UNC-Chapel Hill, SAGE announce OA agreement
The University of North Carolina (UNC)-Chapel Hill University Libraries and SAGE Publishing will enter into a pilot agreement enabling researchers at UNC-Chapel Hill to publish open access articles in SAGE journals at no cost to the researcher.

Under the agreement, part of the subscription fees that the library will pay for SAGE content beginning in 2020 will cover the costs of open access publishing for a number of UNC-Chapel Hill authors in SAGE publications. This comes at no additional cost to the library and will preserve access to all content that the library currently licenses from SAGE. Articles covered by this agreement will be fully open and will also undergo the same peer review and editing process as other scholarly articles from SAGE.

The pilot agreement will also allow UNC-affiliated SAGE authors to deposit copies of their articles in the Carolina Digital Repository. The repository is an open access home that the library operates to preserve and share work produced at the university.

OpenAthens, Yewno begin strategic partnership to facilitate knowledge discovery
Global identity and access management specialist OpenAthens and Yewno, a Silicon Valley-based artificial intelligence provider with a mission to transform information into knowledge, have announced a strategic partnership to provide mutual users with unparalleled access to knowledge discovery. Committed to empowering library users spanning a wide range of industries, OpenAthens ensures institutions can provide quick, easy, and secure access to online resources.

Through the partnership, universities and other institutions using OpenAthens’ single sign-on solutions will now be able to offer Yewno Discover online without the need for separate login credentials, improving end-users’ experience.

Yewno Discover is a research tool that helps students, researchers, and educators surface relevant scholarly content and make connections across interdisciplinary fields. Powered by artificial intelligence, Yewno Discover reads and stores full-text content and displays it in a visually intuitive knowledge graph that allows users to dictate what is of interest to them and to quickly navigate between related concepts, making connections as they go.

Nominations sought for ACRL Board of Directors
Be a part of shaping the future of ACRL. 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, submit the nomination form at 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, contact LRNC Chair Sarah McDaniel, sarahmcdaniel@csufresno.edu. More information about the ACRL Board of Directors is available at www.ala.org/acrl/resources/policies/chapter2.

Michigan Publishing, LYRASIS partner to deliver ACLS Humanities E-Book Collection
Michigan Publishing, a division of the University of Michigan Library, and LYRASIS, an innovative full-service technology and services nonprofit, recently announced a new partnership to advance the work of
ACRL announces the publication of Copyright Conversations: Rights Literacy in a Digital World, edited by Sara R. Benson, and Building Teaching and Learning Communities: Creating Shared Meaning and Purpose, edited by Craig Gibson and Sharon Mader.

As the scholarly communication universe continues to change and expand, it’s increasingly important for librarians to understand and be able to advise on complicated copyright issues in an accessible and relatable matter. Everyday copyright law affects the way academic libraries provide information to students, researchers, and faculty, as well as librarians own use of research materials.

In four sections, Copyright Conversations provides detailed explanations of the issues and considerations and offers prescriptive tips and advice for teaching and applying the information.

Building Teaching and Learning Communities asks each of the authors to address this question: What do we as educators need to learn (or unlearn) and experience so we can create teaching and learning communities across disciplines and learning levels based on shared meaning and purpose?

Teaching and learning communities are communities of practice in which a group of faculty and staff from across disciplines regularly meet to discuss topics of common interest and to learn together how to enhance teaching and learning. Since these teaching and learning communities can bring together members who might not have otherwise interacted, new ideas, practices, and synergies can arise.

Building Teaching and Learning Communities is an entry into some of the most interesting conversations in higher education and offers ways for librarians to socialize in learning theory and begin “thinking together” with faculty. It proposes questions, challenges assumptions, provides examples to be used and adapted, and can help you better prepare as teachers and pursue the essential role of conversation and collaboration with faculty and students.

Copyright Conversations and Building Teaching and Learning Communities are 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.
ProQuest One Literature launches

ProQuest recently announced the launch of ProQuest One Literature, part of the ProQuest One initiative. Developed in collaboration with faculty and librarians from universities with renowned literature departments, ProQuest One Literature brings together the largest, most inclusive literature collection ever curated with a wealth of additional multimedia, multiformat resources. The product has a unique focus on diversity, with a large collection of works by authors who have been marginalized throughout history.

