

Report to the Library History Round Table **January 2020**

The journal is reaching an ever-larger audience. LHRT membership has increased from 332 in 2016 to 420 at the end of 2019. Subscriptions are slowly but consistently trending upwards. *LCHS* articles were viewed/downloaded from JSTOR nearly 3,000 times in 2019, which is a modest increase from 2018. We believe the journal is well positioned for the future. We offer below additional details on the state of the journal. We appreciate LHRT’s ongoing support and welcome continuing dialog as we build on this strong foundation.

**LCHS editors, Eric Novotny and Bernadette Lear**

# LCHS Submissions and Content

Since 2016, we published 33 of the 82 article manuscripts that have proceeded to a final status—an acceptance rate of just over 40%.

Not captured in this table are book reviews. This activity is growing (11 reviews in 2019), and has been a useful way of involving a diverse group of writers with the journal. Brett Spencer has actively identified new publications recruited experienced scholars and mentored newer authors, which helps engage the next generation of library historians.

## **Volume 3.2** was published in Fall 2019 and contents can be viewed on JSTOR, <https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.5325/libraries.3.2.issue-2>

## **Volume 4.1** is in final production for publication in Spring 2020. The contents include:

## Putting the Nationalism into Internationalism: The campaign to rebuild the Catholic University of Louvain Library (1914 – 1945), by Steven Witt

* The Short Life of the Fushiminomiya Japanese Collection at the Library of Hawaiʻi, 1936-1942, by Andrew Wertheimer
* Transitions as a Prelude to Closure: Recounting the Years 1966 to 1974 in the Life and Death of the University of Minnesota Library School, by Timothy Johnson
* The LHRT Bibliographies: The First Thirty Years, by Ed Godeken
* Plus an exceptionally robust crop of book reviews - 11 BOOK REVIEWS!

Current and Future Publishing ContractOur initial publishing agreement was signed in March 2016 for a five-year term. The Editors met with staff from the Penn State Press in June 2019 to discuss the current arrangement and future options. Both the Press and the Editors are pleased with the first few years. The journal is generating sufficient revenue, thus Penn State Press does not anticipate needing to increase the price/member that LHRT pays. Starting in 2021 and thereafter, LHRT will receive a royalty payment of 15% of annual revenues. . The Editors will request substantial time on the LHRT Executive Committee’s next meeting (ALA’s 2020 Annual Meeting in Chicago) to discuss this important decision.

IndexingWe are very pleased to announce that current (2019–present) articles are now listed in EBSCO’s **Library Science databases** (Library & Information Science Source, Library Literature & Information Science Full Text, Library Literature & Information Science Index, Library, Information Science & Technology Abstracts with Full Text). Current articles are also listed in **America: History & Life** and **Historical Abstracts**, as well as EBSCO’s **Humanities databases** (Humanities Abstracts, Humanities Full Text, Humanities International Complete, Humanities International Index, Humanities Source, Humanities Source Ultimate). EBSCO has also committed to including *LCHS* in ***MLA Bibliography*,** though our content does not yet appear there.

The Editors and the Press will pursue indexing of back-issues (2017-2018) with EBSCO, and continue to pursue indexing in other scholarly databases such as Web of Science.