



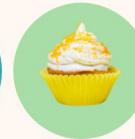
# Capturing Publishing Efforts to the International Journal of Librarianship by the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA): A Case Study

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**LIBRARY  
PUBLISHING  
FORUM**

Virtual Conference  
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# Who We Are



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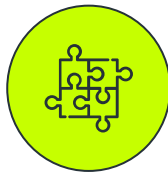


# Our Presentation Overview



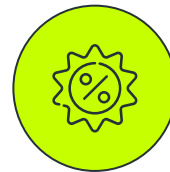
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## **Chief Editor**

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# About the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA)

- Since 1973, CALA supports the professional development and research scholarship of members, and advocates for Chinese American librarians in professional organizations and enhances the leadership development of Chinese American librarians through training, mentoring, networking, and collaboration with colleagues in the United States and abroad.
- CALA's work inspires Chinese American librarians to meet their professional goals and to make valuable contributions to the global library community.
- With over 500 members world-wide in the United States, Canada, China, and Singapore, Taiwan and Australia, CALA is a National Association of Librarians of Color and a member of the Joint Council on Librarians of Color (JCLC).
- CALA is open to anyone to join regardless of ethnic/racial background.  
(<https://cala-web.org/>)



# Examples of Recent CALA Activities

## WIKIPEDIA EDIT-A-THON EVENT WITH APALA & CALA

Curious about editing, writing or creating Wikipedia entries  
focusing on Asian/Pacific American/Canadian library workers?

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Drop by any time on May 7, Friday to learn and participate:

7-8:30 am HST / 9-10:30 am PT /

11-12:30 pm CT / 12-1:30 pm ET

All are welcome to attend!

For more info & to register visit: [tinyurl.com/APALAxCALA](https://tinyurl.com/APALAxCALA)

## Understanding Health Information

*Khalil El-Bathy + Stephanie Milberger*

LIBRARY FREEDOM PROJECT

*Virtual Event / March 26th 2021 / 1PM EST*

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## About IJoL

**IJoL**  
**International**  
**Journal of**  
**Librarianship**

*The International Journal of Librarianship (IJoL)* is published by Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA).

It is a peer-reviewed open access journal dedicated to publishing articles on as broad an array of topics as possible from all aspects of librarianship in all types of libraries.



*IJoL* publishes original research papers, practical developments, reviews, and commentaries of value to professional practice in librarianship in general. It encourages scholarly and professional communication on librarianship within and among relevant professional and academic communities.

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**—About International Journal on Librarianship**  
**<https://journal.calaijol.org>**



# Milestones

- July 2015: initiation
- December 2016: inaugural issue published
- Now:
  - Nine issues published, including 89 articles (55 peer-reviewed)
  - Authors/contributors came from Canada, China, Finland, South Africa, the UK and the US, etc.
  - All articles included by DOAJ, EBSCO, ProQuest; archived by Library of Congress





# Challenges & Solutions

- Team:
  - Built a core editorial team and other teams
  - Developed journal bylaws, policies, etc.
- Online publishing platform:
  - Adopted OJS
  - Established workflows/procedures
- Promotion & Marketing:
  - Call for papers, reviewers, etc.
  - Present to conferences and other activities
  - Invite paper submissions
  - Special issues



# Working with Authors

- Guidance on academic writing
  - e.g. “Building a specialized database of the culture of Yi People” by Li, Q.
- Potential article consultation
  - e.g. “The state of makerspaces” by Wang, F. et al.
  - Cited by NMC Horizon Report, 2017 Library Edition
- Editor-author collaboration
  - e.g. “The development of academic data services in Canada and China: profiles of data services at Fudan University and the University of Windsor” by Yin, S. & Thompson, K.



# Recent Issue: Sustainability and Libraries for December 2020 Issue

**IJOL**  
**International  
Journal of  
Librarianship**

Co-Guest Editors: Raymond Pun and Ulla Pötsönen

Theme focused on global sustainability projects, papers and experiences in libraries

Six Papers, Two Reports from the Field and One Commentary



# My Experiences as a Co-Guest Editor (April - December 2020)

- Connecting on a global topic and interest for many librarians and LIS researchers and pandemic crisis mode (special issue theme changed slightly)
- Experiences in editing books and peer reviewing articles in journals but guest editing a journal was still very different
- Managing workflow processes, identifying peer reviewers/copyeditors in a timely fashion
- Troubleshooting last minute changes and labor issues and awareness
- OA model for the future?



# Thank You!



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