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Many aspects of librarianship are changing rapidly, both in the ways in which traditional activities such as cataloging and resource management are carried out, as well as in more radical ways. This issue is devoted to those changes in traditional and digital libraries.

Our special section is devoted to the emerging impact of the IFLA Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records (FRBR) on library cataloging theory and practice. Our guest editor, Yin Zhang, has written and obtained some excellent articles that make the nature of the FRBR itself and its ramifications clear to any interested reader – and I know there are many in the *Bulletin* audience. This section will also be a valuable pedagogical tool for instructors looking for a straightforward, yet comprehensive, treatment of the subject.

Another aspect of library management undergoing transformation is resource management. Electronic resources pose many and complex problems for libraries. In the August 2006 issue of the *Bulletin* Rafal Kasprowski reported a panel discussion on electronic resource management (ERM) from the 2005 ASIS&T Annual Meeting. In this issue he provides a follow-up report from the 2006 panel, with a focus on the current and emerging standards that affect ERM.

Next, as seems appropriate, Richard Urban, the *Bulletin* Advisory Board's official student member for this year, looks even further ahead. Urban, a doctoral student at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, continues our series of articles and columns on multi-user virtual environments (MUVES) and libraries. His particular focus is on the potential he perceives for MUVES to assist an important group of patrons – those using information resources to pursue serious leisure.

Lastly, our associate editor for information architecture, Stacy Surla, discusses digital libraries and the particular challenges they present to information architects.

We would also like to remind you that we are still exploring our new electronic environment, and any comments on how it might be improved will be very welcome. You can send email to me at [bulletin<at>asis.org](mailto:bulletin@asis.org).