

Pennsylvania Libraries: *Research & Practice*

Editorial

Editors' Note

Five Years of PaLRaP

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This current issue of PaLRaP completes Volume 5, marking five years of news and information written for and by the Pennsylvania library community. The first volume was published in early 2013 after a long period of planning that involved coordination between many people involved with the College & Research Division of the PA Library Association and the E-Journal Publishing team at the University Library System, University of Pittsburgh.

Since that first issue was published, PaLRaP has:

- Added an Interview column where a PA library figure is profiled in each issue,
- Improved our editing and review process,
- Been recognized by the Directory of Open Access Journals (doaj.org) and received their Seal of Approval, and
- Welcomed new authors, readers, peer reviewers, and editorial team members.

Through the first 5 volumes (2013-2017) PaLRaP has published 772 pages of content. Here's a further breakdown by article type.

Editorial	10
Commentary	5
Feature	4
Letter	1
Interview	5
Research	11
Practice	39
News	145

PaLRaP could not be successful without the support and effort of many in the library community so we thank everyone who has been involved, whether as a reader, author, peer reviewer, or general supporter. We would also like to acknowledge those who help to prepare the articles for publication. In addition to many peer reviewers, our current editorial team includes:

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PaLRaP Seeks a Co-Editor

We are looking to maintain a healthy editorial team by adding a new co-editor. This is a volunteer position for a two-year renewable term, beginning in January 2018. Responsibilities and required qualifications are listed below.

Responsibilities

- Work closely with a volunteer editorial team including news editors, copy editors, and layout editors.
- Recruit and communicate with peer-reviewers as needed.
- Communicate and work with authors to provide feedback on submissions as well as strong editorial guidance as needed.
- Prepare editorials for each issue.
- Oversee use of Online Journal System (OJS) software platform by authors, reviewers, and editorial staff, answering questions about its functionality and recommending best practices.
- Conduct or assist with training of new editorial staff.

Remain in close communication with the journal publisher, the University Library System, University of Pittsburgh and the journal sponsor, the College & Research Division (CRD) of the Pennsylvania Library Association (PaLA).

- Solicit submissions for all types of articles.

Required Qualifications

- Experience writing for professional publications.
- Editorial experience preferred.
- Significant experience working in Pennsylvania libraries.
- Knowledge of issues related to open access scholarly publishing.
- Current member of the College & Research Division of the Pennsylvania Library Association.
- Excellent communication skills required.
- Coeditor must be willing and able to respond to numerous email messages in a timely manner.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please submit a letter of interest and a resume to Leslie Christianson, PA Library Association College & Research Division Chair, at lchristianson@maryu.marywood.edu