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Welcome to the September 2020 issue of the *Journal of the Australian Library and Information Association (JALIA)*. The main contents of the journal this month are select papers from the Fifteenth Australasian Conference on Research Applications in Information and Library Studies (RAILS), which was hosted by the School of Information Studies at Charles Sturt University on 28th and 29th of October 2019 in Canberra. The conference theme was the very topical, ‘Towards critical information research, education and practice’. The conference program convenor, Professor Philip Hider, Associate Dean Research, Faculty of Arts and Education at Charles Sturt University and Program Convenor of the Conference will elaborate on the theme and introduce the papers in his Guest Editorial.

The papers in the issue are followed by the usual useful book reviews. Unexpected challenges in producing a set of book reviews do arise from time to time, and the current pandemic has proven to be one of those challenges. The supply chain for print books from the United States, the United Kingdom and Europe coming in to Australia has been disrupted, with competition for limited freight opportunities and available space being an issue. One or two more enterprising publishing houses have started offering review books digitally, but for the most part supply has temporarily ceased. To counter this, we have looked for new opportunities and have actively sought recently published open access titles to review for this issue. This brings the added bonus for readers of being able to read the review and then immediately access the full book online, using the link included in the bibliographic data. In this issue we present eight book reviews: four traditional reviews of print books and four reviews of open access books freely available in full in digital form.

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