The Year in Copyright
by Laura Gasaway

By taking liberties with what constitutes the year, and there certainly is a model for such based on when the millennium actually starts, this has been a remarkable year in copyright law. Beginning with the end of October, 1998 until late December, 1999, there have been significant amendments to the law, important government reports, Congressional hearings and court decisions that mark the period.

Statutory Amendments
Digital Millennium Copyright Act

The most important amendment to the Copyright Act since its passage in 1976 is the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA), signed into law October 28, 1999, and codified into various sections of the Copyright Act. Most librarians are now familiar with the changes it made to the library section of the Act, Section 108, specifically adding requirements about copyright notice and expanding the provisions concerning preservation and replacement of library materials. These certainly are significant to libraries, but other provisions of the DMCA also have serious implications for libraries: specifically the online service provider (OSP) liability and anti-circumvention provisions.

Most institutions that provide Internet services such as email and WWW server space to students, faculty, staff and/or members of the public qualify as providers. The institution may or may not decide to take advantage of the limitation on liability for OSPs.

If Rumors Were Horses

More mergers! Ingenta <www.ingenta.com> has merged with UnCover <www.uncweb.carl.org>! Under the terms of the agreement, Ingenta has purchased 100 percent of UnCover's issued stock, and Ward Shaw, Chairman of UnCover, will join the Board of Ingenta. In addition, Ingenta has announced new online services for the US research community including its new EasyLink service and seamless fulltext linking from MEDLINE. The acquisition of UnCover and the new service offerings accelerate Ingenta's overall strategy of providing comprehensive Internet access to scholarly and research information at the desktop. The merger gives one million librarians and researchers using UnCover's free table of contents database each month access to the fulltext of 750,000 articles from over 2,300 journals within Ingenta's access-controlled article delivery system. Articles are available for free to existing subscribers of the e-journal, or on a pay-per-view basis where publishers permit.

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and users will be able to choose between paper and electronic delivery. Established in September 1998, Ingenta provides Internet services for researchers and publishers. The company was formed through a public/private partnership with the University of Bath to provide electronic distribution for publishers of scholarly content and to develop the industry's primary portal site for the professional knowledge worker. Ingenta has U.S. offices based in Cambridge, Mass., with European operations in Oxford and Bath, U.K., and offers a range of services for the scholarly publishing market to enable publishers to host and distribute their electronic journals to the worldwide research community and to link them directly into other research resources. The company also operates the BIDS services for the UK's higher education community on a not-for-profit basis through its BIDS Academic division. Look for our interview with Christine Lamb, chief operating officer of Ingenta, coming up in April!

Bell & Howell (NYSE: BHW) has announced a plan to spin off Bell & Howell Information and Learning (formerly UMI) and pair the company with its other Information Access business, Bell & Howell Publishing Services. The move, which would create two new companies, is intended to maximize the growth prospects of all Bell & Howell businesses. The new Bell & Howell will consist of the company's Mail and Messaging Technologies, and Imaging businesses. The new information access company—as yet unnamed—would likely be headquartered in Ann Arbor, Mich., current headquarters of Bell & Howell Information and Learning. It will operate as an independent, publicly traded entity through a spin-off to existing Bell & Howell shareholders. Before the spin-off, Bell & Howell plans to sell a minority stake in the Information and Learning and Publishing Services businesses to the public through an initial public offering. Bell & Howell expects to complete the creation of the new information access company before the end of this year. The spin-off, however, is contingent on obtaining a favorable tax ruling as well as any other regulatory approval. James P. Roemer, Bell & Howell's chairman, president and CEO, will become president and CEO of the new information access company. Joe Reynolds, president and CEO of Bell & Howell's Information and Learning business, will continue to run that unit and report to Roemer. Howard S. Cohen has been appointed president and CEO of the new Bell & Howell. <www.bellhowellinfolearning.com>.

