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The University of Massachusetts Press provides the column for this issue with a list of top bestsellers and, in addition, "a lovely title that deserves wider recognition" according to Ralph Kaplan of the Press. You will want to check your holdings to make sure you did not miss these titles!

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can do so before meeting your maker — but hey, I'd understand if you didn't get around to it. (That was a bad joke, sorry, but really, such things DO happen; we had to deal with it at my Library when our director was killed in a car accident.) Library science students are particularly bad about forgetting to sign off lists to which they were required to subscribe.

4. Some systems are simply incompatible. I don't know why. If you are having this kind of problem, we should have our systems people get together to help us figure it out.

5. If you try to use a command to change the way you are getting an electronic publication (digest, postpone, etc.) and it doesn't work, you'll get an error message back that includes instructions for doing whatever you are attempting to do. Sometimes these instructions are not very helpful. If you don't get it right after two or three times, ask your list owner for help. As list owner, I receive copies of all listserv traffic related to ACQNET; if I see someone floundering nobly, I usually send them a personal message. That seems to do the trick most of the time.

Related to this: Be aware that there are two major list software applications familiar to librarians. ACQNET uses the UNIX "ListProc" (Anastassios Kotsikonas) platform and the commands are different from those used with the "LISTSERV" (Eric Thomas) platform. (The latter used to be associated with BITNET — but now is available commercially on various platforms.) "SET NO MAIL" does NOT work in ACQNET. Also, be careful to type ACQNET-L and not ACQNET-L1. That little typo, stops commands from working. Also, send these kinds of commands to the listserv address (listserv@lester.appstate.edu), NOT the list address (acqnet1@lester.appstate.edu).

Sometimes I never hear from the source of a problem, and I have to give up and unsubscribe that address. My fellow list owners advise not to indulge in electronic hand-holding; let subscribers do what they can themselves, and let them come to you if they're not getting issues. While I agree with that in principle, I also am tempted to handle problems in whatever is the fastest, most efficient fashion.

I am grateful that ACQNET has such a steadfast following, considering that acquisitions librarianship seems to be constantly under fire these days. I am honored to have the job, thunderstorms be damned! If you have further questions about ACQNET, you know where to find me...