

Editorial

Welcome to the first issue of the Bulletin for 2015, the first under our new title, and the first in our new format. Welcome also to all of our new readers, as the Bulletin is now accessible to all members of Health Libraries Group. However, we are still bringing you a good selection of articles, which this issue takes the form of reports from events that have taken place here, there and everywhere.

The EvidenceLive event is a partnership between the BMJ and Oxford University's Centre for Evidence Based Medicine, which looks for answers on how healthcare can be transformed for the better, both in practical terms and also in terms of the provision of education, which is the primary reason for being for a health library. John Nyman here provides a report having attended one of the event's two days, in which, amongst the other speakers, he was able to listen to Ben Goldacre.

Undertaking CPD can be a difficult thing to do, especially if anything you want to do requires time away from your desk. This is where the provision of online training can be beneficial, with first webinars, and then MOOCs entering our lexicon. Sam Burgess discusses her participation in a dedicated library advocacy MOOC developed by the University of Toronto.

The Librarians Information Literacy Annual Conference (LILAC) was held this year in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, with a number of primary themes across the spectrum of information literacy. Gillian Siddall gives us some of her highlights from the event, going into what she describes

as her ‘take-aways’; ideas and innovations that she would seek to incorporate into both her own and her institution’s practice.

One of the most important things a library service has to do is to keep punters coming through the door, so keeping it visible to users, as well as potential users, is a vital, if often invisible task. To that end, Helen Dickinson describes the ‘Making Your Service Visible’ study day held by University Hospitals Leicester, which looked at the use of social media, ways of sending out current awareness for users, and just having a good web presence, as some of the things that can be done to stop people saying “I never knew we had a library”.

2015 sees the launch of the new Nursing Core Collection project, which HLG Nursing will be playing a leading role in. this is a major undertaking that we are looking for your help with, as we seek to pull together a list of the important nursing and midwifery books that are key to those topics, prior to its planned launch at HLG 2016.

As always, we are on the lookout for articles so, if you have done something new, trialled an interesting product, been to an event, read a book that you’d like to review, or anything else that you think would be of wider interest, then get in touch and you could be in a future issue of the Bulletin.

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