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Editorial

Farewell from Founding Editor, Elaine Martin

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Dear Readers,

It is with mixed emotions that I write to let you know that this is my final editorial as I have decided to step-down as Founding Editor of the *Journal of eScience Librarianship*. *JeSLIB* was born from a discussion led by Jake Carlson and myself during the 2011 eScience Symposium, that focused on how to capture the unique synergy surrounding research data management, open access and open data initiatives, and how librarians and information professionals might work and collaborate with researchers in these areas. At the time, there were few librarians practicing in the field and the discipline of eScience librarianship was emerging. *JeSLIB* has filled a leadership role in contributing to the eScience librarianship knowledge base.

With funding from the University of Massachusetts Medical School, Lamar Soutter Library, and the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, New England Region, the journal was launched in 2012. Its core mission to explore and publish on the many roles of librarians in supporting eScience, welcoming articles by contributors from all areas of the globe related to education, outreach, collaborations, policy, tools, and best practices has been achieved and it continues to push the envelope into new and emerging areas of eScience.

There is much to celebrate. Since its inception, it has published 85 works (with more in the pipeline) and has had approximately 83,000 total downloads, approximately 19,000 in the past year alone. Between 2016-2017 needed and important visual and text changes were made to the home and web pages, updating its look-and-feel and policies. Thanks to the hard work of

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our Distribution Editor, Lisa Palmer, the journal successfully met the Directory of Open Access Journal's new criteria for inclusion in this important open access resource. Our Managing Editor, Julie Goldman, took on the challenge of increasing the marketing and distribution of the journal through social media sites, and opening new avenues for outreach to authors, peer reviewers, etc. The editorial team of Julie Goldman, Lisa Palmer, and Regina Raboin have worked diligently to make sure the journal remains current and significant in the fields of eScience and STEM librarianship.

I have asked our Associate Editor, Regina Raboin, to assume the Editor's position as she has ably overseen the submission of articles, coordinated the peer-review process, and supervised the overall production of each issue for the past two years. I am confident the journal is in good hands and Regina will continue to expand the journal's content, implement the recommendations of our recent survey, and work collaboratively with all of you. *JeSLIB* will continue to thrive under her, Lisa's, and Julie's leadership.

Thank you all for you all for your ongoing support of and for your dedication to *JeSLIB*. Through the combined efforts of the Editorial Board and production team members, *JeSLIB* has become a well-respected piece of scholarship that has helped codify the competencies of eScience librarians, documented the work performed by these librarians, and added evidence of the value librarians play in the academic discipline that intersects research, data science, and librarianship.

Regards,

Elaine R. Martin