

### **PALNI releases library impact assessment tool**

The Private Academic Library Network Inc. (PALNI) recently worked with The IDEA Center, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving student learning in higher education, to create a freely available assessment survey focused on the educational role and institutional effectiveness of the library. The results of the Assessment of Library Impact and Value survey provide insights on how best to implement improvements, allocate resources, and communicate with campus stakeholders at PALNI institutions. PALNI created the survey with the intention of making it open access, available for use, and remixing by other institutions.

Under the attached Creative Commons license, any library, group, or interested user may adopt, adapt, and administer the survey instrument on the platform of their choice. The survey can be administered by other groups, consortia, or individually through IDEA. Those libraries interested in implementing a similar project can find more information on the toolkit LibGuide at <https://libguides.palni.edu/libraryvalue/>.

### **Nominations sought for ACRL Board of Directors**

Higher education is experiencing unprecedented change, providing academic libraries with tremendous opportunities to define new roles related to learning, teaching, and research. ACRL is dedicated to enhancing the ability of library and information professionals to dream big and shape our new future.

Be a part of shaping that future. The ACRL Leadership Recruitment and Nominations Committee (LRNC) encourages members to nominate themselves or others to run for the position of ACRL vice-president/president-elect and director-at-large in the 2021 elections. The deadline for nominations is February 15, 2020.

To nominate an individual or to self-nominate, please submit the nomination form at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/acrlboardnominations>. LRNC will request a curriculum vita and/or a statement of interest from selected individuals prior to developing a slate of candidates.

If you have any questions about the nominating or election process, please feel free to contact LRNC Chair Sarah McDaniel at [sarahmcdaniel@csufresno.edu](mailto:sarahmcdaniel@csufresno.edu). More information about the ACRL Board of Directors is available at [www.ala.org/acrl/resources/policies/chapter2](http://www.ala.org/acrl/resources/policies/chapter2).

### **The MIT Press receives grant to develop, pilot sustainable framework for open access monographs**

The MIT Press has received a three-year \$850,000 grant from Arcadia, a charitable fund of Lisbet Rausing and Peter Baldwin, to perform a broad-based monograph publishing cost analysis and develop and openly disseminate a durable financial framework and business plan for open access (OA) monographs. The press will also undertake a pilot program to implement the resulting framework for scholarly front and backlist titles. Work on the grant is scheduled to start this year, and the first grant-funded OA monographs will be available in 2020. At the conclusion of the grant in June 2022, the press will openly share a robust, blended OA model that the university press community can adopt, and adapt, paving the way for the many scholarly monographs published each year by university presses and other mission-based scholarly publishers to be more readily discovered, accessed, and shared.

### **OU joins Consortium for the History of Science**

The University of Oklahoma (OU) has joined the national Consortium for History of Science, Technology, and Medicine, an

## Libraries Promoting Reflective Dialogue in a Time of Political Polarization

ACRL announces the publication of *Libraries Promoting Reflective Dialogue in a Time of Political Polarization*, edited by Andrea Baer, Ellysa Stern Cahoy, and Robert Schroeder. This collection explores the various ways in which librarians experience and respond to political polarization and its effects, both in our everyday work and in our professional communities.

As political polarization has continued to grow within and beyond the United States in past decades, the challenges of engaging in open and constructive dialogue have become increasingly apparent. The effects of this tension are evident in numerous aspects of library work, including interactions and relationships in our local contexts and in our larger professional community, as well as all areas of the library—classrooms, collections, technology, management, programming, LIS programs, and library spaces.

Reflective dialogue asks us to pause before reacting, ground ourselves in a sense of compassion for ourselves and others, and use that grounding to open a space to listen and to speak with the goal of recognizing a shared humanity and appreciating difference. *Libraries Promoting Reflective Dialogue in a Time of Political Polarization* explores ways to incorporate this practice into your work in four sections:

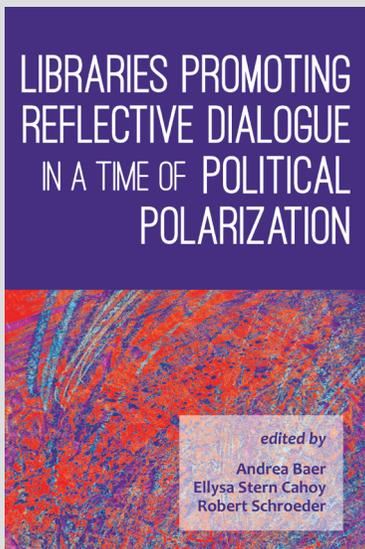
- Libraries as Dialogic Spaces: Limits and Possibilities

- Dialogue amid Polarization and Extreme

- Skepticism: Challenges and Opportunities

- Special Collections and Archives: Past and Present in Conversation

- The Information Literacy Classroom: Uneasy Questions, Creative Responses



Divisive times can spark positive social change with more intentional reflection, listening, and empathy across social groups and identities.

*Libraries Promoting Reflective Dialogue in a Time of Political Polarization* can be a catalyst and a resource for reflective and constructive dialogue, and a prompt for asking hard and sometimes uncomfortable questions about what reflective

dialogue is, what forms it might take and in what contexts, who it does or does not include, and what its possibilities and limitations are.

A companion website to the book is also available at <https://librariesdialogue.wordpress.com>.

