

As we move from a wired to an increasingly wireless world, the proliferation of cell phones and their use in public places has become an everyday part of life—even life in the library. In “A new kind of weeding” (p. 298), Jean Tate Hiebert provides commentary on this phenomenon in addition to offering some solutions for libraries to help them preserve the peace.

In this month’s Creativity and Leadership article, Joan Gotwals explores the challenges of the hybrid environment, in which libraries must juggle print and electronic resources during times of shrinking budgets. She offers creative ways to approach areas such as funding and collaborations that work to the library’s, and the university’s, advantage.

A draft of “A guideline for the appointment, promotion, and tenure of academic librarians” is printed here on page 308. This

guideline is a revision of the “Model statement of criteria and procedures for appointment, promotion in academic rank and tenure for college and university libraries,” which was last revised in 1987. Your suggestions are encouraged.

If you’re interested in becoming more involved with ACRL, running for a section office might be just what you’re looking for. Information on how to get involved can be found on page 301.

Congratulations to R. N. Sharma, ACRL’s 2005 Academic/Research Librarian of the Year, and all of the ACRL award winners. The article on page 286 includes more information about award winners not covered in last month’s issue, as well as a profile of Sharma.

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