Profile: David Fox
Librarian Emeritus
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Role on the editorial board: Editor-in-Chief

I have been the Editor-in-Chief of Partnership since February, 2011. I applied for the position at the suggestion of Theory and Research Section Editor, Ann Smith. Prior to my appointment as Editor, I had enjoyed an association with Partnership as an author and peer reviewer for several years.

Taking on the editorship of Partnership coincided with my retirement from the University of Saskatchewan last year. It seemed like a natural progression of the work I had been doing at the U of S for the previous 5–10 years. I have a strong interest in open access publishing and in promoting the scholarship of librarians; so, when the opportunity came along, it seemed like a very good fit.

As Editor-in-Chief, I have overall responsibility for maintaining and developing the journal, supporting the editors in their work, overseeing production of journal issues, recruiting and training editorial staff, liaison with the online hosting organization, and reporting to The Partnership Board. I also have the final say on questions of journal policy and content.

I inherited from founding Editor, Jennifer Richard, a well-established journal with a successful, five-year track record. Partnership's scope is deliberately broad and all-inclusive. Reflecting the inter-provincial, multi-type nature of its parent organization, The Partnership, Partnership journal attempts to include content of interest to practitioners from all library and information sectors. I have no plans to alter the basic format of the journal, which has proven to be a winning formula. My goals are more incremental in nature: to improve the quality of the content, to
enhance the journal’s sustainability, and optimistically, to increase its publication frequency.

I graduated from the University of Toronto MLS program in 1973 and spent my entire 38 year career as an academic librarian in Alberta (Mount Royal College, 1973–78), British Columbia (Cariboo College, 1978–86) and Saskatchewan (University of Saskatchewan, 1986–2011). During my 25 years at the U of S Library, I served in a number of capacities, including Head of the Systems Department, Head of IT Services, Acting Associate Director, Acting Associate Dean, then Head of the Monographs Department.

Currently, in addition to my work on Partnership, I am also a Council Member for the Rural Municipality of Corman Park, SK, which covers over 800 square miles surrounding the City of Saskatoon and has a population of 8,354 residents.

I live on an acreage in Beaver Creek, SK about 15 minutes south of Saskatoon with my wife, Lorna, three dogs, a cat, and assorted aquarium fish. We maintain a half-acre haskap berry orchard on the property. I am also a novice beekeeper.

When not doing journal stuff, attending Council meetings, or working around the acreage, the thing I enjoy most is visiting family and playing with my two grandchildren, Katherine (4) and Bode (7 months).