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Biz of Acq — Canadian National Site Licensing Project

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A site license is a way to gain a bulk discount when purchasing a significantly high number of copies of a given piece of software. For example, buying 100 copies of a particular piece of software may be cheaper if a group directly contacts the company that makes the software and gets a 100-copy license, rather than purchasing 100 copies individually over the counter. Since libraries seldom purchase individual journal titles solely in print format, entering into site licensing agreements with publishers or vendors to gain access to journal collections via electronic means has also become common.

The Canadian National Site Licensing Project (CNSLP) is the first attempt in North America to utilize this strategy to help a nationwide consortium gain access to electronic bibliographic and full-text databases at reduced prices. The goal of the CNSLP is to give Canadian academic library users access to the most current electronic research materials, at the best possible price.

Key institutions involved in CNSLP include the Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL), which served as organizational catalyst for the project; the University of Ottawa, which will administer CNSLP; and 64 Canadian academic libraries that make up the consortium’s members. Deb deBruijn will be the project’s Executive Director.

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If Rumors Were Horses

Hot off the press! Ingenta, the global research gateway, has just announced its merger with CatchWord, the e-journal online hosting and distribution service in a deal valued at $16 million. The merged Ingenta will now handle hosting and linking to over 4,500 publications for over 140 publishers. No doubt, we will all benefit from a single source of supply and interface to an extensive and linked collection of research and reference content. The CatchWord staff will be absorbed into existing Ingenta departments and the CatchWord management team are joining the senior management group of Ingenta. “Our plan is to integrate fully the two operations,” stated Simon Inger <simon.inger@catchword.com>, Managing Director of CatchWord. “In the interim, it is business as usual for our publisher and library customers.” That’s all we have room for (we are in press after all . . .) so for further information, contact Kristen Chase <kchase@ministerco.com>.

Guess what? Sarah Lenzini <slenzini@drugfacts.com> (of Becky fame) is Assistant Editor, Facts & Comparisons. Sarah is now doing SGML coding for the Facts & Comparisons Web site, which is pretty cool, isn’t it? Who would have ever guessed? Facts & Comparisons—drugfacts.com—is a wholly owned subsidiary of Kluwer Int’l Health and Science, of which the renowned Herman Pabbruwe is CEO.


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Dear Editor:

My husband and I have been enjoying the Millennium issue very much. Thanks for putting it together.

By the way, I think my subscription to Against the Grain has expired but I haven’t received a renewal notice.

Kathryn Luther Henderson
(Professor, UIUC, GSLIS)
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Dear Editor:

NB: Dear all! Your renewal invoice will be mailed later this month. I hope that all of you will renew your subs. Please! Yr. Ed.

Dear Editor:

I have withdrawal symptoms. Please can you check and let me know what has happened to my subscription to ATG. I queried this some time ago but nothing has happened. Do I owe you, you owe me or what ???

Cheers,
Norman Horrocks
<nhorrocks@is.dal.ca>

Dear Editor:

This was my second visit to the Charleston Conference and again I was impressed. There is sooooo much information offered in such a small amount of time that it is very hard to see and do everything that is of interest. So, I was very glad to hear mention of possible proceedings this year!

Thank you for your efforts that go into making it a well rounded, enjoyable event! Get some rest!

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<ws@car.org> son, Tucker Shaw, has 3 books cut—and was just given an ALA award. Here are citations for his titles (all from Alloy/Penguim @ $5.99—aimed at young adults): Dreams by Tucker Shaw, This Book is About Sex by Tucker Shaw and Fiona Gibb and Any Advice? by Tucker Shaw and Fiona Gibb. Wow! http://www.ala.org/valsa/booklists/bbya/2001bestbooks.html.

Sage Publications is pleased to announce it has created a new imprint, Sage Reference, which will publish high quality social science reference works to include encyclopedias, dic-continued on page 10

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can Civil War (see our review in this issue of AITG, p.48). Throughout the year, ABC-Clio will also convert select titles from its backlist into eBook form, with more than 350 titles to be published by the end of 2001. If you would like a free preview of ABC-Clio’s eBooks, contact Alison Rivers at <arivers@abc-clio.com>.

Well, do y’all remember Hyperlaw, Inc. v. West Publishing Company, 007029? I knew you did. Well, the 2nd Circuit Court has recently found that a lower court’s award of $813,724 may have been erroneous and has sent it back to the lower court. This is based on a provision in the Copyright Act that prevents a publisher from claiming the rights to the work of the government. See: Today’s Legal News, Jan. 24, 2001 or the New York Law Journal <http://tm0.com/shet.cgi?n=1129555998&t=295743&d=930524>

Access Magazine http://www.accessmagazine.com/reviews/ has awarded 4 A’s to 21NorthMain.com putting the site on the Access “A List.” Sites on the “A List” have been judged by Access editors to have the deepest content, easiest navigation, and best presentation of all sites that share similar content.

