



HighWire expands library coverage with ACRL publications online

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HighWire Press, a division of the Stanford University Libraries, is pleased to welcome four established library publications to its online fold: *College & Research Libraries (C&RL)*, *College & Research Libraries News (C&RL News)*, *RBM: A Journal of Rare Books, Manuscripts, and Cultural Heritage* and *Choice Reviews Online*, all published by the Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL), a division of the American Library Association, and *Choice Reviews Online*, the online product of ACRL's Middletown, Connecticut based publishing unit, Choice. *C&RL*, *C&RL News* and *RBM* will be launched on HighWire's world-class ePublishing platform by the end of 2009 and *Choice Reviews Online* in 2010.

"After nearly ten years of online publishing experience, we believe we have finally found the ideal partner for *Choice Reviews Online*," said Irving Rockwood, Editor and Publisher of CHOICE. "*Choice Reviews Online* is a very special product that requires a vendor with great technical expertise, customization capabilities, and creativity, coupled with a deep understanding of the academic library community and publishing environment. After careful review, the decision to select HighWire as our publishing partner for Version 3.0 of *Choice Reviews Online* was surprisingly easy. We look forward to working with HighWire on CRO3 and to the launch of what will surely be the best ever version of *Choice Reviews Online* to date."

"ACRL is looking forward to working with HighWire in hosting the online version *C&RL*, *C&RL News* and *RBM*," added *C&RL News* editor-in-chief David Free. "The increased functionality and Web 2.0 options that HighWire's platform provides will create a vastly improved online experience for our members and non-member subscribers. HighWire's commitment to the academic library community makes for an ideal partnership with our association."

"When the Stanford Libraries started HighWire, we initially worked to enrich and enhance in scholarly communication of practitioners of science, technology and medicine," said University Librarian Michael A. Keller. "Since then, we have gradually leveraged that experience in the service of the social sciences and humanities. It is truly gratifying that the library profession itself now is able to benefit directly from HighWire's hosting and technology and services."

Other professional library titles online at HighWire include the *Journal of Librarianship and Information Science* (SAGE Publications) and *The Library* (Oxford University Press).

About ACRL (<http://www.acrl.org>)

The Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) is a division of the American Library Association, representing nearly 13,000 academic and research librarians and interested individuals. ACRL is the only individual membership organization in North America that develops programs, products and services to meet the unique needs of academic and research

librarians. Its initiatives enable the higher education community to understand the role that academic libraries play in the teaching, learning and research environments.

College & Research Libraries (C&RL) is the official scholarly research journal of ACRL. *C&RL* is published six times per year.

Established in 1966, *College & Research Libraries News (C&RL News)* provides articles on the latest trends and practices affecting academic and research libraries and serves as the official newsmagazine and publication of record of ACRL. *C&RL News* is published 11 times per year.

RBM: A Journal of Rare Books, Manuscripts, and Cultural Heritage (formerly *Rare Books and Manuscripts Librarianship, RBML*) is ACRL's journal covering issues pertaining to the world inhabited by special collections libraries and cultural heritage institutions. *RBM* is published twice a year.

Choice Reviews Online is the online version of *Choice* magazine, since 1964 the premier print source for reviews of academic books, electronic media, and Internet resources of interest to those in higher education. Librarians, faculty, and key decision makers rely on *Choice* magazine and *Choice Reviews Online* for collection development and scholarly research. *Choice* reaches almost every undergraduate college and university library in the United States. Each year *Choice* publishes more than 7,000 timely, authoritative, and concise reviews of the best new scholarly print and electronic resources.

About HighWire (<http://highwire.stanford.edu>)

As the leading ePublishing platform, HighWire Press partners with independent scholarly publishers, societies, associations, and university presses to facilitate the digital dissemination of 1278 journals, reference works, books, and conference proceedings. HighWire also offers a complete manuscript submission, tracking, peer review, and publishing system for journal editors, Bench>Press. HighWire provides outstanding technology and support services, and fosters a dynamic and innovative community, enhancing the strengths of each of its members.

HighWire plays a unique role in the online publishing business, as part of an academic library, a first-class research institution, and an extension of the publishing world. HighWire is a partner and colleague to scholarly societies who value the quality and content of their journals and other materials. By working with HighWire, publishers gain the economies of scale and networking opportunities of working collaboratively in their business technology.

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