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the grounds and see many exhibits including the new baby panda bear. Zoo employees brought some animals out of their habitats so that attendees could have a close encounter with them and even touch some of them. It was a thoroughly enjoyable experience.

During the breaks, several general trends were noted: Many libraries seem to have librarians with multiple responsibilities, often with assignments that span public services, technical services, and collection management. It seems almost every library is reorganizing some aspect of its organization structure. Many libraries are migrating to new ILS systems or upgrading their current system. The growth of electronic resources has led to the examination of workflow, staffing, and organizational matrices. Access to electronics is through multiple paths such as catalogs, Web pages, links, etc. — no standard path has yet emerged.

Each night concluded with a late night social (from 10 p.m. to 12 midnight) allowing NASIG night owls to visit, play games, listen to music, dance, have a cool drink, and get to know each other in a relaxing, social setting.

NASIG returns to Trinity University in San Antonio Texas, for its 16th annual conference, May 23-26, 2001. NASIG had its annual conference at Trinity University in 1991 and now returns ten years later. The theme of the conference is “NASIG 2001: A Serials Odyssey.” Note that this conference is not only being held slightly earlier than usual, but it is held Wednesday-Saturday which is a departure from NASIG’s usual Thursday-Sunday schedule.

Bee Caraway and Carol Gill, Conference Planning Committee Co-Chairs are planning an especially memorable and valuable conference. Watch for information about the conference at: http://www.nasig.org. See you in San Antonio in 2001!

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Bestsellers on the Middle East
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The Middle East continues to dominate the news with the focus seessawing from politics to religion, to democracy, to tyranny and, most often, to crisis. In the last year, there have been a large number of scholarly titles on this volatile and fascinating part of the world. Of the 50 titles listed here the majority are from Trade publishers and 18 from University Presses. The expected publishers are represented: St. Martin, Polity, and Westview, with Columbia UP contributing 4 titles and ending with a best seller by Human Rights Watch. Clearly the eyes of the western world are on the Middle East.

Brown, L. Carl (Leon Carl), 1928-. Religion and State: The Muslim Approach to Politics. Columbia Univ Press 2000 $27.50 Cloth 0231120389

Wright, Robin B., 1948-. Last Great Revolution: Turmoil and Transformation in Iran. Alfred A. Knopf 2000 $27.50 Cloth 0375406395


Assassination of Yitzhak Rabin; Ed. By Yoram Peri. Stanford Univ Press 2000 $55.00 Cloth 0804738351

Howe, Marvine. Turkey Today: A Nation Divided Over Islam’s Revival. Westview 2000 $26.00 Cloth 081333754x

Khaskan, Hilal, 1951-. Arabs at the Crossroads: Political Identity and Nationalism. Univ Pr of Florida 2000 $49.95 Cloth 0813017378


Hazony, Yoram. Jewish State: The Struggle for Israel’s Soul. Basic Books 2000 $28.00 Cloth 0465029019

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