

In the news

Welcome to the November 2013 issue of *C&RL News*. Massive Open Online Courses, or MOOCs, have been a ubiquitous topic of discussion in higher education circles this year. But what is their impact on academic libraries? In this month's Scholarly Communication column, Kyle K. Courtney of Harvard University discusses ways libraries can assist faculty in avoiding the "MOOC syllabus blues" through education on open access and accessible course materials.

MOOCs, along with other online learning opportunities and communities, have had a great impact on computer science education. Carli Spina highlights resources for librarians who want to "Learn computer programming and Web design" in this issue's Internet Resources column.

In the October issue, we took a look at the increasingly popular social media site Instagram. This month, Beth Sanderson and Miriam Rigby discuss ways librarians can learn from another massively popular online information sharing site in their ACRL TechConnect piece "We've Reddit, have you?"

Today's academic and research libraries continue to be creative with the use of physical

space in addition to exploring new uses of online spaces. Christy Groves and Amy York share the story of how Middle Tennessee State University's Walker Library addressed a campus need for flexible shared work spaces in their article "The Meeting Places." At the University of North Texas, librarians increased the efficiency of their services by consolidating service points, a common occurrence in today's libraries. Julie Leuzinger discusses their experience in her article "Reducing services points in the academic library."

This issue also features the Call for Participation for ACRL 2015, to be held March 25-28, 2015, in Portland, Oregon. Share your knowledge, projects, and stories with your academic and research librarian community by proposing a session in Portland.

Make sure to check out the other features and departments in this issue, including tips for community building among librarians through creating a "Liaison connection" and "Boots to book," Virginia Sojdehei's The Way I See It Essay on providing library services to veterans returning to college through the GI Bill.

Thanks as always for reading the *News*!

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