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services will continue to be delivered from both buildings, eventually a single, seamless organization will be formed to provide those services. It’s a bit of a conceptual leap, Meador expects to be working on strategies, Scott will be working on what services are needed, how to manage research data effectively and securely, establishing policies and compliance with federal requirements, and on and on! I am not worried. Scott will be busy helping us all in libraries especially to find our way in the digital space or should I say quagmire! And wouldn’t you expect the Scott says it will be fun! BTW both Scott and Lynn Fortney will be in Charleston in November!

Speaking of Data Curation, have you signed up for the special Charleston Workshop on Monday and Tuesday before the Conference? Come on down! http://www.katina.info/conference/conference-info/events/data-curation/

Just saw an interesting article in the Wall Street Journal the other day. “Known Unknowns” in Bookshelf by Philip Delves Broughton. He was actually reviewing a book called Curious: The Desire to Know and Why Your Future Depends on It by Ian Leslie (Basic, 2014). Mr. Leslie asserts there are two types of curiosity — dervative and epistemic. He cites a question recently posted on Reddit: “If someone from the 1950s suddenly appeared today, what would be the most difficult thing to explain to them about today?” The most popular answer: “I possess a device in my pocket that is capable of accessing the entirety of information known to man. I use it to look at pictures of cats and get into arguments with strangers.” He says, “We need to work harder for our knowledge and stop being quite as shallow as our technology allows us to be.” I am sure that Scott will be right on this paradox.

Speaking of what technology allows us to do or be, we recently posted an Article of the Week on the ATG NewsChannel — How Streaming Media Could Threaten the Mission of Libraries. Although starting with a focus on streaming digital music, this article in the Chronicle of Higher Education brings up key concerns related to the content licensing, the first sale doctrine, and the provision of library services. More to the point, How Streaming Media Could Threaten the Mission of Libraries highlights what a number of librarians see as an “existential crisis.” The traditional role of developing collections of physical items like books, journals, CDs, DVDs, etc. is giving way to the licensing of digital materials where the relationship between librarians and publishers is shifting, giving the latter “far more power.” Permission to access content is replacing ownership and threatens the foundations of collection development. And what are the implications for Interlibrary loan service? There is a lot to consider in this brief but perceptive article. It’s well worth reading.


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