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CURRENCY AND ARCHIVING

Health science fields can easily be added to subject areas referred to by John Cox, who wrote about decisions of Irish University librarians: “There was...a definite feeling that eBooks could support learning activities in certain subjects (e.g., business, law, computer science) where information is structured in relatively discrete blocks and where a high premium is placed on currency...” Currency is not uniformly provided in the health sciences electronic book world. Some online textbooks are updates as “editions”, similar to their print counterparts. Sometimes, new print editions are released before or after the online version. Titles may be continuously updated, becoming database-like. There can be differences in content selecting when accessed among various providers. The venerable Harrison’s Principles of Internal Medicine, for example, is called Harrison’s Online, with daily updates and e-copy content on the publisher provider site, while third party providers may only be provided with less frequently updated content of the basic text. Continued on page 39

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BORN & LIVED: Born in Montreal, Canada. From age 8 1/2, lived, raised, educated, and worked in greater Chicagoland area.

FAMILY: My parents were born and raised in Lithuania. In post World War II years, my father lived in Germany and England, before emigrating to Canada; my mother lived in Germany and emigrated to Canada. Canada is where they met and where two of my three siblings and I were born. We moved to the United States mostly because of job opportunities for my father, an electrical engineer.

EDUCATION: B.S. in Medical Records Administration; MALS in Library Science.

FIRST JOB: (As a minor): In 7th and 8th grades: “Babysat” 1st and 2nd grade boys for two summers while their mother worked—mostly involved biking and keeping them out of trouble... After bachelor's degree: Medical records technician, Little Company of Mary Hospital, Evergreen Park, IL.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER AND ACTIVITIES: Since earning my bachelor's degree, I have worked in two hospitals and three medical schools. Four of the five jobs were in libraries. I belong to and participate in various activities of various library organizations: Health Sciences Librarians of Illinois (HSLI), Midwest Chapter / Medical Library Association, Medical Library Association, Special Libraries Association. In recent years, I have also gotten "hooked" on the Charleston Conferences, organizing the health sciences Lively Lunches and occasionally suggesting speakers...

IN MY SPARE TIME I LIKE TO: I can‘t help myself...Aside from a bit of traveling, Lithuanian folk dancing and occasional aerobics classes, a number of non-family related activities revolve around information gathering or disseminating activities in the voluntary organizations to which I belong...

HOW/WHERE DO I SEE THE INDUSTRY IN FIVE YEARS: Librarians (call us what you will) have a role in the library and information world of the future, but it may be up to each of us to carve out niches that suit our skills, personalities, and inclinations. In a democratic society it’s hard to standardize or uniformly prognosticate what all of us could, should and might be doing...

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of more than 913,000 items. Annual circulation is more than 1.6 million. For more information, Judy.michaelson@gisinfosystems.com.

Remember the fabulous Lynne Riener <lcr@riener.com>? We keep trying to get her to Charleston but there is a national meeting she has to go to that conflicts with us (bog hog!) Anyway, Lynne Riener Publishers is now the exclusive distributor of books published by the Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies at the University of California, San Diego. This new agreement, began January 1, 2005.

R.R. Bowker has introduced Ulrich’s Resource Linker, a new tool that integrates all of a library’s periodicals through a single service and allows library patrons to easily connect to those holdings by following a few simple links. The new product was developed in partnership with Openly Informatics, Inc. Built on the NISO OpenURL Standard, Ulrich’s Resource Linker is a fully hosted solution, which means that the library’s staff is not burdened with the set-up, maintenance and updating of a link server, nor are they tasked with keeping track of all the changes in the various collections they hold in their catalogs. www.openly.com, www.ulrichsweb.com

Got a great email from Charlie Rapple <charlie.rapple@ingenta.com> who is handling Ingenta’s PR during Amanda Proctor’s maternity leave. Charlie tells me that Ingenta plc has launched a new suite of services designed to save librarians time, money and administrative resources in managing their online collections. IngentaConnect Premium package features a selection of enhancements to the free services already enjoyed by Ingenta’s 17,000 registered library customers. www.ingenta.com

You have probably noticed that we don’t have Rumours from Paddington any more! Sobs! Sobs! Anyway, Daryl Rayner is no longer at xrefer. But I’ll bet she surfaces later somewhere else!

Meanwhile, back at xrefer — xrefer and A&C Black have announced that Who’s Who 2005 and the full Who’s Who archive Who Has Who are now available to search and browse on the xreferplus Specialist Reference platform. www.xrefer.com/ww2005


American Anthropological Association (AAA), the world’s largest organization of anthropologists, and the University of California Press, its publishing partner, have released of AnthroSource (sm). This electronic scholarly resource provides access to the complete fulltext archive of all peer-reviewed journals, newsletters, and bulletins published by the AAA — over 100 years of published scholarly research across 31 publications — and access to current issues of 11 AAA journals. If you were in Charleston in November, I’ll bet you attended the splendidorous Audrey Melkin’s <audrey@atypcon.com> session! http://www.anthrosource.net

The incredibly energetic Karen Christensen (CEO, Berkshire Publishing Group) continued on page 49

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