Publications and new products

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Dear all,

welcome back to my column! For this issue's "Publications and new products" I've searched the web and selected news and articles on the most discussed trends related to biomedical librarianship. A few words on what I've found: the news are somewhat focused on initiatives that, in one way or another, are related to the open access "crisis", from the end of cOAlition S's Journal Comparison Service (JCS) to the new DIAMAS initiatives, to the OASPA's "Next 50%". Moreover, among my suggested readings section I've selected two articles on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and one on research integrity. Also on AI, I suggest you listen to the episode - part of the 'Beyond the Shelves' podcast series from the International Association of University Libraries (IATUL) - "Supercharged by AI" on an exhibition on how artificial intelligence impacts our online lives. I would also like to take this occasion to wish you and your family all the best for the upcoming summer.

JOURNAL ISSUES

Health Information and Libraries Journal contents of June 2025 (42:2)

Editorial

- **Sustainability in health libraries: a report on CILIP's second Green Libraries Conference.**
  Janine Hall and Adam Tocock

Review

- **Effectiveness of educational interventions for improving healthcare professionals' information literacy: a systematic review.**
  Mauricette Lee Moling, Lin Xiaowen, Lee Eng Sing, Helen Elizabeth Smith and Lorainne Tudor Car

Original Articles

- **Evaluating the usability of public health data dashboards as information sources for professionals and the public: Findings from a case study with domain experts.**
  Bahareh Ansari

- **Information literacy instruction by librarians is integrated into the doctor of pharmacy curriculum in the United States but requires evidence of impact.**
  Mariana Lapidus and Irena Bond

- **Developing an online knowledge sharing platform and community of practice for health professionals: Experiences from C-WorKS developed in North East England and Yorkshire during COVID-19.**
  Peter van der Graaf, Andrea Burrows, Helen Park and Sarah Sowden

- **Information-seeking behaviour of primary care clinicians in Singapore at the point-of-care: A qualitative study.**
  Mauricette Moling Lee, Wern Ee Tang, Helen Elizabeth Smith, Lorainne Tudor Car

- **Predictors of online health information seeking behaviour of non-medical undergraduate students might vary.**
  Oluwaseun Adegbilero-Iwari, Tunrayo Oluwadare and Idowu Adegbilero-Iwari

Regular Features
AI and New Technologies

- **GenAI for systematic literature searching reflections from a UCL Change Makers project.**
  Zahra Mohri and Veronica Parisi

Learning and Teaching in Action

- **Impact of librarian-led case learning sessions on third-year medical students' clinical skills.**
  Rachael A. Lebo, Shelie Vacek and Valerie L. Hearns

Practice Based Studies

- **Applying User Experience (UX) strategies to enhance an NHS library space.**
  Dominic Gilroy and Beth Tapster

FROM THE WEB

- **cOAlition S has discontinued the Journal Comparison Service (JCS)**
  cOAlition S has announced that the Journal Comparison Service (JCS) has been discontinued since April 30th. The JCS was developed following detailed consultations with librarians, publishers, legal experts, and software developers with the aim to shed light on open access publishing fees and services and was launched in September 2022. The JCS was designed to create a useful and secure price transparency tool for assisting libraries and library consortia in their open access negotiations with all publishers. Unfortunately, only a small number of publishers responded positively to the call for transparent pricing of publishing services and agreed to share their data. cOAlition S declares that, although they are closing the JCS, they are continuing their work with committed partners towards more equitable and transparent open access fees and publishing models.

- **The European Diamond Capacity Hub (EDCH) new resources**
  The European Diamond Capacity Hub (EDCH) has announced the activation of two new resources: Registry & Forum services. Created with the help of CRAFT-OA and DIAMAS projects, the Registry & Forum supports Diamond Open Access Publishers, Service Providers, and Tools and Technology Providers across Europe to collaborate and enhance their visibility. Organizations can join the EDCH Registry signing up here: https://registry.diamas.org/. The EDCH Forum is a dedicated space for discussion, knowledge-sharing, and collaboration within the Diamond OA community. The forum can be useful to connect with peers, exchange best practices, and collectively address the challenges of Diamond OA publishing. It is possible to create an account here: https://forum.diamas.org/. All the resources implemented by the EDCH can be accessed at this link: https://toolsuite.diamas.org/toolsuite-sustainability

