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## 2008 Theme — “The Best of Times ... The Worst of Times”

Wednesday, November 5, 2008 — Preconferences and Vendor Showcase  
Thursday-Saturday, November 6-8, 2008 — Main Conference  
Francis Marion Hotel & Embassy Suites Historic District, Charleston, SC

If you are interested in leading a discussion, acting as a moderator, coordinating a lively lunch, or would like to make sure we discuss a particular topic, please let us know. The **Charleston Conference** prides itself on creativity, innovation, flexibility, and informality. If there is something you are interested in doing, please try it out on us. We'll probably love it...

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### Rumors

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(Toby) Blackwell has given the **Bodleian Library** and the awesome **Sarah Thomas** (Bodley's Librarian and Director of University Library Services at Oxford University) **five million pounds** to modernize the second **Bodleian** library building. The new new Bodleian will have a main hall — **Blackwell Hall** — for exhibits of the famous collections for public viewing, for researchers to study the collections, and much more. Read our interview, this issue, p.82.

And speaking of **book reviews**, did you see the review of **Bryan Carson's** great book, *The Law of Libraries and Archives* (Scarecrow, 2007) which appeared in *College & Research Libraries*, v.69#1 (January 2008), p.83-84?

**CQ Press**, the book publishing unit of Washington-based **Congressional Quarterly Inc. (CQ)**, has been sold to **Sage**, the independent academic publisher based in Thousand Oaks, California. The sale was announced jointly by **Robert W. Merry**, CQ's President and Editor-in-Chief, and **Blaise Simqu**, Sage's President and CEO. CQ's corporate parent, **Times Publishing Co.** of St. Petersburg, Florida, announced on January 3 that it would divest **CQ Press** in order to direct investment resources to other opportunities, notably the core **CQ** publishing business and the company's newspaper, *The St. Petersburg Times*. As we all know, **CQ Press** publishes about 100 new titles a year with a growing and authoritative list of textbooks and reference titles focusing on political science, mass communication and related disciplines. **Sage** plans to keep **CQ Press** intact as a separate division based in

Washington, D.C., bearing the **CQ Press** imprint, and retaining all **CQ Press employees** under the senior management team that will remain in place, including Publisher **John A. Jenkins**, who will also carry the title of **President of CQ Press**. Founded in 1965 as a publisher of academic journals, **Sage** has expanded into a global education publisher of books, journals, and electronic products. In four locations around the world, **Sage** publishes more than 500 journals and 700 books a year encompassing 40 disciplines within the academic and scholarly arena. **Merry** said the sale will allow **CQ** to focus resources on its traditional journalistic enterprise as the premier provider of news and analysis on Congress, politics, and public policy. He added the company will expand its mission aggressively, particularly in Web publishing. The **Jordan-Edmiston Group, Inc.**, **Jordan Edmiston Group** which provides independent investment banking services to companies within the media and information industries, represented **Times Publishing Co.** in this transaction. [www.jegi.com/](http://www.jegi.com/)  
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[www.cqpress.com](http://www.cqpress.com)  
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And while we are on a page that allows full color, I got an email from **Susan Campbell** who wanted to share this photo of her grandson **Gabe**. Isn't he handsome in his Easter outfit!

Speaking of sales reps, just heard from the awesome **Irv Wartell** the other day. **Irv** retired June 1. He says he has been commuting 3-4 hours a day

and he is ready for it to end. He will be staying at home in the Washington area for a while but he has family in Philly and will be spending time there as well. **Irv** has a soft spot for Yorkies and over the years has had sets of 2, 3, and now 2 (Sam and Trixie). His Yorkies are rescue dogs. **Irv** says the capable **Elise Swinehart** <e\_swinehart@acs.org> will be taking his place. Good luck, **Irv**, but I will sure miss your cheerful voice on the telephone!

**EBSCO Information Services** has acquired **Minerva Wissenschaftliche Buchhandlung GmbH (Minerva)**, of Vienna, Austria, from **Springer-Verlag GmbH & Co.**, a subsidiary of **Springer Science+Business Media (Springer)**. Founded in 1909, **Minerva** provides service to libraries in the areas of serials management and monograph orders as one of the subscription agencies in Austria and Hungary and has business operations throughout Central and Eastern Europe. Apparently, this new business opportunity resulted from **Springer's** efforts to streamline its activities and focus on its core business of publishing. **EBSCO** will continue **Minerva** operations in Vienna. Accordingly, **Minerva** customers will retain their current customer service contacts and, therefore, should expect no change in their existing service.  
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Speaking of sales reps (above), was talking to the energetic and wonderful **Tina Feick** <TINHOW@comcast.net> who retired from **Swets** a few months ago. **Tina's** husband, a public library director, retired from his position on

January 1 and she decided to spend some time  
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