

Publications and new products



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It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair

(Charles Dickens, *A tale of two cities*, 1859).

There is no doubt, tough times such the ones libraries are living, need some efforts and positive thoughts. So, why not start with some good news and inspire new projects? Enjoy the read!

Randomized controlled trials are praised as one of the highest forms of evidence in healthcare. However, to be valuable, all research must have valid methods, and be reproducible and useable. The usability of research is affected by a multitude of factors, stemming from the research not being reported in sufficient detail. Clinical trials particularly have come under heavy fire recently, with a few very high-profile cases highlighting some of these issues. A new research published in *Trials* brought some new interesting thoughts. It explored the first-hand experiences that trialists face when conducting and reporting clinical trials. What did they say and what can we do to tackle the challenges they face?

(Smyth RM et al. *Trials*. 2015;16:16).

Not new, but worthy is the article whose aim is to investigate the consequences of the bibliometrics-based system of evaluation of scientific production, on the contents and methods of sciences. Until a few years ago, most scientists had hardly heard about terms like “impact factor” or “h-index”. Now, the implications of bibliometrics on the choice of the research topic, on the experimental practices, and on the publications habits are discussed, also taking into account possible evolving scenarios and the recent development of digital archives. (Castellani T et al. *Soc Epistemol Rev Reply Collect*. 2014;3:11).

JOURNAL ISSUES

Health Information and Libraries Journal: Contents of April issue 2015

Editorial

The role of the health information professional

Audrey Marshall

Increasing impact in a time of decreasing budgets

Anthea Sutton

Meeting the challenges of clinical information provision

Hannah Spring

Celebrating the role of health information

Maria J. Grant

Original articles

Parents of children with disabilities in Kuwait: a study of their information seeking behaviour

Sultan M. Al-Daihani and Huda I. Al-Ateeqi

Recording and Accounting for Stakeholder Involvement in Systematic Reviews

Marieke C. Saan, Hennie R. Boeije, Jane N. T. Sattoe, Marjolijn I. Bal, Marjolein Missler and Floryt van Wesel

Fear of cancer is associated with cancer information seeking, scanning and avoiding: a cross-sectional study among cancer diagnosed and non-diagnosed individuals

Sara Nelissen, Kathleen Beullens, Marijke Lemal and Jan Van den Bulck

Evaluating effectiveness of small group information literacy instruction for Undergraduate Medical Education students using a pre- and post-survey study design

Caitlin McClurg, Susan Powelson, Eddy Lang, Fariba Aghajafari and Steven Edworthy

Regular features

Editorial: patient information comes of age

Jeannette Murphy

Review Articles

Evaluating the effectiveness of knowledge brokering in health research: a systematised review with some bibliometric information

Isioma N. Elueze

A review of competencies needed for health librarians – a comparison of Irish and international practice

Aoife Lawton and Jane Burns

BOOKS REVIEW

Handbook of research on disaster management and contingency planning in modern libraries.

Emy Nelson, and Jennifer A. Townes. Web. 5 May 2015; ISBN 978-1-4666-8624-3, \$276.00 (hard cover + Free E-Access). IGI Global. 678 pp.

Special interest in topics relating to library management over the last decade has led to the close examination of crisis management practice among library professionals. Due to the importance of the archives, documents, and books housed within libraries around the world, preemptive planning for potential disaster is necessary to all librarians and their staff.

The Handbook of Research on Disaster Management and Contingency Planning in Modern Libraries brings together the latest scholarly research, theories, and case studies to investigate the scale and types of disasters that can impact a library.

This handbook features timely research-based chapters and case studies on crisis management, emergency response, exhibition loans, natural disasters, preserving archives, public and staff safety, and risk assessment.

Innovative solutions for building community in academic libraries.

Bonnand, Sheila, and Mary Anne Hanson. Web. 5 May. 2015; ISBN 978-1-4666-8392-1, \$160.00 (hard cover + Free E-Access). IGI Global. 343 pp.

The library has always been an essential part of the collegiate experience, providing students with access to knowledge and literature. However, as virtual services and online learning become more prominent within collegiate environments, the ways students conduct research and access resources has been altered.