Did you meet him in San Antonio? The 12/6/99 Publishers Weekly told us that Philip Blackwell has been named group chief at Blackwell Ltd., assuming the position from Anthony Thompson who has joined The Gap as VP. Dan Halloran (president and CEO of Blackwell's Book Services) and Alan Leitch (managing director of Blackwell Retail) will report to Philip Blackwell.

The dapper Paul Ashton writes that since Elsevier Science has purchased 100% of the shares in ADOinis, all marketing, customer support and publisher liaison activities in North America have been transferred to the Elsevier Science, Inc. headquarters in New York and the ADOinis U.S. office has been closed. So, after eight years, Paul is exploring new opportunities that will take advantage of his extensive experience in the fields of electronic publishing and electronic information services. In the short term, Paul says that he will be consulting on the development of a new, Web-based, book retailing business, kuhlbooks.com. And here’s how to reach him—1220 Edgell Road, Framingham, MA 01701. Tel: 508-877-0433. Mobile: 617-966-1461.<p.ashton@gte.net>.

The wonderful philosopher and thinker Gordon Graham—former head of Butterworths and founder and editor of LOGOS—has been named one of the “book people of the century” by The Bookseller (17 December, 1999). This couldn’t have happened to a more deserving person. Congratulations, Gordon!

Some news from SilverPlatter Information. The incredibly cheerful Pat Samson <PSamson@silverplatter.com> will be leaving on Friday, February 11, 2000. Good luck, Pat, and keep in touch!

More news from SilverPlatter. Alexander Sann is the new Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Sann was previously President and CEO of Matthew Bender & Company. And Gary Gibson has been named Australia Regional Manager for SilverPlatter Australia PTY. Ltd. Gibson joins SilverPlatter with over 16 years experience in the electronic publishing field. He was with Canadian-based Micromedia Limited, an IHS Group Company.

And there’s more. Portland Press Ltd and SilverPlatter have announced an agreement to link four biomedical journals through SilverLinker, SilverPlatter’s solution for linking from bibliographic references to full text journal articles. For more information, visit <www.silverplatter.com>.

No. It can’t be. Lenore Dudley (Appalachian State) writes that John Heaton, the fabulous and wonderful, had a heart attack. Eleanor Cook <ecook@conrad.appstate.edu> says he is okay now, resting at home. You can e-mail him at <keatondjw@appstate.edu> to send him greetings or his home address is: 635 Appalachian Drive, Boone, NC 28607 home phone 828-264-8935. Lenore, who is pretty fabulous and wonderful herself, is retiring in June, 2000! Great news, Lenore!

I love her long, beautiful hair. It’s like her trademark! Deborah Duke is leaving Enoch Pratt and will be working for SIRSI and is moving to Alabama.

Recently had lunch with the amazing Marilyn Geller who tells me that she is now working for Faxon Academic as Strategic Program Manager! Marilyn tells me that she will have two college tuitions as of next September! Ouch! Congratulations, Marilyn. We’ll be looking forward to seeing more of you!

Doug Roesemann has been named president of the Library Division of (NASDAQ: IUSA), www.infousa.com, provider of proprietary business and consumer databases, data marketing services and Internet marketing solutions by D. J. Thayer, president of the infoUSA Small Business Group. I first met the hugely competent Doug when he was at Chadwyck-Healey, but he has more than twenty years experience creating, managing and marketing information products and publications to all types of libraries continued on page 10 <http://www.against-the-grain.com>
around the world. He was most recently at the Faxon Division of the RoweCom Company where he was the national academic sales manager. Prior to that he had been involved as a partner and general manager of Trysall, Inc., a high-tech consulting, training and publishing company in Washington, D.C. Congratulations, Doug!

Alan T. Nordman has been named vice president of business development by Ebsco Information Services. Alan comes to Ebsco from Dawson Information Services Group where he held a number of executive positions during his 13-year tenure.

