

Author Guide



The Christian Librarian

The journal of the Association for Christian Librarians

Description

The Christian Librarian is the official publication of the Association of Christian Librarians and serves to publish articles, provide a membership forum, and disseminate information regarding ACL conferences, teams, and meetings. Issues include the Christian interpretation of librarianship, theory and practice of library science, bibliographic essays, reviews, and human interest articles relating to books and libraries.

Scope of Publication

Topics of interest center around academic libraries and librarianship and include (but are not limited to):

- Explorations of the future of libraries.
- Policy and procedural development for library services
- Issues regarding Open Access (OA).
- Digital collections.
- Intellectual property.
- Resources, skills, and training in academic libraries.
- Reports of original research.
- Faith integration and libraries/library services.
- Theological libraries.

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Submissions should be written in good English (American usage is accepted). Authors who feel their manuscript may benefit from professional editing are encouraged to use language-editing and copyediting services. Obtaining this service is the responsibility of the author, and should be done before initial submission.

Content must be in accordance with the mission, statement of faith, constitution, and corporate viewpoints of the ACL. Additionally, it must reflect the purpose of the publication and ACL, and relate to the concerns of ACL and Christian librarians in institutions of higher learning.

Manuscript Preparation

The Christian Librarian accepts a variety of differing kinds of manuscripts.

General Articles

The recommended length for General Articles is between 2,500 and 5,000 words. General Articles can cover any area of potential interest to ACL members. Once submitted, General Articles will go through an internal review by our editorial team for issues related to grammar, syntax, style, argument flow, etc. After this review, the editorial team will contact the author and let the author know if any corrections are needed and once any issues are resolved, the editorial team will ask the author to sign a grant of license, giving *The Christian Librarian* permission to publish the work.

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The recommended length for Bibliographic Essays is between 1,000 and 1,500 words. Bibliographic Essays will not go through peer-review (unless requested) and will follow the submission protocol of general articles.

All manuscripts should be double-spaced and have page numbers. All manuscripts should have the following sections:

- Title
- Author(s)
- Affiliations
- Abstract
- Introduction

and they should end with

- About the author
- References

Figures and tables should be cited in ascending numeric order upon first appearance.

Titles

Authors are encouraged to submit titles with fewer than 300 characters. Titles should be concise and descriptive, and without abbreviations (where possible).

Authors

All author names should be listed in the following order:

- First names,
- Middle names (or initials, if used), and
- Last names

Each author, whenever possible, should list a college, university or organizational affiliation.

Abstract

A concise and factual abstract is required (maximum length: 200 words), which briefly states the purpose of the research, and principles results/conclusions. Abstracts, whenever possible, should not contain citations.

References

References should be formatted according to the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (6th edition) and every reference cited in the text should also be present in the reference list. Additionally, no reference should appear in the reference list without having been cited in the text. The reference list should be double-spaced.

Resource Reviews

Resource reviews should be submitted via email to the Reviews Editor, Craig Kubic (ckubic@swbts.edu). Reviewers may keep the resources in exchange for their reviews. A list of available resources for review can be found online at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Eu1m62p9bDbVH07bvGWM2Lz7OQyVzbd1jo8CZVNSkLg>.

Reviews should include the subject and scope of the work and a statement of the author's thesis. Reviews should reveal the nature of treatment: reference, introductory, scholarly, textbook, etc., and a synopsis of the content. They should evaluate the work and identify the author if they are not well known. Review should address how well the resource achieves its purpose? How does it compare with others of its kind? What does it contribute to its field? Is it clear, thorough, and well documented? Citations of the work being reviewed are strongly discouraged in resource reviews.

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