

## **About (the Sample Journal)**

### **Library Sample Journal**

The Library Sample Journal is an important publication with an august history. The Journal was founded in 2019 to provide opportunities for students and academics to learn about the publishing and editing practice. Through its broad and inclusive approach to editorial board creation, community development, and focus on ethical practice, this open access publication provides venues for new academics and subjects to enter the publishing landscape.

### **Mission**

The Library Sample Journal promotes innovative, ethical, and diverse scholarship by providing students and faculty at Columbia University with the opportunity to learn editorial and publishing practice and a means to share research on subjects that are exciting and meaningful to them.

### **Aim and Scope**

The Library Sample Journal aims to increase subject diversity and opportunities for historically elided groups to participate in academic publishing. The Editors welcome papers on topics relevant to the journal's subject, which you should elaborate on here. Papers can be short or long (6–9,000 words is recommended, but there is flexibility in both directions at the discretion of the Editors), illustrated or not (a maximum of 12 illustrations), and polemical, topical, theoretical, archival, tightly focussed or wide ranging in approach. They may be cross-disciplinary and cross-cultural, or not, depending on what kind of content you want to see in your journal. Current debates and topical issues are welcome. Articles are not remunerated and illustrations are the responsibility of individual contributors.

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