Eric Gelinas has joined Ingenta as Regional Manager-Library Services for the eastern US and Canada. Prior to joining Ingenta, Eric served as an Account Executive and Regional Coordinator for SilverPlatter Information where he promoted, sold and marketed SilverPlatter technology to libraries across the US and Canada. He is a graduate of McGill University and holds a BA in Anthropology. Eric can be reached at 888-263-5720, ext. 4023 or e-mail ericg@ingenta.com.

Was recently talking on the Net to Don Hawkins (<dhawkins@att.net> about ASIDIC (Association of Information and Dissemination Centers) which is having its spring meeting March 18-20 in Charleston at the fabalous Mills House Hotel. Check out the program at <http://www.asidic.org>. Hearing about the Mills got me to remembering when we had a Charleston Conference meeting there the year that Hurricane Hugo hit Charleston. (This was because everything else was too torn up to use it ...)

Speaking of Don Hawkins, above, Information Today, Inc., has announced that Information Science Abstracts (ISA)—which Don edits—has begun coverage of e-journals in the information science field. The current issue of ISA, v.35, issue 8, is a special issue exclusively devoted to coverage of the complete runs of several e-journals. The e-journals included in this issue are: Ariadne, D-Lib Magazine, First Monday, Issues in Science & Technology Librarianship, Journal of Library Services for Distance Education, LIBRES: Library and Information Science Research, PACS-R: Public Access Computer Systems Review, and Review of Information Science.

The wonderfully energetic and forward-thinking Betty G. Bengston, who has announced her retirement as director of University Libraries at the University of Washington in Seattle, has been named special advisor to the president for academic library services at MCLC. In this post, Ms. Bengston will represent OCLC in the library community, serving as liaison for ideas, projects, new products, research agendas, and areas of mutual concern. Hooray!

And, speaking of the University of Washington, Joyce Ogburn (<jogburn@u.washington.edu> tells me that they have hired the incredible Betsy Wilson, the internal candidate, as director and they are very pleased! Congratulations, Betsy!

Did you attend Ruth Fischer (<ruth@2consulting.org> and Rick Lugy’s (<rick@2consulting.org>) Ebook Mapping Session at the Charleston Conference in November? Well, whether you did or you didn’t, there is going to be a half-day professional development workshop on Friday, Feb. 23 from 8 AM—12 noon in Cambridge, Mass. (Cambridge Center Marriott—at the Kendall/MIT stop on the Red Line) by Ruth and Rick on eBooks for Libraries: Mapping a New World. The workshop is intended for librarians, publishers, book vendors, and library system vendors—anyone interested in the issues related to eBooks and libraries. This is the first of a series of such workshops, to be held in various cities. Hold is an extraordinary member of R2’s session at the Charleston Library Conference in November. Cost is $150. To quote someone from the Charleston Conference: “R2 presented an outstanding session at Charleston on how to map and make sense of all the e-book players, announcements, and hype. It was the best thing I’ve seen on e-books.”

At ALA MW, I had lunch with Rick and continued on page 12
Ruth (above) who I had never really met down and talked to. They are delightful. I learned that they have a daughter who is 16 so we could compare notes (though my daughter just turned 18, there are still a lot of similarities), a son who is 13 (I’m not going to tell you how old my son is, so there), and a love of oysters! Anyway, I am sure that this workshop will be great and Rick and Ruth will be back to Charleston so look for them here too! In the meantime, be sure and read I, User which Rick and Ruth wrote for this issue of ATG. It’s an intriguing new column. See p. 32. It’s hilarious and oh so true in our world these days!

Well, everywhere we go, the talk is about eBooks. So I was recently poking around on the Web to see what eBook initiatives are out there. One of the sites I visited was http://ebooks.barnesandnoble.com/bn_digital where I learned about Barnes & Noble Digital which is a publisher of eBooks for established authors. Their focus is to acquire the digital rights to books currently in print, particularly in fiction, science fiction, business, history, self help, science, and current affairs. Barnes&Noble.com eBookStore is also an Internet site for eBooks with thousands of titles offered in all major formats. It still seems safe to speculate that students, if they need the information will embrace the eBook format, especially for reserve materials and textbooks.

ARL Supplementary Statistics 1998-99, available to ARL members for the first time, is an annual publication, which provides quantitative data on how much individual ARL member libraries spend on a variety of electronic resources. The data show that overall expenditures have increased from an estimated 3.6% of library materials budget in 1992-93 to 10.56% in 1998-99. In 1998-99, 105 ARL university libraries reported spending over $77 million on electronic resources, with the majority spent on electronic serials and subscription services. This is a useful benchmarking tool. Martha Kyriildou is the compiler and editor. (December 2000. 46 pp. ISSN pending: 544 ARL member, $100 non-member). For more information, visit <http://www.arl.org/stats/arlstat/>.

Now here this! Always on the cutting edge, Mike Markwith is President, IDNet, USA, as of February 26, 2001. <michael-markwith@idnet.com>

Have to tell you that Vicky Speck <vspeck@abc-clio.com> and Rosann Bazirjian <rb9@paulus.psu.edu> have been hard at work on the proceedings from the 2000 conference. The proceedings should be coming out for ALA Annual, thanks to EBSCO’s generous help, especially Joe Weed <joeweeds@ubseo.com> and Leigh Marie Lunn <lmlunn@ubseo.com> and will contain much new material as well as some of the many papers which were presented at the Conference. Watch this space for more information!

