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Columns

Checking In

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A light quarter in terms of new members opting to share their stories, but **Jennifer Sippel** has stepped in to save the column. Jenny has been a faculty librarian & instructor at Minneapolis Community & Technical College (MCTC) Library since 2007, though her serials responsibilities came later, in 2009, when she was offered a permanent position.

Jenny writes to share that:

Because of MCTC Library's flat organizational structure (we have no director) and the evolution and success of our teaching program, I have a variety of work assignments and wear many hats that extend beyond serials. Not only do I oversee the individual print and electronic periodical subscriptions, I also do some electronic resources management, investigate emerging technologies, participate in library outreach, staff the reference desk, and work on curriculum & faculty development initiatives. I sit on several campus committees, including Academic Council (our curriculum development committee) and the Online Teaching/Learning Steering Committee. I also regularly teach both online and face to face. Most recently, I've been teaching INFS 1000, a 2-credit

required Information Literacy course housed in our Information Studies department and LIBT 1100, the gateway course into our Library Information Technology program, an online 2-year certificate/degree for library paraprofessionals.

My diverse work responsibilities make my job highly interesting and keeps me on my toes, but it also makes it challenging to figure out which organizations to belong to and which conferences to attend. I recently decided to check out NASIG by becoming a member. I look forward to exploring this organization further and meeting other members in St. Louis!

Welcome, Jenny, and I look forward to seeing you in St. Louis.