A foot of snow in Chapel Hill? Out of work for three days? That's what happened to Janet Flowers <jflowers@email.unc.edu> (UNC-CH) who says that never in her 30 years at UNC-CH has this happened! Well, it has been a month of records at least when it comes to weather, right?

Speaking of snow, Linda Lerman (Head, Acquisitions Department, Bobst Library, NYU) <linda.lerman@nyu.edu> couldn't read her email for two days because she was home with her two children since the public schools were closed. Plus, Linda said she doesn't usually have trouble with the US mail, but her Dec/Jan ATG had the first four pages ripped out. How many of you receive ATG damaged? Maybe it's time for pony express.

Many, many people are already working on Charleston Conference 2000! Some of them are Rosann Bazirjian <rvb6@psu.edu>, Stuart Grinnell <bookman@iquest.net>, Jack Montgomery <jmontgomery@wku.edu> and Vicky Speck <vspeck@abc-clio.com>. And, even through the snow and bad weather, they just keep on plugging.

Speaking of bad weather, Nancy Gibbs <nancy.gibbs@nesu.edu> is coming back to tell us about “Ebooks a year later. She couldn’t answer our invitation, though, because of the torrential snowstorm in Raleigh! Friday the 28th of January was their first day back at work! What a way to begin the first winter of the millennium!

Got an email from Suzanne Wilson Higgins (once of Blackwell's) <SuzanneOX2@aol.com> who is now on “Garden leave,” sitting at home in the garden waiting for a settlement check from Blackwell. She says the parting was under very amicable circumstances and she wished the new Swets-Blackwell Information Services all the best. We look forward to learning where Suzanne surfaces! Good luck, Suzanne!

Speaking of surfacing. Dana Alessi has done just that! The indomitable Dana—who just renewed her ATG subscription, have you?—is now working for Ovid in Las Vegas! Congratulations, Dana! We missed you in Charleston this year.

It really is a small world. Guess who I was sitting next to on the airplane coming back from San Antonio (ALAMW)? Evelyn Fazio (Publisher, M.E. Sharpe) <efazio@aol.com>! Evelyn worked with Kim Cavallero, the wonderful woman who died with her daughter in the tragic accident last month (see Sotto Voce, Dec, 1999/Jan. 2000, p.67, 70). Anyway, Evelyn loves one of my favorite humorous mystery writers, Janet Evanovich. Plus she's just a great person. We'll be interviewing her in the September issue of ATG! Watch for it!

Thanks to so many of you who filled out the ATG Annual Report Survey online! We had our best response ever. Results will be published in the April issue. And you can still fill out the survey if you have it! Visit our Website at http://www.against-the-grain.com

Speaking of the ATG Annual Report Survey, Lee Krieger (U. of Miami) <lkrieger@library.miami.edu> tried to send a responses but the Netscape Browser wouldn't cooperate. And, poor thing, filled out the form twice! Did you fill it out? Shame on you if you didn't Lee finally sent it from home! Talk about dedicated!

Y'all probably know this but dumb me didn't! The wonderful Susi Seiler has received a promotion and new job responsibilities. She is Division Coordinator for Collection Resource Management, U. of Miami. <ssseiler@library.miami.edu>. Congratulations, Susi!

And speaking of wonderful! Joe David McBee (Hd of Serials & Binding Dept., Univ. of the South) <dmbee@sewanee.edu> gave me a copy of Angie LeClercq's (The Citadel) book, (have you read the ATG interview with Angie, just after she came to the Citadel?, see ATG, p.) for our special collections. It is wonderful, all autographed and all!

The awesome, patient, and incredible Eddy Shorter (Ebsco) <eshorter@ebsco.com> has left Ebsco after many years. She has been replaced by the
equally awesome, patient and incredible Jenny Fuller.