The resource contains multiformat resources to help researchers and students gain a deeper understanding of literature. ProQuest One Literature users have access to more than 3 million literary criticism citations, 14,000 dissertations, 20,000 ebooks, 1,300 videos, and 1,200 full-text journals, along with 500,000 primary texts written by authors from more than 65 nations, including

the American Council of Learned Societies Humanities E-Book (ACLS HEB) collection. ACLS will continue to oversee the selection of content but will transfer responsibilities for the operation of the collection to Michigan Publishing, which has provided technical hosting for ACLS HEB since 2002. LYRASIS will support Michigan Publishing and keep overhead low for libraries and consortia by providing a single sales, licensing, and customer service channel.

ACLS HEB is a collection of more than 5,000 backlist books selected by ACLS scholars from the publication lists of the leading academic publishers, including university and scholarly society presses. Under its agreement with ACLS, Michigan Publishing becomes the legal and organizational home for the collection starting in fall 2019, collaborating with organizational and individual rights-holders, overseeing marketing, and managing operations. More information on ACLS HEB is available at www.humanitiesebook.org/.

Choice Outstanding Academic Titles coming this December

Each year Choice, a publishing unit of ACRL, announces the editors’ selections of the best academic nonfiction titles reviewed during the year that just ended. Selection as a Choice Outstanding Academic Title (OAT) is a recognition of the work’s excellence and scholarly significance by the academic library community’s oldest and most prestigious review publication.

New this year, Choice editors will release the list in December, a month earlier than previously, thereby aligning the award with other annual retrospective and “best-of” reading lists. At the same time, Choice is again poised to present a weekly series of sneak peeks into the OAT list. In the coming months, an ongoing series of specially created mini-lists will provide fascinating points of entry into the full list.

Reflecting on the decision to continue releasing select portions of the list again this year, Bill Mickey, Choice editorial director remarked, “The list is of great utility to our academic library subscribers, but we also see an opportunity to share recognition of these works with a wider cross-section of professionals, faculty, and like-minded readers in and around the academy. After all, who doesn’t like a good book?”

Visit the Choice website at www.choice360.org/librarianship/outstanding-academic-titles to read the themed selections of the 2019 OATs—featuring themes such as top 10 titles, subject-specific titles, or timely collections.
EBSCO releases 2020 Serials Price Projection Report

The 2020 Serials Price Projection Report from EBSCO Information Services (EBSCO) is now available. The report projects that the overall effective publisher price increases for academic and academic medical libraries are expected to be (before any currency impact) in the range of five-to-six percent for individual titles and four-to-five percent for e-journal packages.

EBSCO releases the Serials Price Projections based on surveys of a wide range of publishers and reviews of historical serials pricing data to assist information professionals as they make budgeting decisions for the renewals season.

The Serials Price Projection Report looks at market dynamics highlighting many topics and trends that impact the scholarly information marketplace, including library budget challenges, e-journal packages, open access, government mandates, and country economic conditions. To read the 2020 Serials Price Projection Report in its entirety and view the Five-Year Journal Price Increase History, visit http://journals.ebsco.com/products-services/explore-content.

Resources for College Libraries seeks new subject editors

Are you passionate about collections? Do you want to apply your bibliographic selection skills to a Choice/ACRL publication? Resources for College Libraries (RCL), the bibliography of essential titles for undergraduate libraries, is seeking new subject editors.

RCL subject editors manage the ongoing development of the core collection, with responsibilities including selecting new title additions, including web resources; updating, reviewing, and weeding current selection; integrating peer review recommendations; and maintaining and refining the subject taxonomy.

Successful subject editors balance broad and deep subject expertise, familiarity with undergraduate teaching and research, and discerning judgment to develop the RCL bibliography of current and canonical works for academic libraries.

For further information or details on how to apply, contact RCL Project Editor Anne Doherty at adoherty@ala-choice.org. Learn more about RCL, a copublication of Choice/ACRL and ProQuest, at http://rclinfo.net.

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