Connections

An informal listing of jobs out there. For free inclusion in Against the Grain, please send information to Katina Strauch at the College of Charleston Library, Charleston, SC 29424. Remember vendors and publishers can use this space too!

Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas is looking for an acquisitions librarian. It is a nine-month, tenure-track position with full faculty status and rank. Salary is a minimum of $21,000 for nine months. The job will be open until a suitable candidate is found. For further information, contact Janice Lange, Head of Technical Services, Gresham Library, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX 77341.

And The Pennsylvania State University is advertising for Head, Acquisitions Ordering Section, with a minimum salary of $30,000. For further information, contact Nancy Slaybaugh, Manager, Libraries Human Resources, Box HAO-AL, Penn State University, E1 Pattee Library, University Park, PA 16802.

Serials Pricing Update

And the story on Serials Pricing is that the current peg is 16.2%.

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AND the same type of format development, review, approval and publication will take place approximately one year later, for serial orders, order acknowledgements, claims, cancellations and invoices. In the Serials Industry Systems Advisory Committee (SISAC) we have more library participation (and hope for a more rigorous review by NISO members), but the basics and the end result should be the same — a series of ASC X12 subsets to be used for serial business transactions, published by the Book Industry Study Group, and used by many organizations in the serials community.

Getting Involved

You can participate in the development or review of these standards by joining BISAC and/or SISAC. If you’re not ready for that level of involvement, you might just want to learn more about this area. In my last column I noted that a SISAC overhead projector “slide show” is available from the Book Industry Study Group (212/929-1393) on request. BISAC is now creating a library of videos showing systems and services relating to book industry business functions. A listing of the videos should be available in January, 1991 from the same organization. That telephone rings in my office — call me and let me know how we can get YOU more involved in this evolution.