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Mission

The Political Librarian is dedicated to expanding the discussion of, promoting research on, and helping to re-envision locally focused advocacy, policy, and funding issues for libraries.

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Notes on the First Issue

With our first issue we are establishing The Political Librarian as an open access publication under a non-commercial attribution Creative Commons license. The journal staff is working with a university who will host the journal on an open access platform where this issue will be republished. Prior to the release of issue two in Spring 2016, we will apply for an ISSN so that the journal will be more discoverable by the broader library and public policy discussion across the United States and internationally.

Thank You

The editorial team would like to thank John Chrastka for his guidance and unwavering support for The Political Librarian, as well as his dedication to ensuring that libraries and librarians everywhere have the funding that they need to continue their mission to serve their communities.

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Finally, we would like to thank our editorial board members for their willingness to serve with us in this new venture.

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