Many popular magazines like to provide reading lists in their summer issues. Steven Bell has given *C&RL News* a new twist on that in this issue by providing us with tips and resources for keeping up with the ever-burgeoning information glut (page 581). Steven’s list is particularly helpful because he points us to many useful resources outside of the standard library literature.

This issue also provides some ideas for those of you who use the summer to fine-tune or redesign your instruction programs. Sheila Curl, Leslie Reynolds, Brent Mai, and Alexius Smith Macklin discuss how they developed a digital asynchronous information strategies course (page 586).

Anna Marie Johnson and Melissa Laning share their development and implementation process that dramatically improves the traditional library scavenger hunt (page 597).

Jeffrey Garrett shares with us his view on the changing role of reference librarians involved in helping patrons do their research (page 603).

Although our roles are changing, the ever-present “publish or perish” debate continues. Rodger Lewis shares with us from his retirement his perspective on the usefulness of the pressure to publish (page 606).

Eric Shoaf shares Brown University’s unique approach to preservation and its success in establishing a preservation endowment (page 593).

Summer can be a challenging time to find enough librarians around to provide coverage on the reference desk. Scott Lanning describes how they implemented a flexible schedule to make summer coverage easier (page 609).

May this summer provide you with the time to reflect, recharge, and regroup before the fall semester.

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