddening and unparalleled change in our local environments, we began to

reach out for the stories of collaboration represented in this issue. What we found not only astounds us but fills us with both hope and enthusiasm. Throughout our profession, folks are collaborating with one another and finding pathways through the chaos and confusion. Much of what is presented in this issue shows how people are building upon processes and work that started some time ago but has grown and shifted into new service models and strengthened partnerships. We are in debt to all the authors of this issue who answered our call, relatively quickly, to provide overviews and descriptions of the work with which they are engaging.

From the articles in this issue, it is clear that collaboration is thriving in libraries. In his "What Collaboration Means to Me" column, Greg Eow reflects on collaboration through the lens of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Jill Grogg and Hannah Rosen report on their conversations with consortia leaders and demonstrate how consortia benefit libraries, while also reflecting on what role consortia can play during the pandemic. Renee Bosman, Cheryle Cole-Bennett, Abigail DeSoto, and Amy Laub-Carroll describe the Collaborative Federal Repository Program, and Susan Stearns and Alison Wohlers tell us about the Partnership for Shared Book Collections - in both cases emphasizing the value of libraries working together to manage the collective collection. From HathiTrust, Natalie Fulker-son, Sandra McIntyre, and Melissa Stewart share



a report about the creation of the Emergency Temporary Access Service (ETAS), and reflect that development of this resource that has been so important for so many libraries during the pandemic was made possible by a strong collaborative foundation. And Christina Drummond describes an ambitious project to determine how to manage usage analytics for open access monographs. In all of these examples, librarians and information professionals worked together across institutional boundaries to create solutions that benefit the whole. Meanwhile, Emily J. McElroy and John Fudrow, Jonah McAllister-Erickson, and Lauren B. Collister describe how

their libraries collaborated with campus partners to provide better services and spaces for their communities.

For five years, we have co-edited *Collaborative Librarianship*, and have been continually impressed by the work shared in these pages. Five years seems like just about the right time to devote to a project like this, and we feel that it's time to give new editors the chance to be inspired by the collaborative spirit of librarianship. We'll publish a joint issue for Volume 12 no. 3-4 and then we will introduce two new co-editors who have agreed to take over fully for Volume 13.