As more of librarians’ work has increasingly moved into the online space, LOEX has moved there with them. A majority of our member institutions now choose to receive the Quarterly only in the online format (with the percentage increasing every year) and of course, our conference activities have had to move online for health and safety reasons (LOEX 2021 will be held online—May 11-14, 2021—instead of in Concord, CA).

With the increased importance of the online experience in mind, LOEX is in the process of upgrading the system it uses for email communication. There are over 2,000 librarians on the e-list who are notified of new releases of the Currents, the Quarterly, conference announcements and anything else going on with LOEX. Currently, we use a listserv manager, which is fine, but it lacks some of the functionality of other services (e.g., templates for designing a more modern-looking, mobile-friendly, Currents) and has some options we don’t need (e.g., the LOEX e-list is one-way communication; it is not like ili-l, where any person who is a member can post). So we’ve decided to move on to an email service—nothing needs to be done on your end—and you should be seeing a new (and hopefully improved) communications from LOEX in the future.

In this issue of the Quarterly, we have an article from a librarian who had the task of becoming a leader at her institution even though she was new. In TechMatters, we review an online platform that gives you a suite of tools for creating online assets for learning. Our Book Review is on a book which focuses on teaching fundamentals that have stood the test of time. Finally, we end with an interview of an award-winning librarian whose work in the online learning space is impressive and varied.

Happy instructing,

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