

Welcome to the March 2012 issue of *C&RL News*. As academic and research libraries and librarians strive to adapt their programs and services, collaborative efforts can help move us to the future. The Wake Forest University Z. Smith Reynolds Library created an “In-house collaborative mentoring” program to assist new, and veteran, librarians with the transition to faculty status. Molly Keener, Vicki Johnson, and Bobbie L. Collins discuss the program in this month’s issue.

Collaborations between librarians at different institutions can also be beneficial to student learning. One such collaboration is taking place between St. John’s University and the New York Public Library to introduce students to the scholarly research process. St. John’s history professor Elaine Carey, along with her former student and current NYPL librarian Raymond Pun, share their efforts in the article “Doing history.”

Providing space in library buildings for collaboration between students is an ongoing trend in many library renovations. The creation of additional collaborative space at Virginia Com-

monwealth University was so successful that it required the development of an online booking system. M. Teresa Doherty and Erin R. White outline the steps taken in developing “Room reservations at VCU Libraries” in this month’s ACRL TechConnect feature.

With voting in the ALA/ACRL elections scheduled to begin March 19, Gina Millsap and Barbara Stripling, the candidates for ALA vice-president/president-elect, respond to questions from the ACRL Board of Directors to help you cast an informed ballot. Help shape the future of your association by voting in this year’s election.

Make sure to check out the other features and columns this month, including Internet Resources on “Creative writing and the Web” by Hugh Burkhardt, an essay on adapting approaches in the classroom by Mara Thacker, and ACRL “Standards for faculty status for academic librarians” and “Guidelines for academic librarians without faculty status.”

Thanks as always for reading the *News*.

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