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The report from the study carried out for the Research Information Network on the use of libraries by researchers in the UK is now published. Using empirical data and qualitative insights from over 2250 researchers and 300 librarians, the results should prove useful to inform the future development of academic libraries and the services that they provide to researchers.
http://www.rin.ac.uk/researchers-use-libraries

Recently met up with Char Booth, a friend of the indispensable Melinda Scharstein (Pam Cenzer’s niece). Char just attended the ACRL Conference in Baltimore a few weeks ago and sends glowing reports. Hope to get a full report from her in the June issue of TCR. In the meantime, there is a brief report in the current issue of The Charleston Report (v.11#5).

And speaking of The Charleston Report, the incredible Kristen DeVoe is the editor of TCR as well as a columnist for Against the Grain, see this issue, p. 88. Kristen is one of the featured speakers in the South Carolina Library Association’s College & University Section’s Workshop entitled “Keeping up with our Patrons: Adapting to User Expectations.” www.scla.org/CollegeAndUniversitySection/HomePage

Besides being pregnant and holding down a fulltime job, Kris Ferguson <cris@furman.edu> is working on the questions/surveys for the second eBook rollout which we will publish in our June issue. Watch for it! Coming up!

I can’t believe that Debbie Hodges (Showmaker) is retiring to the mountains of North Carolina. Not yet, but soon! Was talking to her the other day. She has a new darling little black puppy called Angel who besides chewing on stuff likes to get up early. Sounds like a good alarm clock for retired people!

Wasn’t many years ago that I had lunch with Don Beagle and his lovely wife. Heard recently that Don had just published a book called The Information Commons Handbook with contributions from Donald Russell Bailey and Barbara Tierney, Neal-Schuman, 2006. I haven’t seen it yet but am looking forward to it and see our upcoming interview with Don in a future issue of ATG.

“The past is a foreign country; they do things differently there.” — L. P. Barthartley

probably June! And did you know that Don used to work at the Charleston County Library and did a wonderful online city tour back when no one was doing such things. What an innovator!

Oklahoma State University (OSU) Library has chosen AquaBrowser Library to be implemented with their Endeavor Voyager Libraries for over 40 years. The Oklahoma A&M Library System is a coalition of twelve libraries, nine of which are governed by the Board of Regents for Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges (OSU/A&M).
www.library.okstate.edu/
www.TLCdelivers.com/aquabrowser
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It was in October 2003 that Michelle Flinchbaugh contacted Audrey Fenner about editing ATG’s “Biz of Acq” column. Can you believe that Audrey has been editing the column for nearly four years! And, I have to tell you confidentially that Audrey always turns in her columns way ahead of the deadline. Gosh! What a feat! And how time flies when we’re having fun! Anyway, Audrey is stepping down with the September, 2007 issue and we are looking for a new editor. If you are interested, please contact yours truly at <kstrauch@comcast.net>. Audrey says that editing the column has put her in contact with librarians all over the country, and allowed her to see projects and their plans from the inside. How can you turn this opportunity down?

This tidbit from the awesome Helen Ivy (librarian, Marine Resources Library, Col.

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