2006 Charleston Conference —
26th Annual Issues in Book and
Serial Acquisition

Call For Papers, Ideas, Conference Themes, Panels, Debates,
Diatribes, Speakers, Preconferences, etc. ...

Wednesday, November 8, 2006 — Preconferences
Thursday-Saturday, November 9-11, 2006 — Main Conference
Francis Marion Hotel, 387 King Street, Charleston, SC 29403

If you are interested in leading a discussion, acting as a moderator, coordinating a
lively lunch, 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 love it...

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Rachel K.
Schenk
Memorial
Scholarship

This year the fourth Rachel K.
Schenk Memorial Scholarship of
$1,200 will be awarded to the person
who has demonstrated a true love of
books. There are three requirements:
1. The applicant must write an
essay of no more than 600
words on “my love of books.”
2. The applicant must be a
librarian with a library degree.
3. The applicant must be a
first-time attendee to the
Charleston Conference for
2006.

Please note: The Rachel K.
Schenk Memorial Scholarship was
to be given for a total of five
years with an award of $1,200 per
year. This is the fourth year, so if you don’t get it this year, there is always next
year.

Deadline for application is August 20, 2006. For more information, visit
http://www.katina.info/conference/scholarship.html or contact <kstrauch@comcast.net>.

From the Reference Desk
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Some new editions of old favorites have also passed over our desk and if you have
found them useful before, odds are you will find them useful again.

First published in 1976 the Oxford Companion to Ships and the Sea (2005, 0198606168, $65) has been updated for the first
time. This new edition contains more science than the original. The first edition
emphasized topics related to marine history, the literature and art inspired by the sea, ships and
shipbuilding, navigation and famous
mariners. But this new version also contains articles on topics ranging from climate change
to plankton and from marine Pharmaceuticals
to salinity. Reflecting a growing concern with
oceanography and marine biology, this gives the book an added balance that makes it even more
useful than the first edition. There are more
than 2,600 entries complemented by 260 illustrations
within the covers of this book. Oxford Companion to Ships and the Sea is a portable
and handy reference work that will be equally
at home in circulation and on personal shelves.

Children’s librarians will be pleased with
the 7th edition of A to Zoo Subject access to
Children’s Picture books (2006, 1591582326, $80). Published by Libraries Unlimited
and authored by Carolyn and John Lima, this edition boasts “28,000 titles
cataloged under more than 1350 subjects.”
The books listed here are those with “illustrations
occupying as much or more space
than the text,” and suitable from “preschool
to grade two.” This edition has been
updated with 4,000 new titles while out of print books continue to be listed as well.
The book provides a number of useful
access points. Of course there is the subject
guide itself, but there is also the bibilographic
guide arranged by author, the title
index and the illustrator index. The bibliographic
guide gives the reader basic citations,
as well as the subject terms that the
book has been classified under in the
subject guide, thus allowing readers another
avenue to easily locate similar titles. There
is also a guide to the subject headings used
in the subject guide. In short, this is a substan
tial bibliographic guide that will be very useful to librarians, teachers and
interested parents.

Another Libraries Unlimited title that has enjoyed past success is Genreflecting: A Guide to Popular Reading Interests
(2006, 1591582865, $45). It’s an ideal
title for reader’s advisory librarians in that it is
as much a handbook as it is a bibliography of recommended titles. Introductory chapters
with titles like, On the Nature of Reading,
A Brief History of Readers’ Advisory, the
Readers’ Advisory Interview and Serving
Today’s Reader offer well tested advice.
There are individual chapters on selected
genres ranging from Westerns to Thrillers
and from Romance to the Detective story.
These genre chapters are not merely lists
of recommended titles. They are more like
bibliographic essays with introductory sections defining the genre, discussing its
historic appeal and recent trends. There are
more than 5,000 books listed among the
titles recommended here with “approximately one third being new to this edition.”
The book is rounded out by thorough author-
title and subject indexes. Some reader’s advisory librarians may want copies of
their own, as well as one for the reference
collection.

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