

Changes

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The *Romanian Journal of Library and Information Science* is moving from the four issues per year to a more sustainable two issues per year periodicity. We have been thinking about this change for some time now, and finally decided to make the move starting with 2020. This does not necessarily mean that we will be publishing less articles but it will allow us greater maneuvering space in order to both select only the best articles for publishing and keep our publishing schedule. We also wish to announce the departure of our long-time editor, Robert Coravu. His more than 15 years at the journal has changed it for the better and helped it become what it is today. During this period, the *Romanian Journal of Library of Information Science* has gone through a series of changes (English as secondary and then only publishing language, print to electronic only, paid (print) to Open Access, inclusion in several databases etc.) that modernized it and increased the overall quality. We welcome our new colleague, Mihaela Mihăilă, from the Polytechnic University of Timișoara, and wish her a long and fruitful spell at the journal.

The first issue of this new format of the journal comes in a time of crisis and opportunity for libraries. The pandemic has challenged our field and this special issue of the Romanian Journal of Library and Information Science seeks to show the difficulties faced by libraries and how they managed to adapt and overcome the situation.

Libraries are an important part of the communities: they offer access to information, leisure and educational activities; they act as social hubs and bring valuable resources to disadvantaged communities. Most of the benefits they offer are based on activities that imply closeness and physical presence: from the lending of books to the wide variety of courses, libraries have offered both a space and materials to those in need. The COVID-19 pandemic has fundamentally challenged the usual status quo: libraries have been closed and most of their services halted. However, the pandemic has also offered a stage upon which the libraries can showcase their creativity and importance in the community. Libraries moved their courses on online platforms, diversified their electronic services and even helped the medical system by 3D printing personal protective equipment for health care workers.

Topics discussed in this special issue include an investigation into the ways in which an academic library from Norway adapted to the COVID-19 crisis (*How an academic library worked during the Covid-19 pandemic* by Ane Landøy and Trude Færevaaag) and an „analysis of the online presence of Romanian libraries” (*LIBRARIES IN THE CONTEXT OF A PANDEMIC: CRISIS AND OPORTUNITY* by Elena Tîrziman). The reader will also find an article regarding RDA (Resource Description and Access) and its functionalities (*RDA – THE LONG WAY TO A CHANGE OF VISION* by Victoria Frâncu).

In the end, we wish to cordially invite all those interested to participate in our journal's life, either by submitting an article or by becoming a reviewer for the journal. All information required for this is available on our website (www.rrbsi.ro).