Editorial

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What about the other articles in this issue of Partnership? Did you see something that you were curious about or that you thought you could apply to your own practice? Did you pass along one of the articles to a colleague? Perhaps you recognized the name of one of the authors or considered submitting a manuscript of your own for a future issue.

This year Partnership turns 10. We will be marking the occasion soon with a special anniversary-themed issue. As the journal reaches this milestone, we thought it was an opportune time to check in with readers, contributors, and the broader library community in Canada. Who is reading the journal? Who is contributing? What is the perceived value and role of this publication for library practitioners? How does it uniquely contribute to the landscape of Library & Information Science (LIS) literature? How well does it create a sense of community engagement?

In her inaugural editorial in 2006, Jennifer Richard wrote: “The journal is an outlet for sharing innovations in the workplace and one of a very few Canadian venues for the much desired peer review status. In addition, the journal provides a chance for librarians and library workers to be editors, reviewers and writing coaches. Though of great importance to academic librarians, whose tenure or promotion often depends on peer review, this journal is in no way meant exclusively for academics: this is a journal for everyone.”

How well has this mission been fulfilled? Ten years later, how well does this mission still fit? Is there still a place for a generalist LIS journal in today’s diffuse, and often very specialized, information landscape? How important is a Canadian journal in a globalized world? Is the function and role of a traditional LIS journal changing in a world of Twitter, SlideShare, and WordPress?

It is no small achievement for a journal to sustain a ten-year continuous publishing record. As current Editor-in-Chief, I take seriously the responsibility to readers, writers, and the editorial team of sustaining it, keeping it relevant, and moving it forward. What should the journal look like in the next ten years? What changes are necessary? What new ideas and innovations are desirable?

So many questions…!
We welcome your thoughts on some or all of these questions. Leanne Olson (Profiles Editor), Nathalie Soini (French Editor), and I are also conducting a formal study of these questions and plan to bring you some answers in the coming months.

Thanks for reading!

Robin Bergart
Editor-in-Chief
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