Developing Standards Across the Scholarly Information Chain

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If Rumors Were Horses

Let’s see. Another ProQuest rumor to start this off! As its new search platform rolls out to libraries around the world, ProQuest announced at the ALA Midwinter meeting that they had acquired ebrary. Founded in Palo Alto in 1999, ebrary is a fast growing leader in the rapidly evolving eBook industry, having increased its 2010 revenue by more than 30 percent over the previous year. ProQuest plans continued investment in ebrary’s products and services for the academic, corporate, and public library markets. ProQuest will also expand ebrary’s selection of research tools and ability to support new eBook devices as well as broadening language coverage from its current support of major European languages to include Chinese, Arabic and others. ebrary founders Christopher Warnock and Kevin Sayar will remain to lead the business in its Palo Alto headquarters.

http://www.proquest.com/
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More recent news! Just learned last night that the bubbly Jill Emery is pregnant! Congratulations, Jill! Hoo-ha! And there is all sorts of news and kudos about the ER&L conference on her Facebook page. Congrats, Jill, on many accounts!

And speaking of Jill’s, noticed an article on Information Today’s Website by the awesome Jill O’Neill, once of Elsevier among other places, who is director of planning and communication at NFAIS. The post is entitled “Amazon Raises the Stakes in your Reading Experience: The Platform War Continues,” and is about a recent announcement by Amazon of upgrades to the Kindle. Right-o, we know all about that neverending movements of individual or entire lists of journals. Publishers need to sign up to the code of practice (30 have already joined since its inception representing 10,000 journals), and librarians need to insist that publishers comply with the code to limit the nuisance that sudden loss of access causes. As Nancy Beals states in her article, “the issue of titles moving from publisher to publisher not only affects patron access to the title on the user side, but the movement of an electronic journal title also plays a major role on the librarian and staff side.”

A critical part of the UKSG’s mission is education and training, and two articles outline the different approach we take to this. First, we have Graham Stone from the University of Change. Continued on page 6
East Beach in Autumn

Piping plovers run like track stars ceaselessly foraging, working in platoons, their sandy petit forms barely ahead of tumbling surf.
Finding tiny crustaceans as waves retreat along the barrier beach’s foamy edge.
Lifting away, skimming the crests of breakers, flying in an ellipse to another wash of sand on a sea level stage
overlooking Block Island Sound.
Riding ocean swells a solitary loon in winter’s plumage peering for menhaden beneath the ocean’s pistachio green surface.
Diving for a few minutes chasing its prey.
Truly ancient, and incredible swimmers who zoom through the sea
like sleek, web-foot, black-white torpedoes — Rhode Island’s splendid winter guests.

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