

EDITORIAL

IN MANY ways, the publication of this issue of *JJS* marks the ongoing evolution of the journal, which continues to grow from strength to strength—thanks to the dedication of my fellow editors, to the support and guidance of our Editorial Advisory Board, and to the leadership of the Board and Executive of our publisher, ISLJ (the International Society of Literary Juvenilia). Thanks above all to the ever-growing community of scholars in the field of literary juvenilia studies—and I mean you.

The pandemic was hard on academic journals, including *JJS*. The 2020 conference was postponed twice before finally moving online; many scholars faced other pandemic-related challenges during this time as well. But although the supply of contributions shrank, it did not dry up. You—all of you—refused to let that happen. This issue contains essays given at the 2022 virtual conference held at UNSW in Sydney, Australia, chaired by Christine Alexander; vol. 6, already well underway, will contain essays first presented at our most recent conference, held at UNC Chapel Hill this past June and chaired by Laurie Langbauer and Beverley Taylor. You will also find, in both issues, essays that have found their way to us by other means. Welcome all.

Although full-length scholarly essays and book reviews will always form the core of each issue, some issues will continue to feature special sections. In vol. 6, no. 1, you will find a new special section, called “Spotlight on Juvenilia,” that will contain shorter essays designed to introduce to readers a child writer (or artist) whose work deserves to be better known. I look forward to what I will learn from these.

This and other changes reflect the ongoing commitment of *JJS* and ISLJ to serve all who engage in juvenilia studies. As part of that commitment, the ISLJ Board has discontinued publishing print copies of *JJS*; we now publish exclusively online. Though hastened by the recent sharp increase of publishing costs, this decision was made also with consideration for ISLJ’s larger mandate. With your membership fees, ISLJ can now do more to support future conferences and symposia and emerging scholars. Expect more announcements to come, as we continue to grow.

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