- **OASPA launches 'Next 50%' initiative to advance the open access transition**
  The Open Access Scholarly Publishing Association (OASPA) has launched a new initiative titled the 'Next 50%', intended to convene publishing organizations with the stakeholders who finance, support, and invest in scholarly communication systems to complete the open access transition. The premise of this initiative

is that half of the transition to open access is done but the other (arguably tougher) half is yet to be navigated and probably requires a "different conversation". The project will explore the multiple routes to open access, their contributions to date, and the roles they may play in shaping the next 50% of the transition. Sector-wide transition includes those operating on APCs and Read & Publish/Transformative open access publishing deals; those using Subscribe to Open and other forms of collective action; free to read, free to publish open access enabled through grant, society, library, or other funding; as well as open infrastructures and platforms.

- **Bibliography on paper mills**
  The United2Act working group n.3 "Catalyse research on paper mills" has collated a bibliography, regularly updated, of publications, preprints and news articles on paper mills to reveal the extent of this problem, how their practices are maturing, and possible actions to disrupt their impact. The bibliography can be downloaded at this link: https://united2act.org/working-groups/research-on-paper-mills-working-group-3/

READING SUGGESTIONS

- Nogueira LA, Moltubakk ST, Fagervik A, and Langfeldt IB. (2025). Cutting through the noise: Assessing tools that employ artificial intelligence. IFLA Journal, 0(0). https://doi.org/10.1177/03400352241304121
- Reed RB and Barnett DJ. (2024). Assessing the Quality of Biomedical Boolean Search Strings Generated by Prompted and Unprompted Models Using ChatGPT: A Pilot Study. Medical Reference Services Quarterly, 44(1), 31–40. https://doi.org/10.1080/02763869.2024.2440848
- Mousa, Aya et al. (2024). Research Integrity in Guidelines and evIDence synthesis (RIGID): a framework for assessing research integrity in guideline development and evidence synthesis. eClinicalMedicine, 74, 102717 DOI: 10.1016/j.eclinm.2024.102717

SOME FORTHCOMING EVENTS

IFLA world Library and Information Congress satellite meeting. Artificial Intelligence, Bibliographic Control and Legal Matters: Navigating New Horizons.
August, 14-15 Astana, Kazakhstan
This satellite meeting aims to explore the multifaceted impact of AI, both in its current applications and in the emerging paradigm of generative AI, on the core missions of libraries and information institutions, including national bibliographic agencies, and on metadata, library collections, copyright and legal deposit, in an AI-increasingly driven information landscape. More info at: https://2025.ifla.org/home/satellite-meetings/

89th IFLA world Library and Information Congress (WLIC)
August, 18-25 Astana, Kazakhstan
The theme of the 89th IFLA congress is "Uniting Knowledge, Building the Future". More info at: https://2025.ifla.org/

Peer review week
September 15-19 everywhere
To keep updated on all the initiatives related to the Peer review week click here https://peerreviewweek.net/

OASPA 2025 annual conference: Embracing the Complexity – how do we get to 100% OA?
September 22 – 24, Leuven, Belgium

OASPA's annual conference will focus on the complexities faced in achieving a future with 100% open access. For more info: https://www.oaspa.org/events/annualconference/

CRAFT-OA Conference
October 06-08, Göttingen, Germany
The overall theme will be "Crafting the Future of Diamond Open Access: Technical, Social & Political Perspectives of Scholarly Publishing". The first two days will feature presentations from and networking opportunities for the Diamond Open Access community, the third day will focus on CRAFT-OA accomplishments. The event is free, but registration is mandatory. Registration for the event will open in July. More info at https://www.craft-oa.eu/conference/

Open Science Conference 2025
October 8 – 9, 2025 Hamburg, Germany
The Open Science Conference is an annual international conference providing a unique forum for researchers, data stewards, librarians, practitioners, infrastructure providers, policy makers, and other important stakeholders to discuss the latest and future developments in Open Science. This year's conference will have a special focus on the intersection between Open Science and AI. For more info click here: https://www.open-science-conference.eu/

Please feel free to contact me (annarita.barbaro@iss.it) if you have any further suggestion about initiatives or events you would like to promote