Well, the planning for the 2001 Charleston Conference October 31 (preconference), November 1-3 (main conference)—is underway and I have heard from lots of you. Thanks to you all for your kind words and great notes! I got an especially nice note from Jill Carraway (Collection Development Librarian, Z. Smith Reynolds Library, Wake Forest University) <jill@wfu.edu> who tells me that she really enjoyed the conference. She also says that at her library “they are learning to have faith in the power of alternating current as we ever so cautiously say good-bye to first one print item and then another.” Boy, ain’t that the truth for all of us. I am looking forward to interviewing Jill in an upcoming issue of ATG!

Heard great things about the Elsevier Science Digital Symposium that honored Scott Bennett (University Librarian, Yale University, Dick Dougherty, Dougherty & Associates, and Miriam Drake, dean and director of libraries, George Tech. I’m just sorry that I couldn’t get there. Did you? Would love a report, if you did.

The American Cancer Society and John Wiley & Sons, Inc., have launched Cancer MobileEdition, an online service that delivers the latest Cancer Abstracts from the latest issues of Cancer and Cancer Cytopathology to personal and wireless handheld devices and Web-enabled phones. Cancer, the flagship journal of the ACS is available in print and online at www.interscience.com. MobileEdition is a new service of Wiley InterScience, Wiley’s online publishing business. Cancer is the first Wiley journal to be delivered via this new service. MobileEdition is enabled through software designed by AvantGo, a mobile Internet company, which is now bundled on many Palm OS and Windows CE based handheld computers, as well as Internet-enabled phones. Readers can register for this service free of charge through the Wiley InterScience online service at www.interscience.wiley.com/mobileEdition or at the AvantGo Mobile Internet service “Dial Pad” at www.avantgo.com. Updates will be automatically delivered to readers’ machines with each new issue of the journal 30 times a year. www.wiley.com

In addition to offering in-depth structured critical reviews of Web resources of interest to librarians, The Charleston Advisor has been launching a variety of enhancements to its Website. One of the newest elements to be added has been the TCA Press Room where publishers, vendors, consortia and individuals can post press releases of interest to the library community. The scope of the TCA Press Room is meant to mirror the interests of the journal itself and will focus on industry news related to electronic library resources, scholarly publishing, and the areas that surround these forums. <http://www.charlestoncon.com/press>

And here’s more about The Charleston Advisor which was created in the summer of 1999 to provide reviews and opinions about products and developments in the field of information. Now, just 18 months later, there are over 100 in-depth, structured and critical database reviews available! Many of the reviews and all of the non-review, informative articles (including Op Ed’s, In the Field reports and Interviews) are available free of charge to any user who logs on to the Website <www.charlestoncon.com>.

And get ready to cast your vote (chads are prohibited!!) whether you are a subscriber to TCA or not! At this summer’s American Library Association annual meeting, The Charleston Advisor will be issuing its first “People’s Choice” awards for best products in a wide array of categories. Log onto TCA’s Website for voting options or send information to Becky Lenzini at <rlenzini@charlestoncon.com> before March 15, 2001. <www.charlestoncon.com>.

Claudia Wagner has rejoined Gaylord Information Systems as Polaris@ account manager for the western region of the U.S. Claudia returned to Gaylord after a year with Campus Pipeline in Salt Lake City, Utah. Three librarians have also joined the staff of Gaylord Information Systems as product analysts to support the Polaris library automation system. The veteran librarians are David Brossart, who will work as a product analyst, and Mary Burgand and Linda Scott Zaleski, who will serve as senior product analysts.

Well write this down and let you where you can find it! Sandy Paul’s <Sandy@SKPAssociates.com> new address is: Sandy Paul, President, SKP Associates 1521 Alton Rd., #345, Miami Beach, FL 33139; phone: 954/457-5003; fax: 954/457-8578; e-mail (usually): Sandy@SKPAssociates.com; e-mail (infrequently, when traveling): SKPaul@attglobal.net. Sandy says her two e-mails are tied down to Miami from the big apple extremely well and are getting accustomed to the accents down in Miami-land. I still can’t imagine Sandy not in New York in her neighborhood and wonderful apartment and office building. But, times, they keep changin’ us, don’t they?

And there’s more to add about Sandy! She is now also Chief Executive Officer of Ocean Books in Hallandale, Florida. Did you ever wonder how they get books on ocean liners? Well, Sandy is a librarian after all since she will be acquiring books and other reading materials for ocean liners. I tell you, some people have all the luck! www.oceanbooks.com

Ebisco is now giving users the ability to purchase articles in online journals that are viewable on Ebisco Online even if they do not have a subscription to the journal. The pay-per-view feature is available both to registered users of Ebisco Online as well as to users linking from Ebisco Online’s linking partners, including proprietary and third-party databases available on Ebisco Publishing’s Ebiscohost service. To purchase an article, the user clicks the “Purchase Article” button and enters credit card information and an email address. The article is accessible online for seven days and can be downloaded, saved to disk or printed as needed.

