

## Editorial Introduction

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With this issue we complete two volumes of publication covering 2009 and 2010. Carrying forward the mission of *Collaborative Librarianship*, a new set of articles and reviews are offered that contributes to the professional and scholarly literature on library collaboration. This includes a guest editorial by Tom Sanville, Director of Licensing and Strategic Alliance, LYRASIS, giving perspectives on the role, importance and success of library consortia. Picking up on this lead, librarians from the University of Colorado provide an account and assessment of a successful collaborative collection development program. Service enhancement represents another significant opportunity for library collaboration, such as the program ably presented by librarians at Middle Tennessee State University. To be sure, however, inter-library collaboration works best when a library is committed to working together well *internally*; a case study from the University of Nevada, Reno bears this out.

Emblematic of the longstanding tradition of library collaboration, our myriad inter-library loan networks continue to be the lifeblood of resource delivery. Transporting physical materials continues to be a growth industry, and a new multi-state courier service, chronicled in the "COKAMO" article, takes ILL to a new level. Jason Kramer's article focusing on recent developments of the New York State Higher Education Initiative discusses creative ways to forge partnerships with the business community, state government and health care organizations. A report on a nation-wide plan for handling large-scale print legacy monograph collections rounds out the article offerings.

Nicole Engard, our resident "Open Source Evangelist" (see *CL*, vol. 1, no. 2), discusses some better, some lesser, known tools that better facilitate office related, web-based

discourse. To complete this issue, two reviews are offered, one of *Librarians as Community Partners* and the other of *The Anywhere Library*.

You might be interested to know that *Collaborative Librarianship* continues to grow in readership. As of late November 2010, our "views" of all items published to date has now topped 50,000. We are encouraged by these numbers. Readers (and potential readers) are invited to join this groundswell of support for collaboration by submitting articles for publication, by volunteering as peer reviewers, or by submitting articles that review published works, software products, web-based resources and other such materials that pertain to library collaboration. For further information, please contact the General Editor: [igaetz@regis.edu](mailto:igaetz@regis.edu)