*Libraries Promoting Reflective Dialogue in a Time of Political Polarization* is available for purchase in print and as an ebook through the ALA Online Store; in print through Amazon.com; and by telephone order at (866) 746-7252 in the United States or (770) 442-8633 for international customers.

organization founded in 2007 that helps make their member institutions' collections and scholarly resources more broadly available for global research. It promotes public and academic understanding, awards fellowships for researchers, produces public and academic events, and provides online resources for teaching, learning, and research.

Students and faculty at OU will now be able to participate in the consortium's fellowship program, which funds research projects that make use of archives within the members' collections. The OU program in the history of science, technology and medicine, founded in 1949, is one of the oldest in the United States. The OU history of science program includes the Department of the History of Science within the College

of Arts and Sciences and the History of Science Collections within the OU Libraries.

### **LYRASIS, Educopia partner for next generation library publishing**

LYRASIS has announced a partnership with the Educopia Institute to support its recent Next Generation Library Publishing project, which recently received an award in the amount of \$2.2 million from Arcadia, a charitable fund of Lisbet Rausing and Peter Baldwin. The project will be led by Educopia, and will include LYRASIS, California Digital Library, Confederation of Open Access Repositories, Longleaf Services, and Strategies for Open Science as partners. The goal will be to create new publishing pathways for authors, editors, and readers by advancing and integrating open source publishing in-

## **2020 subsidized ACRL scholarly communication RoadShow applications**

Academic and research librarians increasingly recognize scholarly communication as a core competency of the profession. Whether helping researchers meet their funder's mandates for public access and data sharing, guiding responsible copyright practice, or supporting new types of scholarship and instruction, librarians are leading change across campus and around the world. ACRL empowers our community in accelerating the transformation of the scholarly communication system with the popular workshop *Scholarly Communication: From Understanding to Engagement*. To emphasize scholarly communication's critical importance to the profession, ACRL is once again underwriting the cost to bring this workshop to five locations in 2020.

With continuously updated content, this daylong workshop is led by two expert presenters and offers a series of targeted modules that reflect the most exciting and pressing issues in the field today.

In the morning, participants will engage in a structured and interactive program that

focuses on scholarly communication fundamentals, including the publishing landscape, copyright, and library engagement. For the two afternoon sessions, selected hosts will have the opportunity to choose two topics of interest to their communities.

This subsidized program is offered using a cost-sharing model where ACRL covers the bulk of the expense for delivering the workshop, leaving a cost of only \$2,000 for successful host institutions. The application to host is now available, and the application deadline is Friday, November 15, 2019. For complete details, visit the ACRL website at [www.ala.org/acrl/conferences/roadshows/scholarlycommunication](http://www.ala.org/acrl/conferences/roadshows/scholarlycommunication).

In addition to the competitive subsidized version, the Scholarly Communication workshop is part of ACRL's slate of daylong RoadShows that can be brought year-round at full cost to your campus, chapter, or consortia. Please contact ACRL Program Officer Chase Ollis at [collis@ala.org](mailto:collis@ala.org) with questions or to discuss dates and locations.

frastructure to provide robust support for library publishing. More information on the project is available at <https://educopia.org/next-generation-library-publishing-partnership-award/>.

### **ProQuest, Chicago History Museum digitize African American Police League primary sources**

A new collaboration between ProQuest and the Chicago History Museum has digitized a wealth of valuable records from the African American Police League (AAPL), an organization founded in the 1960s to fight racial discrimination and police brutality and to improve relations between African Americans and law enforcement.

The collection includes primary sources that will allow faculty and students to delve into the origins, operations, and historical significance of AAPL, not only to study Black History and police brutality, but to develop critical thinking skills around commonly researched topics like activism, social movements, equality, diversity, and human rights. Included in the records are publicity materials, correspondence, report files, news clippings, speeches, and more.

The AAPL records can be used alongside other collections in ProQuest History Vault such as The NAACP Papers, Black Freedom Struggle in the 20th Century, and Black Historical Newspapers. AAPL's physical records will continue to be housed at the museum.

### **GPO launches new digital publishing technology**

U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) has taken a major step forward in the modernization of its publishing systems by beginning to publish the 2018 main edition of the U.S. Code through XPub, the agency's new digital technology for XML-based publishing. With the implementation of XPub, GPO will be able to simultaneously publish all legislative documents in a variety of print and digital formats in a timelier manner. The 2018 main edition of the U.S. Code

### **Tech Bits...**

#### **Brought to you by the ACRL ULS Technology in University Libraries Committee**

If you enjoy brainstorming new ideas for a project or want to help students visually understand the relationships between key concepts, try Popplet. This brainstorming and concept mapping tool can be used in the office or classroom environment. It allows users to organize ideas onto a popplet board using "popples" they populate with images and text. As users come up with more concepts, they add more popples to their board and draw connections between them. Modifying popples, zooming in and out, and scrolling around the popplet board are some of its neat features. Popplet, the \$4.99 app, and Popplet Lite, the free app version, both work on iOS devices and are available for download from the App Store. For PCs, try the Flash-dependent web version.

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is the first, large-scale production job that GPO has published using the new composition system.

The XPub system will replace GPO's more than 30-year-old MicroComp system. GPO plans to transition the production of all routine publications, including the Congressional Record, the Federal Register, Public Laws, Congressional Bills, Statutes at Large, and House and Senate Calendars, to the XPub system. XPub will allow customers to provide GPO with content in any format. The first seven titles of the 2018 U.S. Code are available now at [www.govinfo.gov/features/uscode-2018](http://www.govinfo.gov/features/uscode-2018). 