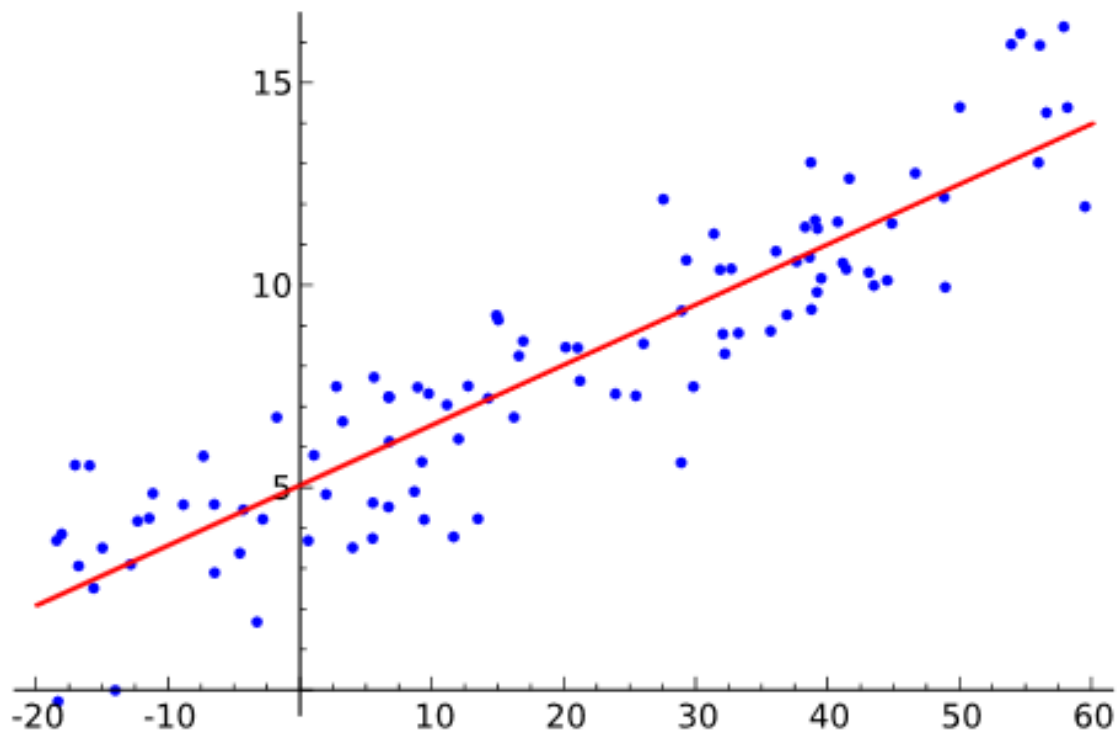


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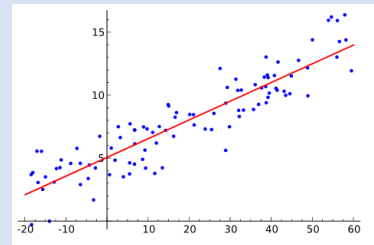
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# What's our story? And how can you help tell it?

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Perhaps the most important goal of a publication is to clearly state its purpose. It's obvious in our journal's subtitle, but *Hypothesis* exists to provide Research Section and other MLA members with an outlet for research and research-related content, including works in progress, announcements, and other related content. Are we a younger sibling to the *Journal of the Medical Library Association (JMLA)*? Perhaps so, but what does that mean for MLA Members doing research? We hope it means that you understand this is *your* publication, here to enhance our shared aims through conversations about all aspects of research. We're here for research articles, but also for poster abstracts, articles about doing research (including failures, explorations of research methods, continuing education about research... and so much more). We're here to celebrate successes and share funding opportunities, too. Consider this your invitation to join the *Hypothesis* conversation and help shape our future direction!

To help with that, we are thrilled to announce a new submission process and platform, beginning immediately. You can now submit articles and other content using the Socius platform; this system is in beta so we appreciate your help (and patience!) testing it with your submissions: <http://www.mlanet.org/e/sx/eid=70>. We've also set up an evidence-based 'checklist' for authors to use that should help you review your work before you upload it, which will be available soon on the [Research Section webpage](#). In addition to the new submission system, you may have noticed our updated publication information on page 3 of this issue. It

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So what's our story this issue? Our content kicks off with a welcome from Michelle Bass, current Chair of the Research Section, in which she has a specific ask for Research Section members who have served in section leadership positions over the years. Our articles include project work by MLA's Rising Star 2016-2017 cohort to, "provide MLA leadership and the Communities Task Force with actionable recommendations to support the changing needs of its members" as those needs relate to MLA Section & SIG memberships. This is followed by an article discussing the work of the University of the Pacific's Rite Aid Information Commons to host an in-house art show made possible through partnership with their institution's Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. From there, we move to Research Section news with Kimberly R. Powell – recipient of a Research Section stipend to attend the 2017 "Librarian's Role in Reproducibility of Research" Symposium – giving a wonderful summary of the symposium and highlighting key takeaways on reproducibility and transparency. We round out with a listing of Research Section members' papers and posters that received awards at MLA 2017 – congratulations to all first place, second place, and honorable mention recipients!

Finally, what's coming up content-wise for our Spring/Summer 2018 issue? Well, we need your help with that! Are you a hospital librarian? Or do you collaborate with hospital librarians? We'd love to have our first issue of 2018 focus on the great research and/or project work done in this area of medical librarianship. Have something you'd like to share? Send it our way using our shiny new (beta) system: <http://www.mlanet.org/e/sx/eid=70>.

Until next time - cheers and happy new year!

Carol & Erin

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