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Summer is supposed to be on its way but we've had thunder, lightning and even hail in the past week. Talking of bad weather (as the English do) I did manage to complete the **London Marathon** — even though the weather was atrocious! True to my word I counted the number of libraries (or libraries signposted on the route). There were three close to the route and one on it! All in 26.2 miles.

But the weather hasn't put us all off forging ahead with meetings, product announcements and lots of exciting news. So here it is from **Platform One** in Paddington. <http://blog.xrefer.com/#108332627356424424> <http://blog.xrefer.com/#108323891192768290>

IST 2004 will address European policies, strategies and research activities in all areas of the Information Society <http://blog.xrefer.com/#108332557819180561>.

<http://blog.xrefer.com/#108358495079053867>

The library hopes the archive will be ready for public display in the autumn. So if you fancy a visit to London in autumn, make sure you have time to nip over to the **BL**.

I am told that the **Bodleian Library** in Oxford has been awarded more than 1.5 million pounds to upgrade the bibliographic records for its printed serials collection — the largest in the world. It is funded by the **Andrew W Mellon Foundation**.

<http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/>

And at a time when there has been much critical debate about libraries in the UK press "UK libraries out of use by 2020" <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/3661831.stm>.

It is refreshing to read that nationwide research in Ireland has found that libraries remain hugely popular with users — with 94 per cent who visited one feeling that their visit was successful <http://www.library.council.ie/>.

There are a number of courses taking place over the summer. July 8-9th "The Future of Scholarship in the Digital Age" to be held in Brighton <http://ukoln.ac.uk/events/jisc-cni-2004/>. In London from July 13-16th, **The International Society for Knowledge Organisation (ISKO8)** <http://conferences.atala.org/conferences/fiches/isko8.html>.

Also in London, "Digital Generations: Children, Young People and New Media" <http://ccsonline.org.uk>.

Congratulations to **Huw Evans** who has been appointed Head of Advice and Support at **Cymal (Museums, Archives and Libraries Wales)** **Huw** was previously Executive Officer at **CILIP Wales**. **Lesley Ray** has been appointed Head of **Libraries, Archives and Arts at Lambeth**. We wish **Lesley** lots of luck.

That's all for now. Until next time.

Daryl 

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and Collection Development, The Nelson Atkins Museum of Art). www.oxfordonline.com

And the **IEEE** has announced new members of the **IEEE Library Advisory Council (LAC)**. Representatives of corporate, academic and government libraries worldwide serve on the LAC for two-year terms. **IEEE** established **LAC** in 1999 to get ongoing feedback about its products and policies. The new IEEE LAC members are: **Susan Ardis** (The University of Texas at Austin, USA), **Rudi G. Bakker** (Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands), **Beth L. Brin** (Boise State University, USA), **Cheryl Cohen** (Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information), **Mariann Cyr** (3M, USA), **Bradley E. Gernand** (The Institute for Defense Analyses, USA), **Orlando Hugo Levato** (Secretaria de Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación Productiva, Argentina). They will join current members who continue through 2004: **William Mischo** (University of Illinois, USA), **Joong-Yo Lee** (Seoul National University, Korea), **Cynthia Hill** (Sun Microsystems, USA), **Dr. Hiroshi Nakanishi** (Toshiba, Japan), **Dr. Layne Johnson** (Pfizer, USA), **Judy Carlson** (Motorola, USA), **R. James King** (Naval Research Laboratory, USA), **Jacqueline Stack** (Los Alamos National Laboratory, USA), **Dr. Heath O'Connell** (Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, USA), and **Miles Porter** (QinetiQ Ltd.—UK Defense Research Agency, United Kingdom) www.ieee.org

This issue of **ATG** includes an absorbing **Back Talk** by **Tony Ferguson** on **RFIDs (Radio Frequency Identification)** (see p.94). Tony says that in Hong Kong **RFID** taglike devices

are a part of their daily lives. They have what are called "Octopus" cards. Meanwhile, back in the US of A, many are alarmed by this technology. See the recent article, "RFID: Helpmate or Conspiracy?," by **Michael Schuyler** <michael@krl.org> (Deputy Director, Kitsap Regional Library Bremerton, WA) in **Computers in Libraries**, 24: 1, Jan 2004, pp.22-24. Schuyler advocates the adoption of policies and procedures so that libraries can influence what is happening in bookstores and other outlets in a positive way. From the listserv for the **Pacific Northwest Library Association**.

Okay. Visit the NEW and IMPROVED **Charleston Conference Website** at <http://www.katina.info/conference/>. The **November (Charleston Conference issue) of ATG** is being edited by the astute and energetic **Thelma Diercks** <thelma@hawaii.edu>. The focus is "**Budgets, Budgeting, and Books**" to balance the **Charleston Conference theme** of "**All the World's a Serial**". The November **ATG** asks: "Where in the World Have All the Books Gone?" Included will be articles by **Anthony Ferguson** (University Librarian, U. of Hong Kong), **Dan Halloran** (President, Blackwell's Book Services), **Ila Scott** (Reference/Collections Librarian, U. of Alberta), **Linda Di Biase** (Collection Development Librarian, U. of Washington), **Margaret Landesman** (Head, Collection Development, Marriott Library, U. of Utah), **Nancy Slight-Gibney** (Director, Budget & Management Information Services, U. of Oregon), **Nicholas Goetzfridt** (Acting Dean, RFK Memorial Library, U. of Guam), and **Niko Pfund** (V.P. & Publisher; Academic, Professional and Medical, Oxford University Press).

We have an interview with **Ron Klausner** of **ProQuest** in this issue of **ATG**, see p.63. Anyway, this news is just out. **ProQuest Information and Learning**, a unit of **ProQuest**

Company, and **NYTimes.com** will offer directly to the consumer market a **historical digital archive** of **The New York Times** newspaper dating back to 1851, when it was first published. The Archive will be available on **NYTimes.com**, the Website of **The New York Times**, on a pay-per-view basis. Articles are available for \$2.95 each or in packages of four, 10 and 25 articles.

<http://www.il.proquest.com>

More from **ProQuest Information and Learning**. They have acquired **Nineteenth Century Short-Title Catalogue List (NSTC)**, the renowned bibliographic database that catalogs the 19th-century holdings of eight of the world's top research libraries. The libraries include: **The British Library**, the **Bodleian Library** (Oxford), the **Cambridge University Library**, **Trinity College Dublin**, the **National Library of Scotland**, the **Newcastle University Library**, plus holdings from 1816 to 1919 of the **Harvard University Library** and the **Library of Congress**. **NSTC** was formerly owned and maintained by **ABC-CLIO**, who moved **NSTC** from multiple CD-ROMs and integrated them to make them searchable across the series on the Web. www.il.proquest.com

Serials Solutions, Inc. has recently released new **Overlap Analysis** functionality. **Serials Solutions' Overlap Analysis** shows, for each database in a library's collection, the number of journals in that database that are unique to that database, and the number that are available elsewhere in the library's collection. www.serialssolutions.com

This is from **Edupage**, May 19, 2004 — A survey conducted by Harris Interactive and commissioned by the Business Software Alliance (BSA) indicates that a majority of U.S. children continue to download songs, despite acknowl-

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