Well, individual pay-per-view by credit card is definitely gaining momentum. IDEAL Online allows access to all articles in Academic Press and Harcourt Health Sciences journals on IDEAL. Through IDEAL
AKAM) has been selected by Academic Press to accelerate the delivery of rich Web content to end-users of IDEAL. Akamai's FreeFlow service improves IDEAL's speed, performance, and reliability by delivering content from Akamai's globally distributed network of more than 6,000 servers located at the edges of the Internet. www.idealibrary.com.

Speaking of IDEAL, recently signed license agreements will deliver STM information to 210,000 researchers in the People's Republic of China, India, Cyprus, and Chile. The China Academic Library and Information System (CALIS) was the first to sign a licensing agreement to deliver IDEAL to 131,000 researchers affiliated with 13 universities in the People's Republic of China. Licensed institutions span much of the republic and include Jilin University in the northern province of Shenyang, Sun Yat-sen University in the southeastern province of Guangdong, and Peking University in Beijing. As well journals on IDEAL are now available to researchers affiliated with the University of Pune in the Republic of India. Establishing first-ever access to IDEAL for the academic community of the Republic of Cyprus, the University of Cyprus has joined the HEAL-Link consortium and signed a license agreement. More information about the HEAL-Link consortium appears at http://www.agnet.com/www/apconsist.htm. And, finally, through a SWETS IOC (IDEAL Open Consortium) licensing agreement, 78,000 researchers in the Universidad del Bio-Bio, Universidad Austral de Chile, Universidad Catolica del Norte, Universidad de la Frontera, Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile (PUC) and Universidad de Concepcion now have access to IDEAL. Whew!

Lyman—the fabulous—Newlin keeps me up-to-date. How he keeps up with everything is beyond me! Anyway, he tells me that the wonderful Nancy Essig, director of the University Press of Virginia since 1988, is retiring in April. Nancy has helped guide the Virginia Press into growing prominence during a time of rapid change in the publishing industry. During her tenure, the state’s only university press has roughly doubled the number of books it publishes annually and been acclaimed for the breadth and strength of its offerings. Several of its scholarly book series are known worldwide. Nancy’s retirement plans include learning more about Southern history and writing a book about the family of Virginia writer Ellen Glasgow. Previously assistant director at the Johns Hopkins University Press and publicity director at Columbia University Press and in trade publishing Nancy Essig has served on the board of directors of the Association of American University Presses and was founding editor of its newsletter, The Exchange. She has also been president of Women in Scholarly Publishing and of the Washington/Baltimore chapter of the Women’s National Book Association. She has taught publishing courses at Howard University, George Washington University, and in the Summer Publishing Institute of the University of Denver. A committee to conduct a national search for her successor is expected to be appointed shortly. Contact: Bob Brickhouse, (804) 924-6856.

I recently had a flat tire and found myself wondering how that small, barely seeable nail could get all insinuated into me hard rubber tire and cause it to go poof! Physics, I thought; I need to know more about Physics. At which point my 18-year-old daughter Ileana, who’s taking AP Physics explained the whole thing to me (sort of). Anyway, Physics is a fascinating and complex discipline and understanding the underlying principle that matter can neither be created nor destroyed merely changed is apparently very important. (I guess I knew this once upon a time!) Anyway, where am I going? Physics Matters! a ten-volume Grolier Educational science set demonstrates this and many other important principles of Physics. Physics is in action all around us! You heard it here! (01725593, $390).

Founded in 1997, the California Digital Library (CDL) is a “co-library” of the UC campuses, with a focus on providing patrons with digital materials and services. In collaboration with the UC campus libraries, the CDL is building a comprehensive systemwide digital collection of information resources. Licensing content for the UC system from electronic journal publishers is a key component of collection building activities, which also include digitizing unique and original content owned by the university and dozens of other California institutions for use by the public. Under a recent agreement, Ebsco will negotiate with publishers on behalf of the CDL to secure electronic journal licenses. Initially, Ebsco will serve as a representative of the CDL to a limited group of publishers. As licenses are secured with the group, other publishers will be added to the list. For further information, visit www.edlib.org or www.ebsco.com.

This is from PW Daily for Bookellers from Publishers Weekly http://www.publishersweekly.com — Con TEXT, the National Association of College Stores annual conference on textbooks and technology (Long Beach, CA, February 22-24), will host a panel discussion on strategies for unreadable on page 16

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dig e-commerce, digital books and other technologies to deliver educational materials in the future. Information about ConTEXT is available online at http://www.nacs.org/public/events/context/.

Wolters Kluwer will provide a new “can’t miss” opportunity for publishers to reach a new audience. Individual e-books will be available for purchase and can be downloaded onto any e-reader or computer. Publishers will retain all rights to their content, and sales will be tracked through an online platform.

