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The Devil Resides in the Details

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As we embark on publication of issue three of volume eight of *Collaborative Librarianship*, we need to recognize some important people. In addition to working on the development of new content for each issue, many of the folks involved most directly with *Collaborative Librarianship* have been working diligently and proficiently to migrate the content from the previous OJS site to the new Digital Commons site. It cannot be underscored what a tremendous effort this has been and in particular, Sheila Yeh, Digital Infrastructure & Technology Coordinator at the University of Denver, with the assistance of Maria Mata, Metadata Technician, has accomplished this feat through significant planning and persistent work.

We are also working on enhancements to *Collaborative Librarianship* to bring us more in line with the standards and practices of open access publication such as joining CrossRef and being able to assign digital object identifiers (DOIs) to all of the hosted content. With input from the editorial board, we’ve also reviewed and re-written the About the Journal pages to better explicate the aims and scope of this publication. Lastly, we are working to insure re-directs from the old site are in place in order for the indexing to remain constant with all content. All-in-all, it has required quite a bit of work behind the scenes to bring out the current issue along with all the previous content.

Highlights of this issue include many new initiatives underway across the breadth of our profession. The timeline definitely slipped on this issue in light of the infrastructure work and while, it will be a bit abbreviated in length, the content is quite robust. Jill O’Neill, Educational Programs Manager at NISO, provides an in-depth overview of the NISO Alternative Assessment Project. This paper outlines a collaborative endeavor that has been years in the making. Starting 2013, the teams involved in this project worked first to define the project scope and then to help develop the recommended practices to be employed. Alice Meadows, Director of Community Engagement & Support at ORCID, describes how collaboration often arises from healthy competition within the scholarly publishing realm.

The two research articles in this issue focus on evaluation of content within libraries. One paper examines how a group of health librarians worked together to develop a strategy to evaluate their shared big deal packages. The other explores how multiple libraries within a consortium worked together to evaluate their shared print collection for retention decisions. Both of these projects describe work undertaken by multiple libraries to develop an evaluative process that works across different institutions.

Our publication schedule has slid somewhat during this transition year. We’re working hard to get everything back on track and hope to roll out issue four quickly on the heels of issue three. Thanks to everyone for bearing with us during this transition.