Another day, another technology upgrade—our provider has upgraded the mailing list server & software we use to distribute the LOEX E-list. It should have no impact on your end in terms of how you receive any particular message, except for the hope it will (at least slightly) decrease the occurrences where a mass e-mail from LOEX (e.g., notifying subscribers about the release of the latest issue of the Quarterly) gets caught in ever-vigilant university spam filters—we’ll see. Also, since we’re at a time where there can be a some turnover/movement at the various LOEX institutions, I’d like to remind people that if anyone new has joined their institution, they’re automatically a member as *all* librarians and staff at a paid LOEX institution are considered members. That means each person is free to join the LOEX E-list (to get notifications when the Currents and Quarterly are published, along with notifications about the conference) and also get other benefits such as priority and discounted rates to the annual LOEX conference.

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In this issue of the Quarterly, we have an article on how statistics, at least the basics, can be useful for any librarian involved in reference and instruction. We also have an article that examines students’ research and writing processes in the first-year composition class and discusses how library and writing instructors can support them. In TechMatters, our columnist looks at digital curation and reviews a tool that can assist in undertaking this function. Finally, we end with an interview with a leading copyright librarian, an area which librarians can often be compelled into providing guidance, even when they’re not an expert.

Happy instructing,

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