The acquisition of e-novel and the inclusion of Wolters Kluwer North America in the deal solidifies Wolters Kluwer’s position as a leader in the e-book market. Wolters Kluwer has already launched several successful e-book initiatives, including Wolters Kluwer Legal, Tax & Business Europe cluster on January 1, 2001. The legal, tax & business Europe cluster has annual sales of more than EUR 1.2 billion and comprises operations in fifteen countries. David Smith (S1, British nationality) is currently CEO of Wolters Kluwer Education. He recently successfully integrated the educational publishing operations spread out over six European countries into one integrated cluster. Mr. Smith joined Wolters Kluwer in 1992. Peter van Wel, member of the Executive Board of Wolters Kluwer, will act as interim CEO of the Education cluster until a new CEO has been appointed.

Baker & Taylor, Inc., has announced that Gary Rautenstrauch, Baker & Taylor’s Chief Operating Officer, will succeed Craig Richards as President, effective immediately. Rautenstrauch will retain his title of Chief Operating Officer and will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the company. Rautenstrauch (like the way his name ends, don’t you?) joined Baker & Taylor 19 years ago and has held several key management positions with increasing responsibility, including General Manager of the Momence, Ill. service center, Chief Technical Officer and President, Baker & Taylor Institutional, one of the company’s two customer-focused divisions. Richards departs Baker & Taylor after nine years with the company, the past six years as CEO. All positions previously reporting to Richards will report to Rautenstrauch, including those in Informatica, Baker & Taylor’s business-to-business e-commerce unit that distributes electronic content, databases, services and applications and creates Internet Portals hosting services tailored to target customers such as libraries, educational institutions and traditional and Internet retailers.

The Millennium Minutes keep coming in! Have you sent yours in yet? This month, we hear from Marisa Anna Scegiano <mscegiano@trentu.ca>, Technical Services Librarian, at Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario, Canada, about the “back room.” I’ve always thought that libraries would make a great sitcom, don’t you?

Got a great paper from Andrew Payne <andrewpa@global.co.za>, who would like to know if South African publications covering a host of subject areas would be welcome in libraries outside of South Africa. For example, would a title that has just been published by an MD who is now head of the school of Homeopathy at a Johannesburg technikon (polytechnic) be of interest? The title is Manual of Clinical Homeopathy by Dr. M.E.A. Moiloa, 279 pages, $26 USD, sample copies are available. Let him know if you are interested, okay?

Data Research Associates, Inc. (DRA) (Nasdaq: DRAL) has announced that revenues for its first quarter of fiscal 2001, ended December 31, 2000, were $5.7 million, compared with $6.5 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2000. The company reported a loss for the first quarter of fiscal 2001 of $205,000, or four cents per share basic and diluted, compared with earnings of $206,000, or four cents per share basic and diluted, for the same period in fiscal 2000. “Although we are disappointed in the results of this quarter,” stated DRA President and CEO, Michael J. Mellingler, “throughout the company’s history, first quarter earnings have typically been the lowest of the fiscal year.”

The Fiesole Collection Development Retreat Conference Proceedings from the 1999 retreat are out from Casalini Libri. What is the Life Library in 2005? And How Do We Build Collections For It? The online edition is available at digital.casalini.it/retreat/index.htm. Check it out!

ebrary™ will make all Amsterdam University Press titles available through ebrary. English books, including high level academic research works as well as more popular titles, will be the first priority. Subject areas in which AUP is the leading academic publisher in the Netherlands and has particular strength in art history, political science, economics, history, cultural studies, women’s studies and sociology. ebrary is creating a rich collection of authoritative and valuable content that includes books, journals, maps, periodicals and digitally archived material, most of which was previously inaccessible via the Web. ebrary patrons will gain access to this content without having to pay membership or subscription fees. Using ebrary’s advanced search technologies, they can freely browse and search documents to find material relevant to their needs. Using the photocopy analogy, ebrary patrons will pay to copy or print specific paragraphs, pages or chapters as needed. For more information, visit ebrary at www.ebrary.com.

netlibrary (www.netlibrary.com) continues its shared eBook resources agreement with SOLINET, a membership-based network serving more than 1,500 libraries in the Southeast. As the largest regional library consortium in the United States, SOLINET serves academic, research, public, school, corporate, medical, law, and special libraries in 10 southeastern states and the Caribbean. SOLINET is offering member libraries perpetual access to more than 15,000 netLibrary eBooks initially and will continue to add new eBooks in the coming months. In addition to being invited to participate in the shared resource collection, SOLINET member libraries may voluntarily elect to obtain individual library collections through netLibrary. SOLINET and netLibrary have worked closely over the past few months to build an initial shared eBook resources collection of titles appropriate to all member libraries.

netLibrary eBooks are available on the Internet 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Patrons may search, preview, check out, and read eBooks at terminals in library branches or from any Net-connected computer.

I ran into him twice at ALA in Washington! Couldn’t believe it! Lenny Schiff <lechif@made-E-Z.com>, once of Ballen Booksellers (remember them?) is now at Made E-Z Products in Deerfield Beach, FL. He looks great. That Florida sun must agree with him. Also ran into Joe Raker <joseph.raker@quality-books.com>, once of Boston Public Library, now a sales representative for Quality Books, Inc. He looks great himself! And Peter McCallion <tanglemac@aol.com> is doing wonderfully! His card says “Library and Publishing Consultant” and I am sure he’s the very best. I tell you, these people who retire ...

