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### Editor's message

The years teach much which the days never know.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

In many ways, I think the quote above sums up my experience as Assistant Editor and Editor of the *Journal of the Canadian Health Libraries Association* (JCHLA) over the past 2 years. This issue of JCHLA is my last as Editor, and as I turn the page on this “chapter” of my professional experience, I feel compelled to convey my wonderful learning experience.

Not only have I made new connections and friendships in the health field arena, but I have vastly improved my understanding of health sciences librarianship in Canada and the complexities of working on the board of a national profes-

sional organization. I have honed my writing and editing skills and have been able to do so by staying informed of current events in our field both in Canada and around the world.

There are many exciting initiatives underway for the journal, including open access issues, digitization of *Bibliotheca Medica Canadiana* (BMC) back to its inception, and developments in the area of vendor sponsorship for JCHLA.

My experience has been very enriching, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Canadian Health Libraries Association Board, Karen Neves, Andrea Hodgson, and incoming Editor Sandra Halliday for their unwavering support.

See you in Vancouver next May!

Cheers,

**Rebecca Zakoor**