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Memory Lane - ATG Millennium Issue

We are planning a Millennium Issue of ATG with the Dec. 2000/Jan. 2001 issue (v. 12/6). Have you read about or do you remember the days of manual or electric typewriters, electric erasers, or filing cards in the card catalog? How about carbon paper?

How about the days when librarians “shushed” everybody and we didn’t even have Wilson indexes? Or when all we had were punch cards and no PCs.

Or maybe you remember what books were on the bestseller list when you went to library school?

Do you remember someone or something that you want to share with us? Make the Millennium Issue a real treat for all of us by writing down some of your memories or favorite moments! We would even love photographs.

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We now have 3 submissions Where’s Yours?!?

ATG Annual Report Survey
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Some librarians are receiving only paperbacks on approval plans (30%) and firm orders (29%). Many are canceling paper subscriptions in favor of electronic subscriptions (63%), but the issue of archiving proved tricky. Some librarians canceling print subscriptions are keeping their paper copies for now (20%), while some are leaving it up to other libraries to archive information (10%), and some are keeping electronic information in whatever format they can use it in (14%). Several librarians cited archiving projects such as OhioLINK as their way of handling archiving (4%). One librarian summed up a prevalent attitude by stating, “We are ignoring this issue!”

The Future

When asked what issues topped their list of concerns, librarians told us that they are worried about the loss of library importance to the World Wide Web, archiving electronic sources, copyright laws, keeping up with technology (including training), vendor mergers, and, of course, money, money, money—for staffing, for electronic formats or for multiple formats, and for technology updates.

As promised, two winners have been randomly chosen from those completing this year’s survey. And the winners are: James Baldwin (University Library at IUPUI) <jaldwin@library.iupui.edu> and Carol Catherm (Guilford College) <carol@pals.guilford.edu>. They will both get a free subscription to ATG and a free Charleston Conference 2000 registration. Hooray! And thanks to all of you who filled out the Survey this year but didn’t win. Next year is another year. And to those of you who did not fill out the Survey, shame on you!

Be sure to fill out the survey next year! Thanks. 🌻