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It has been—and continues to be—a highly unusual year or so for everyone, and that certainly has applied to the conference world, including LOEX’s tiny piece of it. Accordingly, LOEX 2021 will be held online, instead of in California, on May 11-14; of note, the call for poster session proposals from either students or library residents/fellows has been posted, <http://loexconference.org/poster-proposals/>). But before we turn our focus to our next conference, I would like to take a last look and briefly review our most recent conference: LOEX 2020, which had been planned for Ypsilanti, MI but was shifted online in late March due to COVID-19.

Due to this unprecedented change in our planning and execution of the conference, I thought instead of the usual conference report written by two attendees, I would write a relatively brief summary about how it happened, some lessons learned, and the many successes we had along the way. An absolute essential part of why we were able to host our (suddenly online) conference was our local committee—which wasn’t really “local” once the conference went online, but they all stuck with it, for which I am eternally grateful. Our committee of nine librarians was led by our indomitable conference co-chairs Amanda Nichols Hess (Oakland University) and Molly Ledermann (Washtenaw Community College), who took charge of numerous tasks and tools as we all learned a new way of conducting a conference. In the end, all the hard work by the committee and volunteers led to a positive experience for well over 400 librarians who attended via Zoom. And even more so than usual, we were truly fortunate to have a about 100 presenters shift the way they planned to conduct their sessions (sometimes significantly) to ensure LOEX attendees were able to still take part in useful breakout sessions.

For this issue of the Quarterly, along with a Director’s summary report of the conference, we also include four full conference proceedings papers for an additional in-depth sample of what was presented.

Enjoy this Quarterly on some of the highlights of LOEX 2020, while we prepare to discuss information literacy in a time of transformation for LOEX 2021.

Happy instructing,
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