In the *news*

Welcome to the January 2013 issue of *C&RL News*. Recruiting, developing, and evaluating human resources is an essential part of maintaining quality services. To encourage and support staff working towards MLIS degrees, the University of Alaksa-Anchorage developed an informal discussion forum to connect students with degreed librarians. Daria O. Carle, Christie Ericson, and Kristi D. Powell describe the program in their article "Un-mentoring in the last frontier."

Dennis J. Smith, Jessi Hurd, and LeEtta Schmidt examine how the University of South Florida Library made changes to its evaluation system in "Developing core competencies for library staff." Librarians from Boise State University describe a program to provide "iPads for all" to encourage staff innovation in this month's ACRL TechConnect feature.

This month's issue also features two articles on collaboration in information literacy instruction. Clarence Maybee, Tomalee Doan, and Catherine Fraser Riehl outline a campus-wide collaboration on course content and learning space at Purdue University in "Making an IMPACT." Librarians from a number of institutions in Alberta discuss "Making assessment less scary" through the development of a local collaborative model and instrument.

We take a first look at this year's candidates for ACRL vice-president/president-elect, Board of Directors, and section officers this month. Review the full statements by the vice-presidential candidates forthcoming in the February issue and vote in the election beginning March 18.

Make sure to check out the other features and departments, including Internet Resources on "Virtual worlds and libraries," an essay by Melissa D'Agostino on her "Wall of fun facts," the ACRL 2013 preliminary program, and the next installment in the series introducing our host city of Indianapolis.

Thanks as always for reading the *News,* and *Happy New Year!*

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