Publications and new products

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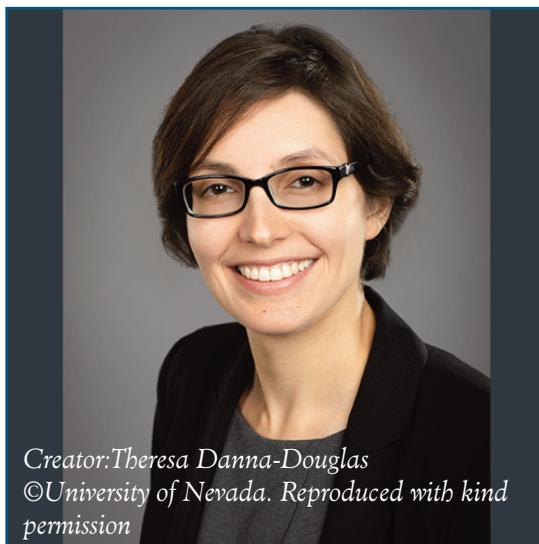Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Rome, Italy
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Dear friends,

Once in a while I'd like to write about an academic librarian, Elena Azadbakht, who last July published an inspiring article about a topic that is being debated since 1980 . Currently serving at the University of Nevada, Reno, she has experience providing research support and information literacy instruction to faculty, students, staff, and researchers in allied health fields. She is interested in library website usability as well as research data management and systematic review support. She produces e-learning materials, including video tutorials and research guides (LibGuides) and teaches (general library instruction sessions and workshops, including library instruction for Core Writing classes.

Now, she has just published the narrative review "Humour in library instruction: a narrative review with implications for the health sciences". In her words, "….One of the most frequently mentioned benefits of integrating humour into library instruction

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is its ability to put students at ease and alleviate any stress or anxiety they may feel", and " humour can make instructors seem friendly and approachable" which means students are more likely to ask them for help when they need it. Nevertheless, "many authors caution against the inappropriate use of comedy" as it may demean individuals or particular groups of people.

In the review you can find plenty of appealing and challenging examples, from the literature, of means to incorporate humour into instruction. Even if your sincere attempt might be risky, it is worthwhile trying, especially given the high-stress nature of health care. Enjoy the read of the full article!

JOURNAL ISSUES

Health Information and Libraries Journal: Contents of September 2019 (36:3)

Editorial
The mutual benefit and varied roles of librarians in supporting healthcare document management
Pratchett T

Review

Meeting the review family: exploring review types and associated information retrieval requirements
Sutton A, Clowes M, Preston L, Booth A

Original Articles

- **LILACS search strategy for systematic reviews of diagnostic test accuracy studies**
  Pereria R, Puga ME, Atallah A, Macedo E, Macedo C

- **The development of search filters for adverse effects of medical devices in MEDLINE and Embase**
  Golder SU, Farrah K, Mierzwinski-Urban M, Wright K, Loke Y

- **Translating the Cochrane EMBASE RCT filter from the Ovid interface to Embase.com: a case study**
  Glanville J, Foxlee R, Wisniewski S, Noel-Storr A, Edwards M, Dooley G

Regular features

- **Dissertations into Practice**
  Health information seeking behaviour and the librarian's role in supporting digital and health literacy.
  Butler R

- **International Perspectives and Initiatives**
  Ugandan health libraries in the 21st century: key initiatives and challenges
  Mallya R

- **Teaching and Learning in Action**
  Demonstrating the impact of your teaching: benefits of Higher Education Academy Fellowship for librarians
  George S, Rowland J

FROM THE WEB

- **What about an assistant named Alexa?**

  NEO is a powerful learning platform delivering a great user experience, while incorporating all the essential tools schools need to support efficient teaching and learning. An interesting post was published last Aug 20th on NEO's blog about the use of smart speakers like Alexa in higher education. Undeniably, they can offer great benefits as they are meant to support both staff and students, for instance when it comes to deal with organization and even demanding academic events. They can increase student productivity allowing them to search for campus events or practical information, adding reminders or setting timers, assisting disabled students to be more connected. Voice technology in the classroom can improve student skills, making them more accustomed to consuming information and performing tasks based on voice commands.

