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The first step was the OLA Hotline, brought to your doorstep every other week, with late-breaking news about what’s happening throughout the state. The second step, now nine months later, is the birth of this publication the OLA Quarterly. Focused on lengthier articles, the Quarterly aims to bring you information about special projects, interviews with interesting people, and concerns from the world of libraries.

So, here it is. Take a look and then let us know what you think!

What kinds of topics are you and your colleagues interested in and talking about? We look forward to your feedback.

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