This book examines new methods librarians use to engage both on-campus and online users in library services, taking into account the significant impacts of online learning on students' interaction with library resources. Focusing on various outreach practices, techniques of literacy instruction, and the utilization of library spaces, this research-supported book is a pivotal reference source for distance educators, program planners, academics, and library professionals interested in new ways to attract users to library services.

E-LEARNING

Integrating video game research and practice in library and information science. Ratliff, Jacob A., 2015. Web. 5 May. 2015. ISBN 978-1-4666-8175-0, \$148.00 (hard cover + Free E-Access). IGI Global. 300 pp.

Video games are now a ubiquitous form of media used by the majority of the American population. However, the academic research field surrounding this genre does not accurately reflect the pervasive influence of video games. The field of library and information sciences helps provide the necessary foundational support for this media.

This book brings together video gaming culture and its unique forms of communication with information behaviour research. By detailing the nuances of video games and their influence, this reference book reveals communication patterns within society and provides comprehensive background and analysis for libraries, librarians, and information professionals.

NEWS

- One of the hot topics in science and academic publishing at the moment is peer review, and much work is going into research integrity and promoting good practice from all involved with research. In response, the launch of the new journal *Research Integrity and Peer Review* was announced. It will act as an academic forum where these discussions can take place.
The journal will be headed up by Elizabeth Wager (publishing consultant and University of Split School of Medicine) and Iveta Simera (UK EQUATOR Centre and University of Oxford), alongside BioMed Central's Medical and Biology Editors: Stephanie Harriman and Maria Kowalczyk.
Research Integrity and Peer Review will cover topics that include peer review, study reporting, and research and publication ethics. It will be launched at the world conference of "Fourth World Conference on Research Integrity", which will be held in Rio de Janeiro from May 31 to June 3, 2015.
- Apple just announced plans to launch a new open-source medical research data-sharing platform called *ResearchKit* (<http://www.nature.com/news/smartphones-set-to-boost-large-scale-health-studies-1.17083>). It will be available to researchers conducting large-scale medical studies, and iPhone apps will allow users to share their health data with those scientists. In theory, this makes it much easier to recruit and track study participants. Apple will not have access to user data, as it might raise ethical quandaries for researchers using the platform, and anonymization will be guaranteed.
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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WORKSHOPS (in association with the 12th annual conference of HTAi, Oslo, Norway:

Saturday, June 13, 2015 (one-day)

Introduction to information retrieval for health technology assessment

Organized by the HTAi Interest Sub-Group on Information Resources (IRG)

For further information: <http://www.htai.org/interest-sub-groups/information-resources.html>

Sunday, June 14, 2015 (one-day)

Advanced information retrieval for HTA: qualitative research, medical devices & text analysis tools

Organized by the HTAi Interest Sub-Group on Information Resources (IRG)

For further information: <http://www.htai.org/interest-sub-groups/information-resources.html>

CONFERENCES

May 31-June 3, 2015, Windsor Barra Hotel, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Fourth World Conference on Research Integrity

For further information: <http://www.wcri2015.org>

June 10-12, 2015, EAHIL 2015 Workshop, in collaboration with ICAHIS and ICLC, Edinburgh, UK.

For further information: <https://eahil2015.wordpress.com/>

June 21-25, 2015, University of Tennessee Conference Center, Knoxville, Tennessee, USA.

Joint Conference on Digital Libraries 2015. Large, Dynamic and Ubiquitous – The Era of the Digital Library.

For further information: <http://www.jcdl2015.org/>

August 15-21, 2015, Cape Town, South Africa

81st World Library and Information Congress: IFLA General Conference and Assembly

For further information: <http://conference.ifla.org/ifla81>

October 19-21, 2015, Olympia Conference Centre, London, UK

Dynamic disruption: transforming the library. Internet Librarian International 2015.

For further information: <http://www.internet-librarian.com/2015/>

November 23-25, 2015, Wilhelmsburg, Hamburg, Germany

Semantic Web in Libraries 2015

For further information: <http://swib.org/swib14/>