Went to the Elsevier Digital Library Symposium on Saturday afternoon during ALA MW. Heard a spellbinding paper by Dr. Purpura, the editor-in-chief of Brain Research. What an incredible man, even though he sure didn’t answer the question that was asked about pricing of the “most expensive journal in the world”! The Symposium was moderated by the fantastic Karen Hunter who has a paper in this issue of ATG, “Concerns Carried into the Third Millennium,” see this issue, page 22.

Speaking of incredible people, John Tagler (johntagler@elsevier.com) doesn’t even show his age, does he? I wonder what John will look like in the Fourth Millennium?

David Braden, whose daughter is still enrolled at the College of Charleston, is now at Newsbank. Great news, David!

Saw the awesome Christian Boissonnas and his lovely wife Barbara on the streets of San Antonio. Christian is still talking about retiring in June, but I just don’t believe it. He has played too important a role in our world to drop out of it!

Got a great Christmas letter from the always-on-the-go Corrie Marsh and her husband Jim. Corrie says that they are in full “swamped mode” (don’t you love it?). Jim is in his final premedicating is and is also training local companies’ employees in first aid and CPR, still a kung-fu master and all in addition to his full time job. Corrie says that she’s thoroughly enjoying consulting and marketing. Right Management provides both career transition services to individuals recently laid off and management consulting (like team-building, leadership, cultural, etc.). Sounds like Corrie, always networking people together. Her latest project is to make arrangements for a presentation on the “human issues” in mergers & acquisitions. Sounds like she should come back to the Charleston Conference, doesn’t it? Here’s how to reach Corrie and tell her that in person: Client Services Consultant, Right Management Consultants, Richmond, VA. Tel. 804-289-3007. <corrie.marsh@right.com> or <cmarsh12@ mindspring.com>.

And speaking of energetic and networking, the bam-zowie Beverley Geer no longer works in libraries. As of 6 December, she began working for Endeavor Information Systems. Congratulations, Beverley!

One hundred and twenty SPARC members have already pledged their Charter Support for BioOne (<http://www.BioOne.org>). The product of an innovative collaboration between scientific societies, academe, and the commercial sector, BioOne will bring to the Web a uniquely valuable aggregation of the full-texts of high-impact bioscience research journals. Most of these titles are published by small, under-capitalized societies and, until now, have been available only in printed form. First introduced to academia, societies and other interested parties in conceptual form in May 1999, BioOne will provide integrated, cost-effective access to a thoroughly hyperlinked information resource of interrelated journals focused on biological, ecological and environmental sciences. Here are some of the institutions which have become BioOne sponsors: Arizona State University, Auburn University, Dartmouth College, Laval University, Syracuse University, University of Arizona, University of Connecticut, University of New Mexico, University of Utah, University of Wisconsin-Madison, and Western Michigan University.

BioOne is scheduled to launch its beta release in early 2001 and be fully operational soon thereafter. Current issues will be added promptly, and generally, BioOne will initially include one to two years of back issues for each journal. For even more information, visit <www.arl.org/sparc>.

Some people have all the luck and they are healthy too! Pamela M. Rose (<pmmrose@acsu.buffalo.edu> writes that Santa was VERY good to her! She got a new SONY flat-screen WEGA tv, VCR, and the cabinet to house it all for her new exercise room. Sounds inspiring. Maybe next year ...

RoweCom Inc. (Nasdaq: ROWE) has announced the appointment of Donald A.B. Lindberg, M.D. to its board of directors. Dr. Lindberg is the director of the National Library of Medicine, the world’s largest biomedical library, a post he has held since 1984. The election of Dr. Lindberg expands the company’s board of directors to seven. (<http://www.rowe.com/news/prs.asp?pr=lindberg>.

This courtesy of the incredible guy who reads everything—Chuck Hamaker (UNC-Charlotte) <chahamake@email.uncc.edu>. Did you see an article in Business Week, December 27, 1999, by Geoffrey Smith, “A Coming of Age for Dot.Coms.” In an accompanying box on page 94, reference is made to “cream of the crop” companies and RoweCom—“fast-growing operator of Net-based purchasing system for business” is one of them. Well, we knew Dick when ...

