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Welcome to the inaugural issue of *Disability in Library and Information Science (DisLIS)*! Seeing a dual need, we are pleased to start up this digital-only open access journal that will offer a place for book reviews that focus on works pertaining to disability in some way regardless of genre or age range, as well as a journal for more academic works that include peer reviewed articles and editor reviewed columns.

*DisLIS* the brainchild of the CripLib community who, in particular, saw a need to provide a venue for book reviews of disability focused books, especially because of the demise of the [Disability in Kidlit](#) blog that ceased operation sometime in 2018. They also saw a need for a journal that focused on topics related to disability and accessibility in libraries. To that end, authors who have disabilities, or are allies of people with disabilities, are encouraged to submit articles, case studies, and other academic products for publication. Please see our [Policies](#) page for complete details of what we are looking for.

This is an exciting time for people with disabilities in library and information science as not only are there far more discussion of disability and accessibility than ever before, there has also been the start of real positive change within the profession to become more inclusive and accessible. With the rise of diversity, equity, and inclusion within all kinds of libraries, there are more opportunities than ever before for library science and information professionals to champion the needs of people with disabilities and to create truly accessible libraries.

We look forward to reading your submissions and to creating a home for discussion of topics related to disability and accessibility.

Best,

JJ Pionke, Editor