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## **From the Editor**

With this issue, the official publication of the Council on East Asian Libraries passes a new milestone. Over the years there have been others: the switch from an irregular mimeographed newsletter to a bound regular print newsletter, the move to a bulletin, and then becoming a journal. An online electronic archive and later online current issues were achieved, as well as the *Journal* becoming a peer-reviewed journal. Now, effective with the next issue, February 2015, No. 160, it will become a completely online journal. Our organization has always been forward-looking and has always tried to use the most effective, efficient way to communicate among ourselves and with others who share our dedication to libraries and East Asian cultures. It is this desire, to serve more and serve better, that underlies the newest milestone, becoming an online journal.

I was the one who first raised the question of changing to online format with the Executive Board; I supported the idea; and I applauded the decision of the CEAL membership to implement it. I believe it is the best course for our journal and our organization. Yet a part of me feels a wrench that this is the last print issue and to realize that the journal will never be a physical, bound object again, sent out to subscribers to open, leaf through, read, and put on a shelf. The nostalgia is very real. Equally real is my commitment to CEAL and to the *Journal of East Asian Libraries*. I am truly glad that *JEAL* is becoming a fully online, open-access journal. I firmly believe it is the right path for CEAL and for our journal, and I will do everything I can to make it succeed. Please join me in supporting the new format for our *Journal* and in renewing your commitment to our organization, CEAL, and our profession of East Asian librarianship.

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