Have you heard of Cambridge Incubator? This is a new business model which involves one-time funding and business incuba- tion services worth $250,000 to launch Web-based non-profits. The campaign is called Get.ORGanized 2000 and winners will be named in February. That’s soon! The $250,000 prize is being awarded by Cambridge Incubator and RoweCom. Visit www.cambridgeincubator.com for more info.

During November, Ameritech Library Services (ALS) announced an agreement under which Ameritech, a company of SBC Communications, Inc., sold ALS to a private investment group. In its new incarnation as epixtech, Inc., the company will carry on its long tradition and commitment to customer service, developing technology solutions and services for libraries worldwide under President and CEO Lana Porter. Funding was obtained from 21st Century Group, LLC and Green Leaf Ridge, LLC. Others on the epixtech team include: Vice President of Sales and Marketing Kate Noerr; Tyler Gingrich, vice president of software engineering; Scott Wheelhouse, vice president of product management; Vice President of Customer Operations Margaret (Meg) Fisher; Chief Financial Officer Rick Lawhun. Headquartered in Utah, epixtech has offices in Chicago, Illinois; Waterlo, Ontario; and throughout Europe and the Pacific Rim. For further information visit www.epixtech.com. And be sure to look for the ATG interview with Lana in an earlier issue ...

Have you turned in your Charleston Conference 1999 paper yet? I just got one from Kathleen Goldfarb (<goldfarb@mailer.fsu.edu>) and it’s so great to be able continued on page 14
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to read something when you weren’t able to attend the session for one reason or another.

The Columbia University Press’ project Earthscape, won the prize for best new Internet-based publication in science/math from PSP of AAP which is pretty amazing, since its a “SPARC” related project. http://www.earthscape.org “designed to educate undergrad students, general public and policy makers about current issues in earth interactions, domestic and international policy and related topics” Check it out!

As of February 1, Ed Pentz has been appointed Executive Director of CrossRef, the collaborative reference-linking service announced on November 16, 1999, Mr. Pentz, who was previously Electronic Business Development Manager of Academic Press, will be based in Burlington, Massachusetts. Pentz explained that CrossRef will be operated under the aegis of a not-for-profit organization jointly formed by the member publishers and recently incorporated as Publishers International Linking Association, Inc. (PILA). He also reported on the election of its Board of Directors, which includes Eric A. Swanson, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., Chairman; Pieter Bolman, Academic Press, Treasurer; Michael Spinella, AAAS, Marc Brodsky, American Institute of Physics; John R. White, Association for Computing Machinery; John Strange, Blackwell Science; John Regazzi, Elsevier Science; Anthony Durniak, IEEE; Jeffrey K. Smith, Kluwer Academic Publishers; Stefan von Holtbrinck, Nature Publishing Group; Martin Richardson, Oxford University Press; and Ruediger Gebauer, Springer-Verlag. According to Pentz, Cambridge University Press, Marcel Dekker Inc., the Royal Society of Chemistry, Portland Press, the American Mathematical Society, and the American Psychological Association have recently joined this innovative initiative, bringing the current total to 22 member publishers. Active discussions are underway with many more scientific and scholarly primary journal publishers to further broaden this industry-wide initiative. CrossRef is scheduled to launch during the first quarter of this year. Pentz said that the multi-step process will begin next week when member publishers begin to submit information about their journal articles to the CrossRef metadata database. In the weeks and months that follow, live reference links will begin to appear gradually, as member publishers use CrossRef to enable them to add reference links to their journal articles to other publishers’ content. CrossRef will operate behind-the-scenes by enabling member publishers to add reference links to their online journals. Users of the online journals will see, click on, and follow the links directly to the content; there will be no visible CrossRef interface. Publishers will control access to their content. CrossRef will be run from a central facility operated by PILA, and will utilize the Digital Object Identifier (DOI) to ensure permanent links. Once the service is fully launched, more than three million articles across thousands of journals will be linked through CrossRef, and more than half a million more articles will be linked each year thereafter. Such linking will enhance the efficiency of browsing and reading the primary scientific and scholarly literature. It will enable readers to gain access to logically related articles with one or two clicks—an objective widely accepted among researchers as a natural and necessary part of scientific and scholarly publishing in the digital age. For more information about CrossRef, visit http://www.crossref.org.

