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Editorial

This issue opens up a new volume year for us, and celebrates that this team of editors has completed nearly a full year of editing this journal together. We are even more in the need to know what our readers think of the content and, most importantly, what other areas you think should be included in a publication such as Library Hi-Tech News.

The goal of each issue is to bring you current events of our profession with a heavy slant and focus on library technology applications. We try to have standard columns that reflect:

- conference reports from major meetings around the globe that bring the "high points" of the conference to whatever method of reading is most convenient;

- columns on e-books;

- international copyright concerns;

- new Web resources and products;

- library technology applications in libraries around the world;

- industry news and developments;

- recent publications we hope are of interest;

- a diary of coming events;

- short articles or essays on contemporary issues relating technology and library practices or about research projects that you and colleagues are engaged in; and

- on occasion we will have book reviews and interviews with important people who influence our work.

It is easier for us to plan and respond to your needs if you communicate them to us. We would like to launch a "Comments to the editors" page where you can help direct the focus. Participation and interaction is what we seek and we hope that you will choose to contribute to what makes LHTN the carefully crafted, professional publication we all need. Use the extensive diary to prompt your interest and share with us your experiences from site visits you make, conferences and professional development activities that you attend. Remember, not everyone has the same chance to attend and remains equally curious about what happens at such meetings or events.

This issue highlights three major conventions held in the autumn. The annual LITA Forum was held, bringing together systems librarians, Web designers and front-line librarians

responsible for teaching, public service and bibliographic control. EDUCAUSE, the primary meeting of the administrative and academic computing workforce in higher education, was also held. Information Today hosted another INTERNET Librarian Conference full of contemporary content spanning four tracks related to library technology activities.

Happy New Year to everyone, and we look forward to bringing you another volume of ten issues of Library Hi-Tech News.

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