George I. Lewicky, a famous person known to us all, H.W. Wilson’s Senior Vice President and Director of Indexing and continued on page 18
Ms. deBruijn comes to CNSLP from her former position as manager with the British Columbia Electronic Library Network (ELN) in Burnaby, British Columbia, and brings a wealth of expertise in the domain of library information systems. "The CNSLP represents a collaborative effort of the nation's universities that is unprecedented in scope and impact," said Ms. deBruijn. "The opportunities and challenges of this project are great, but I'm confident that the university, library, and research communities involved are more than equal to the task. As Executive Director, I look forward to working with all partners to implement the CNSLP and to achieve the project's transformative goals."

Ms. deBruijn and representatives of the 64 CNSLP member libraries are now conducting negotiations with journal publishers and vendors to obtain pan-Canadian site licenses for electronic versions of scholarly journals, mostly in scientific disciplines. The titles being considered in these negotiations include the following: American Chemical Society Web Editions; APS Journals; Annual Reviews Online; Bioline International; Cambridge Journals Online; ESDU (Engineering Sciences Data Unit); Evolutionary Ecology Research; IDEAL (174 full-text Academic Press journals); IEEE Online Journals; IEE/IEEE Electronic Library (IEL); IOP Journals; Journal of Biological Chemistry; On-Line JAMA & Archives Journals; Kluwer Online; MathSciNet; Portland Press Online Journals; RSC Electronic Journals; Science Direct (1136 full-text titles); Springer LINK; Synergy (247 full-text journals); Turpion E-Journals; Web of Science Indexing/abstracting; Wiley InterScience (336 full-text journals).

Through CNSLP, Canadian institutions will substantially increase their buying power and ability to negotiate better contractual terms for access to a much larger body of published research. The participating institutions will also improve accessibility through electronic delivery of research material.

This initiative thus creates the possibility of a national digital library service. Price increases from publishers, proliferation of publications, and rapid technological innovation in electronic publishing have provided a powerful impetus to change academic library systems. Information technology use is accelerating the entire research process. Distribution of research results in print format is giving way to quicker dissemination through electronic networks.

Throughout the last year and a half, CNSLP's negotiations with the publishers have continued. Major agreements are expected before the end of 2000. There seems to have been little resistance on the part of vendors to this new, consortial approach to purchasing. However, the massive amount of money needed to secure licenses for 64 universities may be daunting. Negotiators are confident that the advantages of the consortial arrangement will encourage vendors to settle on a reasonable cost that meets the financial abilities of all concerned.

Costs will not be insignificant. The Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) has agreed to provide $20 million over three years to fund CNSLP. CFI is a corporation established by the Canadian government to strengthen Canadians' capability for research. Its mandate is to increase the capacity of Canadian universities, colleges, hospitals, and other not-for-profit institutions to carry out important world-class scientific research and technology development. This $20 million grant from CFI's Institutional Innovation Fund will cover about 40% of the cost of the CNSLP, with an additional $30 million coming from regional or provincial partners and CNSLP's 64 participating institutions. There is still need for a greater commitment of funding on the part of universities, as well as the hope that other sources of funding may be found. These sources are imperative if the initiative is to expand to cover resources in the social sciences and humanities.

In recent years, Canadian libraries have entered into site licensing arrangements at the provincial and regional levels. The strategy worldwide, however, is toward national site licensing. Because the Canadian academic market for electronic publications is relatively small, it is crucial to consolidate the negotiating and buying power of academic libraries to reduce costs.

Initiatives of this sort have not been attempted on a countrywide scale in the United States. Regional efforts like Ohiolink could be the basis of larger initiatives in the future. Similar efforts to the CNSLP in Finland, the United Kingdom, and Australia have yielded agreements, such as site licenses for Academic Press, for a whole country. Several Canadian publications (Quill and Quire, No. 1999: Information Highways, Aug.-Sept. 1999) have noted the CNSLP initiative, and Maclean's, Canada's equivalent of Time Magazine, recently published a major article. However, the Canadian media in general has not covered this initiative in depth, and CNSLP is virtually unknown in the United States. CNSLP has established a website to keep members and those interested up to date.

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Abstracting Services, has announced his retirement from the company. He will remain a member of the H.W. Wilson Company Board of Directors. Mr. Lewicky joined H.W. Wilson in 1965 as Administrative Assistant for Indexing Services and also served as Director of Personnel Administration from 1967 to 1974. He was elected Vice President in 1974 and joined the company’s Board of Directors in 1976. Sounds like a job well done to me! Happy Retirement, Mr. Lewicky! We will miss you!

Speaking of H.W. Wilson, they’ve got a delightful visit with Leonard diSanto <ldisanto@hwwilson.com> and Nancy Kolody <nkolody@hwwilson.com> of H.W. Wilson. Nancy is especially fond of Spoleto in Charleston and wanted some tips on places to go and stay and eat, etc., in Charleston. You know, I think we should compile a list of favorite places in Charleston by Charleston Conference attendees. How about it? I’d love to read it! Anyone turned on by the idea?

