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great editorial about Choice’s big move to new quarters. It has involved cooperation and support from ALA, ACRL, and Choice. Irv says they will be moving into a brand new, 7,600 square foot condominium on the top floor of the Liberty Square Building in downtown Middletown, Connecticut, about two blocks from their old digs. They are excited since they will have a conference room, wireless Internet access, more private offices, and generally more space. The move is scheduled for late 2008 or early 2009. Having just moved into a new library building over two years ago, I know how exciting it must be for Choice! We will wait for updates!

What do editors do? Here’s an example. Got an article for this issue from the wonderful Aline Soules (be sure and read it, this issue, p.18). Anyway, she quotes a poem that as it happens I had just quoted to James Williams, our head of Circulation and big computer techie the other day – “There once was a little girl/she had a little curl right in the middle of her forehead, and when she was good she was very very good but when she was bad she was horrid.” How about if you substitute “computers” instead of the little girl (of course we have to figure out what to do with the little curl). But, I digress. Our referees read this paper but when yours truly read it, I was surprised to see the poem attributed to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow who I did not think wrote this poem (seems sort of atypical to me). Anyway, sitting at my trusty computer, I put in the words to the poem expecting to find the answer quickly. And I did except that, alternately, the poem was attributed to Longfellow, Mother Goose, Ralph Waldo Emerson with a mention of Mae West’s version (When I’m good, I’m very, very good. When I’m bad, I’m better.) and many others. I longed for a good, solid resource on the real author of this poem. And voila! According to Best Remembered Poems edited by Martin Gardner (Dover Publications 1992 cited in The Columbia Granger’s Index to Poetry (12th ed, 2002) , the source is Longfellow (as Aline says). But also according to Granger’s there is also a version of this poem in countless editions of Mother Goose. Okay, so this is just an insignificant problem, but it took me close to half an hour to unravel it. And now I am curious to look at all print versions of the poem plus I wonder who wrote the very first version. Ah! The life of an editor! Always interesting and fun. And this escapade for the little girl makes Aline’s article and comments even more relevant! See also other sites on the Web: http://answers.yahoo.com/question/index?qid=20061114115208AAU9MhX.

Did I tell y’all that one of the most interesting books I read recently was a biography of Alexander Graham Bell (Reluctant Genius: Alexander Graham Bell and the Passion for Invention) by Charlotte Gray (New York: Arcade Pub., 2006)? Anyway, reading Nedlyina Tchangalova’s essay, “My Love of Books: Source of Life Support” underlines the importance of books. See this issue, p.52.

Just returned from the Tenth Fiesole Retreat in Fiesole, Italy. We do printed Profile booklets for the Retreat. Something I have always wanted to do with the Charleston Conference except it’s hard to compile 1,000 profiles (unless we have a Charleston Conference version of Facebook). Moving right along, with this Retreat, it seemed like more and more people were talking about flying and the problems and “queues” associated with the aforementioned air travel. And Bob Nardin has some of the same issues except he turned it into much more. Read about Thomas Dawes and the Cyrkles, this issue, p.81. And, PS, lots of the profiles from the Fiesole Retreats are loaded up on the Fiesole Retreat Website www.casalini.it/retreat/.


And someone recently made the statement “Standards Impede Creativity.” (No, I’m not going to tell you who even if I did remember.) But, reading Todd Carpenter’s column in this issue seems to promise to add more creativity to the process with “thought leader” sessions. See this issue, p.83.

The U.S. Senate has confirmed four presidential nominees to serve as members of the National Museum and Library Services Board. The board advises the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), an independent federal agency that is the primary source of federal support for the nation’s museums and libraries. The Institute’s able Director is Anne-Imelda M. Radice. New Board members are: Julia W. Bland, Executive Director of the Louisiana Children’s Museum, Jan Cellucci, Commissioner on the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science,William J. Hagenah, Chairman, Board of Directors of the Chicago Horticultural Society, and Mark Y. Herring, Dean of Library Services, Winthrop University and ATG regular columnist! The National Museum and Library Services Board (NMLSB) is a twenty-four member body that includes the IMLS director and deputy directors for libraries and museums and 20 presidentially-appointed and Senate-confirmed members of the general public who have demonstrated expertise in, or commitment to, library or museum services. Informed by its collective experience and knowledge, the NMLSB advises the IMLS director on general policy and practices, and on selections for the National Medal for Museum and Library Service. www.imls.gov/about/board.shtml.

And, speaking of Mark (above), did you see the recent article in The Charlotte Observer, March 29, 2008? The title is called “Champion of Reading – Winthrop’s library dean crusades for old-fashioned books” by Jeri Krentz. Featured in the article are Mark’s article in American Libraries – “10 Reasons Why the Internet Is No Substitute for a Library” as well as his poster “10 reasons,” his book Fool’s Gold (McFarland). And, guess what, yours truly and Against the Grain are also mentioned! This is a great celebration of books and reading. I highly recommend it! Be sure and read the article! www.charlotte.com/146/story/557047.html

See also www.ala.org.

And don’t miss Mark’s article on IRS, this issue, p.77.

Did you know that the NCSU Libraries have recently became the first library in North America to acquire the complete set of China Academic Journals (CAJ) available from East View Information Services. Portions of East View’s Chinese journal continued on page 16