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Grain is the most popular (100%) and Library Journal is also popular (78%). Other common journals among librarians include: C&RL, Choice, Publishers Weekly, Information Technology in Libraries, Wired, and American Libraries.

Librarians share many concerns regarding the future. Topping the list of concerns was the skyrocketing cost of journals, mergers and the gradual extinction of small vendors and publishers, shrinking or stagnant budgets, recruiting young blood, archiving, and copyright laws. Librarians also expressed concern with the changing role of the library and the relationship between information and knowledge. With easy access to vast volumes of information via the World Wide Web, librarians are concerned that end-users are bypassing their friendly neighborhood librarian. The concern is that librarians have the training to sift through these vast volumes to find the grains of truth, but formats are changing so rapidly that it’s hard for librarians to keep up, and end-users seem—at least through librarians’ eyes—more willing to mass-produce dubious information than to hand-craft using carefully gathered and analyzed knowledge.

And the Winners are

As promised, two winners were selected at random from the librarians who sent in their surveys. The winners are Juliette Arnheim (Princeton University) <jarnheim@princeton.edu> and Caroline Long (George Washington University) <celong@gwu.edu>. They will both receive a free subscription to ATG and a free Charleston Conference 2001 registration. Congratulations, y’all! Thanks to all of you who sent in your surveys, and if you didn’t win, there’s always next year.

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Librarian, Yale University), Derk Haanek (CEO, Elsevier Science), Frank Cannon (Executive Director, European Molecular Biology Organization), Jo McEntyre and David J. Lipman (National Center for Biotechnology Information, National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, USA) and many, many others.

Heard from the retired Dora Biblarz <biblarz@asu.edu> and she says that that Against the Grain is the ONLY library publication which she thoroughly reads and enjoys (even if she doesn’t have an article in it!). Not bad even if I do say so myself.

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