Oh! Just got word of the release by Wilson of Biography Reference Bank. To be published exclusively on WilsonWeb, this biographical database covers over 195,000 figures from antiquity through today. Biography Reference Bank combines the in-depth profiles database Wilson Biographies Plus Illustrated and the periodicals and book coverage of Biography Index Plus (an expansion of Biography Index). Profiles from Wilson Biographies Plus Illustrated and citations from Biography Index Plus link to full-text articles and abstracts of articles from any of more than 4,000 magazines and journals covered by the range of Wilson's periodicals databases. www.hwwilson.com.

Verity, Inc., a leader in software support for Internet portals, will provide the tech infrastructure behind the all-new version of the WilsonWeb database services planned for fall 2001.

Freek Langhoff — cute as ever and still with IBD — was also at ALA in Washington. Supposedly Freek was in the company of Paul Beranteau <paul@benjamin.com> (John Benjamin's) but I never saw him. However, there's always the Publisher Profile in the Dec./Jan. ITG (p. 80) to fall back on.

Stanton C. Gray has joined Brodart as the Automation Division's newest West Coast Sales Associate covering the territory of Wash-continued on page 24

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The Dilemma of Publisher Giveaways

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The holidays are over and I suspect most of us received many tangible gifts. We are most likely thankful for each gift and respect and understand the intentions of the giver. Some of the gifts we will cherish, some will be put to work immediately, some have already become a nuisance... and you name what else.

In my work life I am offered many gifts from vendors and publishers. These are directed to me as the holder of my professional position in the library. They come at the holiday season, throughout the year, and especially at professional meetings. They include all variety of drinking containers, office supplies, T-shirts and recently include beanies, jackets, gym bags and photo frames. I seem to receive more and more gifts as the years go by—I hope this is only a reflection of the booming economy rather than my increasing age. Gifts from publishers or vendors have become so prolific that they are no longer known as gifts, but as "giveaways." This name change is somewhat indicative of aspects of the giving. I am often less thankful of giveaways than gifts and I am not always sure of the intentions of the giver of giveaways.

I suspect that publishers and vendors give giveaways for several reasons: they get our attention, hold our attention, help us use their products, oblige us to think seriously about their products, and foster good will. But lurking in the back of my mind is always the thought, "is this the cost of this publisher's titles is increasing so rapidly?"

The "Biz of Acq" column recently ran an article on how ethics and values inform the practice of acquisition librarians. Rob Richards found a large body of ethical literature regarding the business relationship between acquisitions librarians and their suppliers. The primary document of this literature is the American Library Association, Association for Library Collections & Technical Services, "Statement on Principles and Standards of Acquisitions Practice." Number five of the twelve principles states, "In all acquisitions transactions, a librarian declines personal gifts and gratuities." It can, of course, be argued that accepting a giveaway from a vendor is not part of an actual acquisitions transaction. Richards also found three primary values that make relationships between librarians and vendors or publishers more effective: partnership, mutuality, and trust. It can be argued that partners give each other gifts and that mutuality (the well-being of the vendor and library are interdependent) is fostered by giveaways.

Chris Graesser, Chair of the American Association of Law Libraries, Council on Relations with Vendors, wrote a provocative piece in the AALL Newsletter titled: "Are We Branded? Examining the Nature of Librarians' Relationships with Publishers." Chris asks, "How much influence do gifts have on a librarian?" She believes that the more experienced librarian is less likely to be swayed by marketing efforts of gifts, whereas, novice librarians "may be gratified by the little gifts and free lunches. Or, may be intimidated by the money expended by publishers." Having worked as a librarian for over 25 years, I must consider myself a veteran but I admit that I feel more like a novice according to Chris. I often feel as uncomfortable declining a gift/giveaway from a vendor as I do receiving the same. If I decline a gift, the vendor or publisher may think I am not interested in their products or in developing a good working relationship with their representatives. But when I accept the gift or giveaway, I can't get the voice out of the back of my mind that these gifts are increasing the cost of the products to my library.

Another issue once I have accepted a giveaway is what do I do with it? If I display the item am I "branded" as a recipient of the giver? Chris Graesser says, "After many years, I have concluded that it is unwise to display legal publisher brands at work. If we have a preference for one product over another, it is our job to make recommendations to our patrons, but we should not become tacit billboards. I take my mugs home and I do not wear publisher T-shirts on casual day." I have a different take on this; it seems to me that the giveaways are meant to be used at work. Indeed, many of the items, such as office supplies, really help keep our supply budget from being exhausted in the first half of the fiscal year. Basically, I've become addicted to sticky notes and pens from publishers.

I learned my lesson to give equal display time to vendor giveaways the hard way. A salesperson for company X was in my office and complained bitterly that he didn't see any giveaways from his company (Y) in my office. I pointed out that he just wasn't observant enough, but I did rearrange my mouse pads after he left. Now I am very careful to always display products from major competing vendors. I have an eagle beanie baby from LEXIS sitting on the left corner of my monitor and a frog beanie baby from WESTLAW on the right!

