Welcome to the May 2009 issue of C&RL News. Providing instructional services is one of the core functions of today’s college and research librarian. In order to fulfill this role, it is important to keep current on developments in teaching and learning, both in the library and across the academy. In this issue, Sean Cordes and Brian Clark examine evolving innovations in library instruction in “Business process management and the ‘new’ library instruction.” New trends in higher education also impact the way librarians approach teaching. Cara Bradley examines one such movement in her article “The scholarship of teaching and learning.”

The growing open movement provides opportunities for innovation and collaboration in instruction. Oregon State University developed “Library à la Carte,” an open source tool for creating course pages and research guides. Jane Nichols provides details on the evolution and development of the project this month. In the latest scholarly communication column, C. Jeffrey Belliston investigates “Open Educational Resources,” and outlines opportunities for librarians to become active in this growing movement.

The 2009 ALA Annual Conference is coming up July 9–15 in Chicago. ACRL committees and sections are again offering a wide array of programs this year. A full list of programs and meetings is available in the handy removable preliminary program in this issue.

Make sure to take a look at all of the other great articles and columns in this month’s issue, including a look at how libraries can take cues from the success of the online retailer Zappos in the current economy, Internet Resources on Tudor England, revised “Guidelines for Curriculum Resource Centers,” and part two of the 2009 ACRL awards.

Thanks for reading the News!

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