  Offering students the opportunity to learn more about Artificial Intelligence is equal to prepare them for the future, Deputy John Rom stated, CIO at Arizona State University. Let's keep on, then!
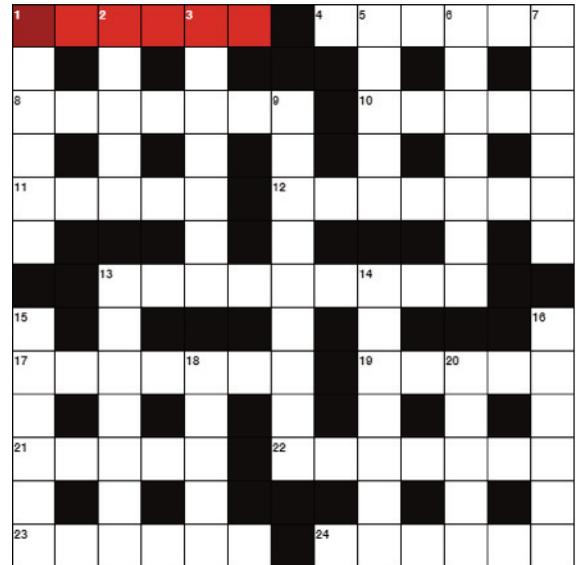
- **Are you still on holiday?**

Then, why not give a try and challenge yourself with the brilliant July/August 2019 Interactive Crossword from The Scientist? You can play it offline or online. In the first case it will not be interactive. In the latter, you will be assisted by functions like Help – providing detailed instructions - Save, Share, Clear, plus Timer, Score, Print and even Play Together!

ACROSS
1) Site of some experiments on vestibular function
4) Like each case in personalized medicine
8) Word before limb or orchid
10) Insect in its adult stage
11) Type of cranial nerve
12) Curative treatment
13) DNA testing results
17) How "test-tube babies" are fertilized (2 wds.)
19) Croatian-born pioneer in alternating current
21) Crown + neck + roots
22) Timekeeper using a gnomon
23) Knee jerk or eye blink
24) Doctorspeak or technobabble

DOWN
1) What can make liquid flow uphill
2) Fungus studied by Pasteur
3) Uto-___ language family
5) Unwanted signal; irrelevant data
6) Radiation powerhouses amid galaxies
7) Name lender, as Kelvin or Hertz
9) Unpredictable changes, as in DNA
13) Emit, as light or heat (2 wds.)
14) Annual raised by the Maya and Incas
15) When weasels may turn white
16) Funny George who said, "Electricity is really just organized lightning"
18) Largest alpine lake in North America
20) What bullet ants do quite impressively

THE SCIENTIST PUZZLE (Note: The answer grid will include every letter of the alphabet.)
by Emily Cox and Henry Rathvon
Powered by PuzzleMe™

- **Bringing together the National Libraries of Europe**

Since 1987, the Conference of European National Librarians (CENL) has worked to advance the cause of Europe's national libraries that collect and preserve the written, published and recorded output of their nations, and make it accessible to users in the present day and far into the future. Europe's national 48 libraries are as varied and diverse as the 45 countries whose memories they hold and the CENL brings these great institutions together to celebrate and promote the importance of national libraries across the continent. It helps creating opportunities to meet and work together to exchange knowledge, foster professional excellence and build mutual understanding. Members of CENL are the national librarians of the member states of the Council of Europe.

IF YOU STILL DON'T KNOW

Altmetric

Altmetric (http://altmetric.com) was founded by Euan Adie in 2011 and the first standalone version of the Altmetric Explorer was released in February 2012. Even if this company remains relatively small, its users include some of the world's leading journals, funders and institutions.

Altmetrics are metrics and qualitative data that can reveal how often journal articles and other scholarly outputs like datasets are cited and used around the world. They can include peer reviews, citations on

Wikipedia and in public policy documents, discussions on research blogs, mainstream media coverage, bookmarks on reference managers like Mendeley, and mentions on social networks such as Twitter. These are the reasons why altmetrics have been incorporated into researchers' websites, institutional repositories, and journal websites.

Therefore, if you still know nothing about these kind of metrics, consider that in 2016 Stacy Konkiel, Natalia Madjarevic, and Amy Rees compiled a primer on altmetrics that can help you understand what they are, why they are useful, and how they should be used. It is freely downloadable.

SOME INTERESTING FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

August 24-30, 2019, Athens, Greece
85th IFLA General Conference and Assembly
Info: https://2019.ifla.org/

September 9-12, 2019, Oslo, Norway
Theory and Practice of Digital Libraries
Info: http://www.eblida.org/freeze-url/tpdl-2019.html

September 25-27, 2019, Orlando, FL, USA
The 11th Guideline Development Workshop: focus on GRADE for intervention
Info: https://gradeconf.org/2019-09/

October 7-12, 2019 – 2019 Campaign
Celebrating libraries in a digital world
Info: http://www.librariesweek.org.uk/

October 15-16, 2019, London, UK
Internet Librarian International – The Library Innovation Conference
Info: http://www.internet-librarian.com/2019/default.aspx

November 20, 2019, Utrecht, The Netherlands
GRADE workshop therapy 2019
Info: http://dutchgradenetwork.org/grade-workshop/

January 24-28, 2020, Chicago, IL, USA
American Library Association 2020 Symposium on the Future of Libraries
Info: http://www.ala.org/news/member-news/2019/05/2020-symposium-future-libraries-opens-call-session-proposals

Please feel free to contact me (letizia.sampaolo@iss.it) if you have any further suggestion about events you would like to promote.