There is another issue involved with these giveaways. It is the general issue of what creeping affluence and increasing amounts of "stuff" are doing to our environment. In short, it is creating more harm than most of us realize and makes us culpable in the crime of leaving the earth less healthy for our children and grandchildren.

For myself, the dilemma of how to handle vendor giveaways continues. I try to find the middle ground of being selective in what I accept by making sure the gift is useful and will get used. I try to accept gifts that are not especially harmful to the environment (such as disposables). And most importantly, I make sure the larger question: are the gifts given with the intention that I place an order with the giving vendor or publisher, never enters my mind. This can become a fine line between accepting or sponsoring and restraint. Each librarian must find his or her own comfort zone on how best to handle giveaways from vendors. This is an issue which is not going away soon; it only seems to be increasing.

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ingtor, Oregon. Idaho, Nevada, Utah, California, and Arizona. Educated at Trinity College in Sioux Falls South Dakota, Gray holds a degree in Business administration. Wonder if he has met Rick Anderson who is new at the University of Nevada?

Speaking of Rick Anderson (above) (Electronic Resources/Serials Coordinator, The University Libraries, University of Nevada, Reno <rickand@unr.edu>), Did you run into Rick Anderson in Washington? I know he said that coming to Charleston made him slightly homesick for the East.

Charles Germain (Rowecom) <cegermain@rowe.com> is always up to something. This time it's grandfathering his fourth grandchild who lives in Brazil. He was showing us pictures from his laptop. Ain't technology great?

Chuck Hamaker was impressed by Serials Solutions which is a way for patrons to determine if a full-text electronic version of a specific journal is available from database aggregator services to which your library subscribes. Check continued on page 85

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Medicinal Plants

When you sip a cup of echinacea tea, you may not worry about the purple cone flower becoming an endangered species, but that in fact is what is happening to many wild medicinal herb plants (many of which were once considered common weeds) as demand continues to grow. United Plant Savers was founded in an effort to prevent extinction. Its mission is to save American medicinal plant conservation and cultivation, and activities include: identifying at-risk native medicinal plants; raising public awareness; creating and managing botanical sanctuaries; providing seed and rootstock; replanting; consulting regarding sustainable land practices; sponsoring programs for school systems and communities; and carrying out focused research.

http://www.plantsavers.org/ [reported in TipWorld from Topica.com (http://www.topica.com/)]

Neuroimaging

There's no such thing as an average brain. The degree of variability in human brain structure makes it difficult to determine abnormality in a single individual just on examination. The Laboratory of Neuro Imaging at UCLA collaborates nationally and internationally to develop brain models that track and analyze complex patterns of dynamically changing brain structure in development and disease. The LONI Web site offers incredible images, for example a recently completed multi-modality atlas of the brain in Alzheimer's disease which combined thousands of annotated structure models with MRI, PET, and crossections, histologic and biochemical data in a common coordinate space. Researchers can also access the LONI Resource and its software for using a database of MRI scans from more than 7,000 subjects. You'll also find a complete description of LONI's facilities and personnel, as well as available jobs!

http://www.loni.ucla.edu/

Oceanography

Tropical Ecosystems: Coral Reefs, Rainforests & A Potpourri of Weather, Earth Science & Other Good Things. Now that's a mouthful! R. Hays Cummis personal page reflects his eclectic interests and his department: Interdisciplinary Studies. The opening page is extensive, with drop down menus to weather sites, tropical ecosystems courses and images, and field presentations. There's a "Treat of the Day," which was spectacular volcano and earthquake imagery on January 12, 2001. Drop in on one of the Discovery Labs, or check out the course discussion sites. Look at the weather and earth science resources while enjoying the colorful tropical cyclone activity map image. Or just enjoy the randomly selected images the author provides.

http://rscience.wcp.muhio.edu/html/index.html

Physics

From the fizzy-sics of champagne to why your electric toothbrush recharges without metal-to-metal contact can be found at Physics Central. This educational site from the American Physical Society is aimed at high school and up, offering articles, brief reviews, miniprofiles of scientists, the latest physics news, links to other physics sites, and a "how things work" column where questions are answered by physicist Lou Bloomfield.

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the Website out—www.serialsolutions.com. Marietta Plank was looking great. And it's still hard as hell to drive a bargain with her!

John Tagler <jtagler@elsevier.com> was talking about the debate at the 20th Charleston Conference between David Goodman and Tony Ferguson. Maybe next year we can get John on the debating podium. Suggestions for topics? Debaters?

As shown at ALA in Washington, Faxon, RoweCom Library Services have implemented a completely electronic claims handling process with major publishers including John Wiley & Sons, Inc., Elsevier Science, and Klwer Academic Publishers. The process utilizes Internet FTP and other electronic exchange methods to standard industry EMDI FACT messages between Faxon and its suppliers.

Last but not least, I have to brag for a minute. My daughter Ilenea Strauch, has just published a book on the College of Charleston in the College History Series of Arcadia Publishing (0738508362, $19.99). I'm not telling you all to go out and buy a copy, but it's a great book and will have lots of anecdotes for the next time you visit Charleston!

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