We have picked up information on an article in the Washington Post (2/2000) called “Users Sue AOL Over New 5.0 Software,” by Brooke A. Masters. There’s real competition out there, as if we didn’t know it! Several America Online customers accuse the company of “deceptive trade practice” and “computer tampering, and they are suing for millions.

CAUTION. THIS RUMOR MAY CONTAIN BIASED MATERIAL! As anyone will tell you, it’s hard getting anything started and The Charleston Advisor has been no exception. But I can’t help myself when I tell you how incredibly proud I am of The Charleston Advisor. George Machovee and Becky Lenzini are working their heads off. Not to mention the reviewers. I use the reviews that are in TCA all the time (there are now nearly 40!) and find them invaluable. In this world of overpowered, accumulating information, it’s nice to know that there are people out there making a real difference for all of us. Producers of these databases (including TCA) really need our advice and help in order to assure the best possible products for the good of our end users. Hooray for the whole TCA staff. The Charleston Advisor is available in print (4 times per year) and on the Web <www.charlestonco.com>. Look at it! It’s incredibly useful.

And don’t just take my word for it. Here’s an excerpt from what Marcie Kingsley (Head, Serial Resources, Western Michigan University) <kingsley@wmich.edu> recently wrote Becky Lenzini: “[We] are wild about The Charleston Advisor... Now that # 3 is in print and online, I felt it was a good time to promote this to our reference librarians. We scanned the Table of Contents from the print, sent that out by email to all the professional staff, and reminded them of the Web address. We’ve gotten many compliments which are deservedly yours.” Okay, end of Editor’s comments.

Have you seen ARL SPEC Kit # 253: Networked Information Resources? Like all the SPEC kits, it is full of tons of useful information! In the summer of 1999, a survey was distributed to the 122 ARL member libraries to discover how they were handling these types of resources. A total of 59 responses (48%) were received. Ninety-eight percent of the respondents offered networked information resources to their users. For the full text of the SPEC Kit 253, Executive Summary, and ordering information, please visit <http://www.arl.org/spec/253sum.html>,

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Are libraries that perform similar functions to those performed by UnCover likely to be targets for a lawsuit? Do we risk liability by relying on the CCC and publishers to tell us that it’s ok to make a copy of an article? In all likelihood, the risk is quite small for several reasons: libraries do not make a profit on ILL and they don’t have a reputation for ignoring or otherwise harming authors attempting to make the publishing industry recognize their claims to a share of the new revenues coming from electronic uses of their articles.

What about the impact of Tasini? Does Tasini mean that libraries cannot rely on publishers who license databases of electronic articles to have the rights they claim to have (the rights to create and license the database) and to appropriately share royalties with authors who still own copyright in their contributions to the publishers’ collective works? Need libraries worry about such things?

I think we are much more likely to see some increase in the price of databases to accommodate the required “split” with some authors than to see lawsuits against library licensees of those databases. Further, there may be only a small percentage of material in some databases in which the publisher does not own copyright. Remember, these cases are about the rights of freelance authors only and the issues raised would not apply where an author has assigned his or her rights to a publisher, as is often the case in scholarly publishing, or where the author is an employee of the publisher. Libraries were never in the position of making a profit on activities that ignored authors’ claims to a share of that profit. Until these cases went against the various defendants, they did not have the incentive to accommodate the authors’ desires. Now they do.

