

In the

news

Welcome to the July/August 2015 issue of *C&RL News*. Most do-it yourselfers know that home improvement and renovation projects are never as easy as they appear on HGTV. The stress of changing and updating spaces is compounded in projects the size of renovating all or part of a library building. Simone Yearwood reflects on her experiences during a recent renovation of the Queens College Rosenthal Library and provides tips for other libraries looking to update starting out on similar projects in her article “Catching up with time.”

Jonathan Cain and Gardner Treneman provide another perspective on taking advantage of a renovation project to improve services to a rapidly growing student body. Their piece, “Offering new spaces to the space-strapped student,” details changes to service and study spaces during a renovation at Hunter College.

Keeping your building safe from natural disasters can be an increased priority following a renovation. Or at any time, really. Karen Nourse Reed of Middle Tennessee State University provides tips for “Taking a second look at emergency procedures plans” to keep them up-to-date and functional.

In the latest installment of our ACRL TechConnect series, Sarah Hartman-Caverly of Delaware Community College provides a framework for examining student behavior through video tutorial analytics to improve both tutorials and in-person services in her article “Brevity, complexity, availability.”

This month we feature not one but two The Way I See It essays. First, Clark Nall of East Carolina University discusses “Academic libraries and the principles of universal design for learning.” Amy Brunvald of the University of Utah then issues a call for format-sensitive collection development in her essay “Taking paper seriously.”

Make sure to check out the other features and departments in this month’s issue, including Internet Resources highlighting “Online resources for writers” by Julie Flanders, a look at “Going analog, and getting artsy” for creative library programming and campus collaboration by Lisa A. Forrest, and tips for navigating change while working on your library and campus “Strategic vision” by Deborah B. Gaspar.

Enjoy your summer, and we’ll see you back in the *News* in September.

—David Free, editor-in-chief, dfree@ala.org

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