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Summer is supposed to be on its way but we’ve had thunder, lightening and even hail in the past week. Talking of bad weather (as the English do) I did manage to complete the London Marathon — even though the weather was atrocious! True to my word I counted the number of libraries (or libraries signposted on the route). There were three close to the route and one on it! All in 26.2 miles.

But the weather hasn’t put us all off for long — ahead with meetings, product announcements and lots of exciting news. So here it is from Platform One in Paddington. http://blog.xrefer.com/#108332671356424424 http://blog.xrefer.com/#108332981192768290

IST 2004 will address European policies, strategies and research activities in all areas of the Information Society http://blog.xrefer.com/#108332557819180561.

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The library hopes the archive will be ready for public display in the autumn. So if you fancy a visit to London in autumn, make sure you have time to nip over to the BL.

I am told that the Bodleian Library in Oxford has been awarded more than 1.5 million pounds to upgrade the bibliographic records for its printed serials collection — the largest in the world. It is funded by the Andrew W Mellon Foundation. http://www.bodley.ox.ac.uk/

And at a time when there has been much critical debate about libraries in the UK press “UK libraries out of use by 2020” http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/3661831.stm

It is refreshing to read that nationwide research in Ireland has found that libraries remain hugely popular with users — with 94 per cent who visited one feeling that their visit was successful http://www.library.council.ie/.

There are a number of courses taking place over the summer. July 8-9th “The Future of Scholarship in the Digital Age” to be held in Brighton http://uoln.ac.uk/events/jlic-ent-2004/ Ir London from July 13-16th The International Society for Knowledge Organisation (ISKO8) http://conferences.atala.org/conferences/fiches/isko8.html.


Congratulations to Huw Evans who has been appointed Head of Advice and Support at Cymal (Museums, Archives and Libraries Wales) Huw was previously Executive Officer at CILIP Wales. Lesley Ray has been appointed Head of Libraries, Archives and Arts at Lambeth. We wish Lesley lots of luck.

That’s all for now. Until next time.

Daryl

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And the IEEE has announced new members of the IEEE Library Advisory Council (LAC). Representatives of corporate, academic and government libraries worldwide serve on the LAC for two-year terms. IEEE established LAC in 1999 to get ongoing feedback about its products and policies. The new IEEE LAC members are: Susan Ardis (The University of Texas at Austin, USA), Rudi G. Bakker (Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands), Beth L. Brin (Boise State University, USA), Cheryl Cohen (Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information), Marianne Cyri (3M, USA), Bradley E. Gernand (The Institute for Defense Analyses, USA), Orlando Levato (Secretaria de Ciencia, Tecnologia e Inovacao Productiva, Argentina). They will join current members who continue through 2004: William Mischo (University of Illinois, USA), Joong-You Lee (Seoul National University, Korea), Cynthia Hill (Sun Microsystems, USA), Dr. Hiroshi Nakashima (Toshiba, Japan), Dr. Layne Johnson (Pfizer, USA), Judy Carlson (Motorola, USA), R. James King (Naval Research Laboratory, USA), Jacqueline (Los Alamos National Laboratory, USA), Dr. Heath O’Connell (Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, USA), and Miles Porter (QinetiQ Ltd.—UK Defense Research Agency, United Kingdom)

www.ieee.org

This issue of ATG includes an absorbing Back Talk by Tony Ferguson on RFID's (Radio Frequency Identification) (see p.94). Tony says that in Hong Kong RFID tag like devices are a part of their daily lives. They have what are called “Octopus” cards. Meanwhile, back in the US of A, many are alarmed by this technology. See the recent article, “RFID: Helpmate or Conspiracy?” by Michael Schuyler <michael@jkl.org> (Deputy Director, Kitsap Regional Library Bremerton, WA) in Computers in Libraries, 24: 1, 2004, pp.22-24. Schuyler advocates the adoption of policies and procedures so that libraries can influence what is happening in bookstores and other outlets in a positive way. From the listserv for the Pacific Northwest Library Association.

Okay, visit the NEW and IMPROVED Charleston Conference Website at http://www.katina.info/conference/. The November (Charleston Conference issue) of ATG is being edited by the astute and energetic Thelma DiBice <thelma@hawaii.edu>. The focus is “Budgets, Budgeting, and Books” to balance the Charleston Conference theme of “All the World’s a Serial”. The November ATG asks: “Where in the World Have All the Books Gone”? Included will be articles by Anthony Ferguson (University Librarian, U. of Hong Kong), Dan Halloran (President, Blackwell’s Book Services), Ila Scott (Reference/Collection Librarian, U. of Alberta), Linda Di Bice (Collection Development Librarian, U. of Washington), Margaret Landesman (Head, Collection Development, Mariott Library, U. of Utah), Nancy Slight-Gibney (Director, Budget & Management Information Services, U. of Oregon), Nicholas Goetzfried (Acting Dean, RKF Memorial Library, U. of Guam), and Niko Pfund (V.P. & Publisher, Academic, Professional and Medical, Oxford University Press).

We have an interview with Ron Klauser of ProQuest in this issue of ATG, see p.63. Anyway, this news is just out. ProQuest Information and Learning, a unit of ProQuest Company, and NYTimes.com will offer directly to the consumer market a historical digital archive of The New York Times newspaper dating back to 1851, when it was first published. The Archive will be available on NYTimes.com, the Website of The New York Times on a pay per-view basis. Articles are available for $2.95 each or in packages of four, 10 and 25 articles.

http://www.nytimes.com

More from ProQuest Information and Learning. They have acquired Nineteenth Century Short-Title Catalogue List (NSTC), the renowned bibliographic database that catalogs the 19th-century holdings of eight of the world’s top research libraries. The libraries include: The British Library, the Bodleian Library (Oxford), the Cambridge University Library, Trinity College Dublin, the National Library of Scotland, the Newcastle University Library, plus holdings from 1816 to 1919 of the Harvard University Library and the Library of Congress. NSTC was formerly owned and maintained by ABC-CLIO, who moved NSTC from multiple CD-ROMS and integrated them to make them searchable across the series on the Web. www.abc-clio.com

Serials Solutions, Inc. has recently released a new Overlap Analysis functionality. Serials Solutions’ Overlap Analysis shows for each database in a library’s collection, the number of journals in that database that are unique to that database, and the number that are available elsewhere in the library’s collection.

www.serialssolutions.com

This is from Edupage, May 19, 2004 — A survey conducted by Harris Interactive and commissioned by the Business Software Alliance (BSA) indicates that a majority of U.S. children continue to download songs, despite acknowledgements continued on page 14

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