Todd, Lisa, and Owen Rix have a new family member! Wyatt Davis was born September 23, 2008, weighing in at 9 pounds, 7 ounces, 20 1/2 inches long. Congratulations to Todd, and Lisa, and Owen! You will recall that Todd once worked in Collection Development at the College of Charleston. He is now Instruction Librarian at Coker College which he joined in July 2007. His duties include bibliographic instruction, reference services, and electronic resource management. A self-described “techno-geek,” he also works on maintaining the library’s new catalog.

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Talk about College of Charleston alums, I was recently talking to the fantabulous John Schmitt <jschmitt@regis.edu> (Reference Services Librarian, Regis University Libraries and also former Chair (for many years) of the Choice Editorial Board). Regis is a famous Jesuit liberal arts college at the base of the Rocky Mountains. John has two daughters and one will head to college next year. We were comparing notes about college tuition, visits to colleges and related financial issues. Hope to see John in Denver at ALA Midwinter if not before here in Charleston!

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And more Charleston alum news! Got an email from the incredible traveling Betty and Sevgin Oktay <oktay@vassar.edu>. This time they are traveling to Charleston in October (in the next few weeks) and we are having dinner together! Hopefully, if I take my notepad, I can catch us all up on what they have been up to and where they have been! I still remember many of our visits up in Poughkeepsie near where our son Raymond was at West Point. And we all especially remember the thrilling airplane ride when Sevgin took us up in the skies on a big tour around the area!

Speaking of Charleston — we are gratified that so many of you have registered to come to the Charleston Conference this year! Our enrollment is equal to that of last year even in the face of financial cuts all over the place. Gosh! We haven’t quite had to limit enrollment (we have a ceiling of 1200) but we are getting close. The program is fabulous this year and we hope that the weather will cooperate! Surely it will!

And — did y’all see the post on the Against The Grain News Channel — www.against-the-grain.com — about Sue Polanka’s blog No Shelf Required? Well, pohn on you if not! Anyway, moving right along, Sue’s blog, among many other things informed those interested in eBooks to look at the Charleston Conference program. Sue says if you have an opinion on patron driven purchasing, stop by the Lively Lunch session Friday at Charleston when Alice Crosetto (Univ. of Toledo) and Sue herself will debate “Tossing Traditional Collection Development Practices for Patron Initiated Purchasing.” And there are a ton of talks to attend. Be sure and look at the program ahead of time to plan your schedule! (like Tinker Massey told us so in September, v. 20#4, p.83)

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And, speaking of ATG News Channel and the Charleston Conference, I owe an apology to all of y’all because this has been an especially stressful fall. As many of you know, my father-in-law passed away in Wilmington, NC, and this has meant many family trips hither and yon to take care of “business.” I know that I have not answered some of your emails and that I have not updated the ATG News Channel in as timely a manner as I should have. Please accept my apologies and a promise that things will be better.

And, speaking of the ATG News Channel, have you seen Eleanor Cook’s and Rick Anderson’s blogs? Not to mention your’s truly’s? Eleanor is setting in at East Carolina University and I am happy that ACQNET is now up and running. Have gotten lots of posts lately meaning that Eleanor is on that job too! And she says that ACQWEB will be redesigned shortly. Stay tuned.

So sad to learn that the wonderful Janet Flowers <jflowers@email.unc.edu> and her