Even though libraries technically might be liable for infringement of the rights of freelance authors when they rely on publishers and the CCC to have the rights they say they have, the industry conditions that led to these two lawsuits have changed so much that further lawsuits to remedy the problem do not seem likely. Rather, changes in contracting procedures with freelance authors, changes in publishers’ record keeping for authors who retain ownership, and improvements in everyone’s ability to identify authors who own copyright in their works and make payments to them are more likely than lawsuits against libraries to further the changes that began with these suits.

Section 201 Ownership of Copyright (c) Contributions to Collective Works — Copyright in each separate contribution to a collective work is distinct from copyright in the collective work as a whole, and vests initially in the author of the contribution. In the absence of an express transfer of the copyright or of any rights under it, the owner of copyright in the collective work is presumed to have acquired only the privilege of reproducing and distributing the contribution as part of that particular collective work, any revision of that collective work, and any later collective work in the same series.

Visit the Copyright Crash Course at http://www.utsystem.edu/ogc/intellectual-property/crashcourse.htm.

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The OCLC/WLN Automated Collection Assessment and Analysis Services (ACAS) now provides comparisons of libraries’ bibliographic records with the list of Outstanding Academic Titles (O.A.T.) from Choice and with the list of titles reviewed in Booklist for individual libraries and groups. A library or group receives a list of the titles on the recommended list that are not owned (the miss list). The list is composed of bibliographic records organized in WLN Conspectus order. The Conspectus order provides an inventory of library collections in twenty-four subject divisions for Dewey Decimal and Library of Congress classification. The library can also receive lists of matching titles, with brief bibliographical information from the O.A.T. or from the Booklist file and the library’s file, and a statistical summary of matches and misses by WLN Conspectus divisions, categories and subjects. For more information, point your Web browser to: http://www.wln.org/wlnprods/eacl/index.htm.

As of February 15, 2000, Blackwell’s Collection Manager will have a whole new look with many new enhancements and features, including an optional single frame interface and a new search form, Visit http://www.blackwell.com/services/cm/cmnnewstuff.html to learn more!

We are so excited to have Anna Belle Leiserson <a.leiserson@law.vanderbilt.edu> of AcqWeb fame contributing a new column to ATG! We are calling it Designing Librarians ... What do y’all think? Read it in this issue, p.80.

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Charleston 2000 Conference — Call for Ideas/Papers/Speakers/etc.

Issues in Book and Serial Acquisition: Is Bigger Better?
Nov. 1 Preconferences and Vendor Showcase,
Nov. 2-4 Main Conference, Nov. 4 Post Conference

If you are interested in leading a discussion, acting as a moderator, co-ordinating 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 Conference Directors for the 2000 Charleston Conference include — Rosann Bazirjian, Chair (Penn State University), Stuart Grinell (Ambassador Books and Media), Heather Miller (SUNY-Albany), Jack Montgomery (Western Kentucky University), Marietta Plank (Chesapeake Information and Research Library Alliance), Katina Strauch (College of Charleston), Katina Strauch (College of Charleston Libraries), 843-953-8019 (fax), Internet: strauchk@earthlink.net.

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We are planning a Millennium Issue of *ATG* with the Dec. 2000/January 2001 issue (v.12#6). Have you read about or do you remember the days of manual or electric typewriters, electric erasers, or filing cards in the card catalog? How about carbon paper?

How about the days when librarians “shushed” everybody and we didn’t even have Wilson indexes? Or when all we had were punch cards and no PCs.

Or maybe you remember what books were on the bestseller list when you went to library school?

Do you remember someone or something that you want to share with us? Make the Millennium Issue a real treat for all of us by writing down some of your memories or favorite moments! We would even love photographs.

