The Journals Division of the Johns Hopkins University Press and the Board of Editors Awards Committee of the journal *portal: Libraries and the Academy* are pleased to announce that the winner of the 2008 Johns Hopkins University Press Award for best article has been awarded to “Evidence-Based Library Management: The Leadership Challenge” written by Amos Lakos. The article, which appeared in *portal’s* October 2007 issue (Volume 7, Number 4), can be read in its entirety by accessing the following link: http://www.press.jhu.edu/journals/portal_libraries_and_the_academy/7.4lakos.pdf

Lakos’s article is an extension of the author's earlier work on developing management information services and creating a culture of assessment in libraries. The author focuses observations on the use of data in decision-making in libraries, specifically on the role of leadership in making evidence-based decision a reality, and reviews new opportunities for data analysis, assessment delivery, and decision-making in libraries. Developments in the information technology (IT) area, especially the increased dominance of very large networked infrastructures and associated services, large-scale digitization projects, collaborative frameworks, and economic and market trends, may have a positive impact on library options for data use and analysis by library management. The discussion is informed by a wide range of new products and services, which are becoming available in the marketplace and are designed to assist decision makers, and by interviews conducted by the author with over 20 library directors, mostly from the Association of Research Libraries.

The following criteria were considered by the Committee in determining the winner:

- The overall quality of the author(s) research methodology.

- The extent to which the article places library issues in a broader academic or higher education context and whether the piece makes a significant contribution to the available literature.

- The article’s timeliness and its overall writing quality.

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