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Rumors

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Libraries looking for the best print and nonprint materials for children can look to the twenty-first edition of **Brodart's The Elementary School Library Collection (ESLC)**. School, public, and academic libraries will find ESLC to be a primary resource for selecting and prioritizing purchases. Available both in book and CD-ROM versions, ESLC features a comprehensive, updated listing of 10,000 of the most highly recommended children's titles.

Faxon has appointed **Frank Semancik** Regional Manager, Sales and Service in the Ohio Valley which includes Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana. Frank will be based in Bay Village, Ohio, and comes from **The Brodart Company**.

Had a delightful lunch with **Gary Wilson** and his father of **ESCN Database Reports** <ESCN_Database_Reports@compuserve.com> recently when I interviewed them for *Against the Grain*. These fantastic gentlemen spend all their waking hours indexing Early South Carolina Newspapers and have just completed research on year 1759 of the **South Carolina Gazette** newspaper and that new year of data has now been added to the main database records. The ESCN Database Web site has also been updated at http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/escn_database_reports Watch for the interview coming soon!

Recently heard from the oh-so-tall and wonderful **Kenneth Kirkland** (Collection Development Coordinator, DePaul) <kkirklan@wppost.depaul.edu>. He needed a piece of information from, guess what, the **1997 Charleston Conference!**

Sometime when you have time, check out the **Bibliocity** homepage at <http://www.bibliocity.com>. This site of rare and collectible books supports searching of member inventory by any period of publication and price range.

Recently heard from **Sever** (the great and wonderful) **Bordeianu** <sbordeia@umn.edu> who assures me that a report from the **Oklahoma Conference** is upcoming! He also mentions that his and **Claire Lise**

Benaud's book *Outsourcing in Academic Libraries* is getting ready to be published by **Libraries Unlimited**. You'll remember their excellent article in *ATG*, November 1997 (p.1, 16, 18). That article has apparently generated many phone calls to both Sever and Libraries Unlimited, not to mention the *ATG* SoHo, wanting to know when the book will be out. For more information, try **Libraries Unlimited** at 800-237-6124.

The vivacious **Marcie Kingsley** (Head, Serials Resources Department, Western Michigan University) <kingsley@wmich.edu> sends word that she doesn't know whether WMU is part of a new trend or not. Whereas in 1991, Marcie was busy joining together the separate monographic-acquisitions and serials departments - now they are dividing up again. The complexities of the

electronic environment for serials is something they couldn't have envisioned in the early '90's. So — ta dum — Marcie is happy to report that **Donna Heady**, who was Head of Acquisitions at **Kenyon College**, has been hired to be Head of the re-formed Monographic Acquisitions Dept. Marcie is Head of the Serial Resources Dept. where they try to manage the electronic resources. Since they are busy getting ready for migrating to a Voyager system, Marcie says that Donna came just in time! And, there's more. Donna and Marcie are both coming November 5-7 to the **1998 Charleston Conference!** Is it on your calendar?

Britannica Online celebrated March's Women in American History through a special Website <http://women.eb.com>. This Britannica Online Spotlight takes you on a tour through the accomplishments of American women from colonial times to the present. I found it way cool!

Recently heard from **Deborah K. Jensen** (Serials Librarian, Boston Athenaeum) <jensen@bostonathenaeum.org>. Can you imagine that she and **Anthea Harrison** have not been getting their *ATG's* in the mail and they even attended the **1997 Charleston Con-**

ference. I tell you, I just don't get it. Sometimes the mail goes haywire! Anyway, yes, you get a sub to *ATG* if you attend the CC so I hope that Deborah and Anthea have gotten their copies by now.

Jim Vickery (The British Library) (did you read his article in the February *ATG*? "The Legal Deposit of Electronic Publications," pp.36-38,49) sent me the latest of *NAG News* with a glowing report of the **1997 Charleston Conference**. It was so eloquent and he captured the conference atmosphere perfectly. Thank you, Jim!

And, speaking of **Jim Vickery** (above), **Eileen Hiller** <e.m.hiller@hud.ac.uk> is editor of *NAG News* and she wrote because she heard about the CC from Jim and also from **Diane Kerr** (that wonderful woman from **Dawsons**). Anyway, Eileen is interested in exchanging experience, information and even newsletter items. The first thing that she wanted to do was reprint the *ATG* interview done by **Judy Luther** with **Tim Collins (EBSCO)** (*ATG*, v.9#3, June 1997, pp.36-37). We thought that was a pretty great idea.

And speaking of the **Tim Collins** interview, it was great to hear from **Paula Farley Jackson** (Vice President, Operations, **SIRS, Inc.**) <http://www.sirs.com> the other day. I have met her several times at the **Independent Reference Publishers Group** meetings before ALA. Anyway, Paula says that she liked that very same **Tim Collins** interview very much. Have you read it?

And speaking of **Jim Vickery** again — all roads lead to Jim Vickery! — I got an email with a name from the past when **Keith Renwick** <K.Renwick@umist.ac.uk> wrote to tell me that he had read Jim's write up on the CC in the *NAG News*. Imagine that Keith had never seen his article in *ATG* (v.9#4, September 1996, pp.81-83 "The Art of Requiring CD-ROM Technology") (what are we going to do about international distribution, all you people out there?) who is taking early re-

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I think the balance between end user and buyer has shifted to the library." Karen Hunter, "Sleepless Nights Redux," ATG, February, 1998, p. 29.



Call for Ideas/Papers/Speakers/etc.

The 1998 Charleston Conference, November 5-7, 1998, Charleston, S.C. Issues in Book and Serial Acquisition

If you are interested in leading a discussion, acting as a moderator, coordinating the lively lunches or simulation rooms, 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 like it ...

The Planning Directors for the 1998 Charleston Conference include **Barbara Dean** (Arlington County Public Library), **Robin**

Lent (U. of New Hampshire), **Heather Miller** (SUNY-Albany), **Katina Strauch** (College of Charleston) and **Judy Webster** (University of Tennessee).

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