A New Format for the Profiles Section

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Welcome to the third issue of Partnership: the Canadian Journal of Library and Information Practice and Research, and specifically, to the Profiles section. As section editor, I thought it was high time I jumped in for a chat, especially as we have a new format for Profiles.

To me, the Profiles section is a way to bridge the vast physical distance that is Canada (and the world!), to get to know our library and information colleagues, and to facilitate connections and partnerships through that greater knowledge. If we can look at the Profiles and see ourselves reflected back to a certain extent, we’ve made a connection.

The first two issues of this journal saw wonderful contributions from authors about interesting people currently in the library and information field. I thank those who contributed to the Profiles section in that format. A while ago, Partnership editor Jennifer Richard thought it would be interesting to explore a question and answer format. Having noticed that answering questions about oneself is popular (emails circulate in the question/answer format, and you can find question lists on Facebook and message boards), I embraced the idea and created an online, biographical survey consisting of 10 questions. From the day I opened the survey until I closed it at the submission deadline, response was fantastic! Unbelievable, in fact!

It was very difficult to choose just five from among the many submissions I received. To those chosen, thank you for your interesting, insightful, and often humorous responses. To those who also took the time to answer the questions this time around, I am saving your contributions for future issues, and I thank you for your submissions as well. I can say that we’ve got lots to look forward to in future issues of Partnership. I hope you enjoy the new Profiles format.