Send memories to: Katina Strauch, MSC 98, The Citadel, 209 Richardson Dr., Charleston, SC 29409. <strauchk@earthlink.net> phone or fax: 843-723-3536 www.against-the-grain.com

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This is from Today’s Legal News (2/2/00). One of the 16-year-old creators of a *DVD Decryption Program* was arrested in Larvik, Norway by agents of the National Authority of Fraud Investigation. Read the full story at <http://www.lawnewsnetwork.com/stories/A14956-2000Feb1.html>.

Serials specialists are already familiar with her work on Harrassowitz “Electronic Journals: A Selected Resource Guide” <http://www.harrassowitz.de/ms/ ejresguide.html>. But now Katharina Klemperer <klklemperer@ottosyc.com> is the new Director of Product Development at Harrassowitz. Katharina has a strong background in academic library systems and electronic content, and she will be responsible for managing enhancement.

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and were running out of space. A helpful UMI representative introduced a solution: microfiche islands. The idea was you substituted a Wilson index and microfiche copies of five to ten years of the journals indexed for all the stack space that would have been taken up by the bound journals. You could subscribe to paper or not. We chose to continue with paper, but planned to discard the temp bound issues after their heavy use period was past. At the time I was a new assistant head of collection development with a little authority. That, combined with the microfiche island idea, was truly a dangerous combination. Did I work through the three R’s of relevance, readiness, and resources? I did OK on resources, since UMI was willing to pay for everything on an experimental basis. But I failed to work through the relevance and readiness phases and discovered only after the fact that the faculty felt that it was a very dumb idea. We were weak on implementation as well. In the end the islands disappeared and my learning experience caused a great deal of grief. I try not to repeat such errors. I have had a cognitive restructuring.

So, change is pervasive in our lives, but to be successful we have to do much more than wander into the workplace with authority and ideas. Otherwise, we may be on a street corner asking for a different kind of change.

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Did you know that the Association of American University Presses (AAUP) has 120 members which annually publish more than 12,000 books and 900 journals worldwide? Anyway, AAUP has launched a new campaign to promote the work of university presses. The primary goal of this campaign is to demonstrate the vital role played by university presses in selecting, shaping, and disseminating the results of scholarly research. Another important goal is to illuminate the needs and economic concerns of university presses.

Got a great note from the patient and caring Barbara Henn (Indiana University) who I remember so fondly from earlier Charleston Conferences! Anyway, Barbara is retiring later this year she says, and, though she is no longer in acquisitions and collection development she says that ATG is a great service to all of us! What a great comment. Thanks, Barbara!

I understand that the awesome Mary Reichel (Appalachian State) is running for president of ACRL. Good luck, Mary!

The warm, wonderful, and winning Marietta Plank (Executive Director, Chesapeake Information and Research Library Alliance, CIRLA) <mplank@dean.umd.edu> is recovering from triple bypass surgery. They didn’t keep her in the hospital long! Go girl!

And isn’t Acqnet and its editor Eleanor Cook <ecook@apss.state.edu> fabulous?? Recently, I did a survey on licensing agreements: how libraries keep track of them, who signs them, how statistics are kept for evaluating electronic products, etc. I will be writing this up for ATG in the next issue (renew your subscription, don’t forget!!) as well as posting the results to Acqnet. Hooray for Eleanor and all the Acqnet gang!

And Jill Carraway (Wake Forest University) writes that though she missed the conference in November of 1999, she will be back in 2000. How about you? November 2-4! Put it on your calendar!

There’s so much to say and so little time to say it! See y’all in April.

Information

Tom Leonhardt <leonhart@oil.edu> got word from Lisa Nachtigall (Grove’s Dictionaries) that she was delighted to see that the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of South Africa Report was reviewed in December’s issue of ATG (see pp. 50-51). Lisa asked that we print a note indicating that the book is published by Grove’s Dictionaries, Inc. in the US, not Macmillan, at a price of $250. The ISBN is 1-56159-245-5.

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