

In the

news

Welcome to the November 2008 issue of *C&RL News*. The day of this writing, October 14, 2008, marks the first Open Access Day (www.openaccessday.org), sponsored by SPARC, PLoS, and Students for Free Culture. While today's events call attention to the principle of freely available online research, there are many other important issues and trends related to ease of access to information. The Creative Commons movement provides free tools that allow content creators to easily share and provide access to their works. Molly Kleinman discusses Creative Commons and its implications for libraries in her article "The beauty of Some Rights Reserved."

The advent of new technologies and methods of information delivery can provide challenges in the preservation of information for access by future generations. Paul Conway explores ways to reimagine the shifting work of preservation "Tec(h)tonics" in this issue.

New standards and guidelines for special collections, produced by the ACRL Rare Books and Manuscripts Section, are also presented this month.

Many educators and librarians are exploring the virtual world of Second Life (SL) as a means of information delivery. Troy Swanson outlines the use of a SL as a learning tool at Moraine Valley Community College in "Google Maps and Second Life," and Beth Kattelman provides an informative list of SL-related Web sites in this month's Internet Resources feature.

Make sure to take a look at all of the other great articles and columns, including Kathy Campbell's discussion of what happens "When a librarian enters the classroom" and the third entry in our series of articles highlighting Seattle, host of the 14th ACRL National Conference.

Thanks for reading the *News*!

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