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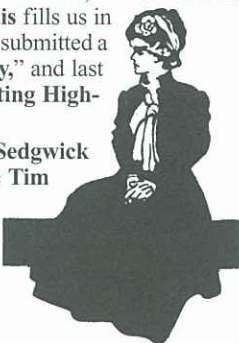
It may not be Thanksgiving but I am happy to have my son **Raymond** back in the US (San Antonio) with his wife **Lindsay**. His time in Iraq is over, at least for a while. Now I just have to worry about my daughter who is on a medical mission in Romania.

Meanwhile, **ATG** continues thanks to all the wonderful editors who put it together. Who could believe that we would be 18 years old? Where has all the time gone? This issue is chock full of some great information on pricing models for electronic resources. **Tim Bucknall** and **Beth Bernhardt** have put together articles from four experienced professionals, **Christine Fischer**, **Rick Anderson**, **Kimberly Steinle**, and **Scott Rice**, who will help us make sense of today's lengthy menu of pricing options by examining them from multiple perspectives. The **Charleston Conference** mentors, **Susan Campbell** and **Pam Cenzer**, took one of **Larry Portzline's** bookstore tours and wrote about it here in "**Pam and Susan's Excellent Greenwich Village Bookstore Adventure**." And while you're traveling, be sure to read **Cris Ferguson's Technology Left Behind** as she looks back in "**An Ode to the Typewriter**."

We have lots of special reports this issue, **Anthony Watkinson** talks about the "**SUPERBOOK Research Project at UCL**," **Julie Flanders** and **Cynthia Gregory** tell us about their "**Leisure Cinema Collection**," **Kirstin Steele** has more on collecting, while **Norman Desmarais** fills us in on "**Colliding Technologies**." **Gene Waddell** has submitted a review essay "**Anthropology As Natural History**," and last but not least **Bob Molyneux** talks about "**Predicting High-Circulating Titles for Public Libraries**."

Our interviews for this issue are with **Martha Sedgwick** and **Patrick Alexander**, and our profiles include **Tim Bucknall**, **Beth R. Bernhardt**, **Kimberly Steinle**, and **Peg Bradshaw**. Plus there's much, much more. Read on!

Cheers, Yr. Ed. 



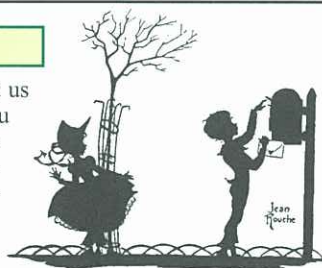
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Thanks so much, Yr. Ed. 



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Reference Publishing	September 2006	07/26/06	08/09/06
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And Alas! One of my first bosses, **Thomas Ellis Hodgkin**, Director of the Booth Library at **Davis & Elkins College**, died Sunday, April 2, Ellis was born in High Point, North Carolina, in 1938. He received his Bachelor's degree in English and History from **High Point College** in 1965 and went on to earn the Master of Science in Library Science degree from the **University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill**, in 1967. In 1981, he received a Master's degree in Management from **Central Michigan University**. Ellis was director of the **College of Charleston Library** in 1979 when I joined the staff. He was a wonderful man, very energetic and creative and intense. May he rest in peace.

On a lighter note, went to lunch the other day with **George Hurd**, the security guard, at the **College of Charleston**. **George** was talking about his time in Vietnam when I was barely born (ha! if you believe that ... I just bought the Brooklyn bridge!). Anyway, **George** was remembering his time in Vietnam and a book/pamphlet about his light infantry regiment. He wanted to find a copy of the book but despaired that he ever would. Guess what!? Your intrepid editor went to **WorldCat** and FOUND the book! Amazing! It is only held at one library, but we are hoping to get it on **Interlibrary Loan**. Also, looking for a copy on the OP market. Gosh! Our networked world is fantastic!

Was meeting with a Psychology professor, **Carol Toris** <torisc@cofc.edu> at the **College of Charleston** the other day and we were talking about all the lightning changes in technology and libraries. And she said, very appropriately I thought, "now I know what the monks must have felt like when the printing press was invented." Ain't that the truth!

Speaking of lightning changes, when my son was in Iraq (thank goodness he's back), I could talk to him by **VOIP**. It was amazing. And the other day I got an email from **Don Chvatal** <Don.Chvatal@ringgold.com> (President, Ringgold, Inc.) which included some sort of **VOIP** designation. Anyway, **Don's OpenRFP** is in the process of supporting an online procurement for **RFID** services. Additional download information is available. He is looking for other libraries which might be seeking support for a similar procurement. Suggestions? www.openrft.com/cfm/si_pd.cfm
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