

Lip service is paid to the student experience whilst the rush to standardization continues apace.

It is not that art librarians are resistant to change. We have digitized our collections, embraced electronic databases, journals and books, social media and mobile technology. Amongst us are bloggers, tweeters and facebookers. Our teaching techniques make use of gaming, avatars and augmented reality. Collections have expanded to include the digital arts.

It is highly likely that in the future things will come full circle and the need for an individual approach mediated by subject specialists will once again come to the fore. In the meantime we are in danger of losing so much knowledge, experience and dedication it is hard to see how new entrants to the profession will be able to provide this. However, I have every confidence that they will. Just as people never forget an inspiring teacher who opened their eyes to poetry, history, art or even mathematics so they will not forget the librarian who introduced them to the wonders of the collections at the university or college they attended. We must keep faith with our core values despite all provocation and be proud to be passionate!

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Editor's note

As many of you know, the ARLIS/UK & Ireland archive is held at the Archive of Art and Design (AAD), part of the Victoria and Albert Museum collections <http://www.vam.ac.uk/page/a/archive-of-art-and-design/>. This includes the archives of the *Art Libraries Journal* (ALJ).

Work was done a few years ago by Nicola Salliss to identify missing issues of both the ALJ and the *ARLIS News-sheet* in the AAD. The ALJ will be celebrating its 40th birthday in 2016 and, as part of that, we would like to ensure the archive is as complete as it can be. So if you have spare copies of the missing issues listed below that you would be willing to donate to complete the holdings at the AAD, could you please contact the ALJ editor before the end of February 2015. Any help would be most appreciated.

ALJ missing issues: v.13, no. 1 (1988); v. 15, nos. 1-3 (1990); v. 32, no. 2 (2007)

ARLIS News-sheet missing issues: Numbers 8, 84, 85, 86, 87, 95, 97, 99, 131, 151, 152