

CALL FOR PAPERS—LIBRARY AND INFORMATION RESEARCH
SPECIAL ISSUE ON COPYRIGHT AND OTHER INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
RIGHTS AND LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES

The journal *Library and Information Research (LIR)* is seeking papers for a special issue on copyright, IPR and information and library services to be published in **September 2015**. Papers may be: factual reports; research articles or opinion pieces and submission details are given below. The final date for **submission of papers** is **Friday 22 May 2015**. Please address any queries and expressions of interest to the Guest Editor for this issue, Dr Adrienne Muir (a.muir@lboro.ac.uk).

The editorial theme is issues relating to copyright and IP in library and information services, in the UK and worldwide. This theme is timely given recent changes to UK copyright law and IP policy developments in other jurisdictions that have an impact on library and information services.

Specific topics might include:

- The impact recent policy or legislative changes have had on library policies, procedures and practice;
- Aspects of copyright and related rights laws that adversely affect the ability of LIS to provide access to information. Examples could be the term of copyright protection for unpublished works in UK law or inadequacy of preservation exceptions;
- examples of LIS and rights holders collaboration;
- examples of LIS educating and supporting their communities in accessing, using and disseminating information through copyright exceptions and licensing;
- international comparisons and examples of international cooperation;
- ethical issues related to copyright, IP and LIS.

Library and Information Research is the journal of the UK's Library and Information Research Group, but contributions are welcome from practitioners, researchers or others with relevant experience of these issues in any country.

The journal welcomes:

1. Rigorously written reports describing the development of good practice in an institution or institutions which will be of value to people working in similar areas. Reports could include collaborative activities between libraries and rights holders. These will be subject to editorial review. Although not of the same standard as research articles report articles should have the following components:
 - An introduction setting out the background to the study or activity and the reasons for undertaking it.
 - A short review of the wider context of the study or activity taking account of similar work elsewhere and some reference to relevant published work. Appropriate bibliographical citations should be provided.
 - A description of the study or activity.
 - Conclusions to be drawn from the study or activity.
 - How the findings relate to other similar work.
 - Any recommendations for further action and how the work might inform similar work.
2. Research articles, typically of between 2000 and 7000 words, which will be

- peer-reviewed.
3. Opinion pieces, focusing on any of the topics suggested in this call for papers.

Timescales are below

- **22 May 2015** – submission deadline
- **June-August 2015** – reviewing and revision process
- **September-October 2015** – target date for publication

Submission of articles

Articles should be submitted through the *Library and Information Research* journal website at www.lirgjournal.org.uk.