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Dear friends,

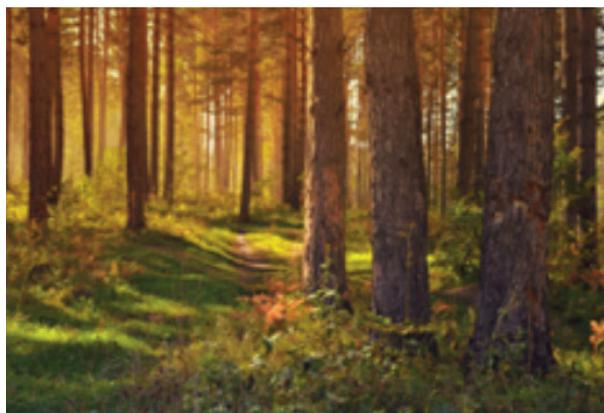
here is why it could be better to set new year's resolutions in September.

As adults, while the summer is almost done, the ninth month of the year appears full of promise, and when it comes to new starts and setting goals, September seems to be the new January. Here is why:

- since we were trained to a “back-to-school” mind set since we were kids, somehow we are also emotionally and psychologically set to think about September as the start of a new year;
- differently from what typically happens in January, September sees more business-focused goal setting. It happens because we are relaxed and have lowered our rhythm during the summer lazy days; we are full of new energy as we begin to focus on what needs to get done before the end of the year;
- advice or collaboration might be needed to set new goals, but it can be threatening to reach people and receive their feedback when they focus on Christmas vacations and holiday parties like they usually do in January;
- if your new resolutions are set in September, your job might almost be done by January, when everyone else is starting.

Whatever we choose to do, as we are emerging from the pandemic shutdowns, let us not forget what the pandemic has taught us, the awareness of how precious life is and how short it may be. It has shown us how we are vulnerable, fragile and need to discover new ways of living. Therefore, togetherness and cooperation, no matter the existing differences among us, are prerequisites. Let us try to look at the future with confidence and positivity.

So, happy new goals, everybody!



#### JOURNAL ISSUES

*Health Information and Libraries Journal*: Contents of September 2021 (38:3)

#### Editorial

- **10,000 steps a day? Activity trackers in information science and health libraries.**  
MariAylin Imeri

#### Review

- **Adoption of peer review of literature search strategies in knowledge synthesis from 2009 to 2018: an overview.**  
Christine J Neilson

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### Original Articles

- **Effectiveness of bibliotherapy in alleviating exam stress on college students: a quasi-experimental trial.**  
Walaa Hamdan, Lamia Al Duaijy and Yaser Al Sawy
- **A qualitative study of maternal health information seeking indicates required improvements in community health worker services**  
Mohamed Kassim
- **Knowledge, attitude and behaviour of dental health care providers toward health electronic record systems in Saudi Arabia.**  
Mohammed E. Sayed
- **Dog and cat owners' use of online Facebook groups for pet health information.**  
James Oxley, Lori Kogan, Susan Little

### Regular Features

- ***Dissertations into Practice***  
**Algorithmic literacy in medical students: results of a knowledge test conducted in Germany.**  
Philipp Kampa and Felix Balzer
- ***International Perspectives and Initiatives***  
**Digital Health Interventions: new opportunities for health science librarians.**  
Jeannette Murphy
- ***Teaching and Learning in Action***  
**Information specialists and researchers working together for health promotion: benefits from school-work educational programs at the National Institute of Health in Italy.**  
Paola De Castro, Sandra Salinetti, Maria Barbaro, Elena Ambrosini, Federica Felicetti, Davide Monterosso, Eugenio Sorrentino and Cristina Agresti

### Obituary

#### **Obituary of Roy Tabor.**

David Stewart, Lynette Domoney, Michael Carmel and Bob Gann

### FROM THE WEB [HTTPS://WWW.BIBLIO-PROJECT.EU/](https://www.biblio-project.eu/)

- **BIBLIO - Boosting digital skills and competencies for librarians in Europe**  
The BIBLIO project aims to address the skills gap consequential from the digital transformation in the library sector. To the purpose, starting October 4th, an open and free of charge MOOC training course at EQF level 5 has been planned to support the up-skilling and re-skilling of library professionals and individuals interested in a career in librarianship.  
It offers:
  - state-of-the-art curricula developed and delivered by experts under high-quality standards
  - 26 modules covering transferrable and digital skills
  - a flexible weekly workload and schedule of 8-10 hours/week that can be completed at your pace
  - personalised support provided by experienced lecturers

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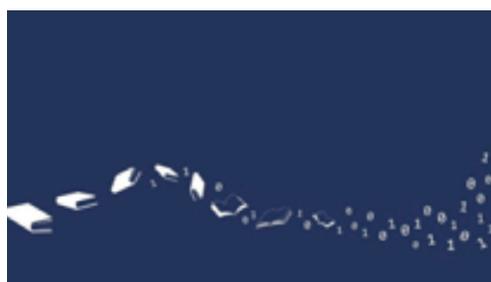
- opportunity to meet and cooperate with peers from all over the world
- certification under the European and national qualification frameworks
- opportunity for participants who will complete the MOOC successfully to enlist in a specialised training programme and certify as Community engagement and communication officers or Digital transformation facilitators.

We all know that experience in librarianship is a plus and not mandatory; therefore, it is a choice and a worthy possibility to improve ourselves. The course will require an 8-10 hour weekly commitment, and participants with a 75% success rate of online assessments will receive the course certificate.

Grab the chance and share the [registration link](#) with your network so that other librarians across Europe can take part in this training opportunity.

### • **Library Science Talks**

The Zentralbibliothek Zürich, the Association of International Librarians and Information Specialists (AILIS) and the CERN Scientific Information Service annually organise the [Library Science Talks](#). Started in June 2021, the series of events offers a library and archive staff the opportunity to learn from and exchange ideas with well-known personalities from the world of libraries, archives and information services. The next future events will be:



- Monday, 11 Oct 2021, 17:15, Host: CERN  
Marie-Pierre Pausch (University Luxembourg): The Learning Centre University Luxembourg
- Tuesday, 16 Nov 2021, 17:15, Host: ZBZ  
Ina Blümel (Technische Informationsbibliothek Hannover): The architect in the library lab.

Due to COVID-19, the Library Science Talks will initially take place over a live stream. Please visit [this website](#) for further information and the recordings of past events.

### • **The EU Health Policy Platform**

[The EU Health Policy Platform](#) is a collaborative online tool that makes it easy for European Commission services, health-related interest groups and stakeholders to communicate. This initiative is funded through the EU's fourth Health Programme 2021-2027, and the platform's working language is English.



In addition to running the Web Platform, which facilitates online discussion, collaboration and frequent webinars, the Platform team also organises the [EU Health Award](#). This Award recognises cities, NGOs and schools whose initiatives improve public health in the European Union. The ceremony is held as part of the EU Health Policy Platform's Annual Meeting for health stakeholders. The meeting is open to health interest groups and EU staff and focuses on current and future EU health priorities. It also gives participants the opportunity to network and gives stakeholders the chance to present their activities.

The European Commission, whose Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety moderates the Web Platform and coordinates Commission's input, would like to invite all health stakeholders active in the field of health or interested in EU Health Policy to join the EU Health Policy Platform. Please, take a look at the [Rules of procedure](#) and the [user guide](#); see how the Platform works and get an idea of its benefits.

*You can register and get involved in European Health Policy!*