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If you are interested in leading a discussion, acting as a moderator, coordinating a lively lunch, or would like to make sure we discuss a particular topic, please let us know. The Charleston Conference prides itself on creativity, innovation, flexibility, and informality. If there is something you are interested in doing, please try it out on us. We’ll probably love it...

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Jack says that he is really ok; both physically and mentally. This type of stroke has the best prognosis for full recovery. In the meantime, Jack is changing his diet and exercising more! Sounds like something we all should be doing! And, Jack, we love you! Take care of yourself! Hugs!

And, in the meantime, Jack (above) has arranged for a fantastic Wandering the Web on Pop-up Books written by Deana Groves. See this issue, p. 82. Remember the article on Movable books by Eleanor M. Heldrich that was in the September, 1998 issue of AIT, v.10#4?

Next up! Andrew Pace, the genius Head of Information Technology at North Carolina State! Andrew is joining OCLC as Executive Director, Networked Library Services, effective January 7, 2007. In this position, Andrew will guide the future development of network level services for libraries. Mr. Pace spent the last nine years at North Carolina State University Libraries. As Head of Information Technology since 2001, he has led a staff of 16 librarians, programmers and systems specialists to support the Libraries’ information technology directives. As Assistant Head from 1999-2000, he was primary liaison to the Department for Digital Library Initiatives and the UNC System’s Automation and Networking Committee. Andrew was a Systems Librarian and Product Integration Specialist at Innovative Interfaces, from 1996-1999. He serves on a variety of professional boards and organizations, including the LITA Board (Director-at-Large 2004-2007; Vice President/President-elect 2007-2009), NISO Metasearch Initiative (Co-chair, 2004-2006), and the Open eBook Forum (OeBF) Library Special Interest Group. As we all know, Andrew has written extensively about libraries, and has contributed regularly to American Libraries, Computers in Libraries and Smart Libraries Newsletter publications. His book, The Ultimate Digital Library: Where the New Information Makers Meet, was published by ALA Editions in 2003. He blogs weekly for American Libraries’ “Hectic Pace.” Andrew earned a Master of Science in Library Science from The Catholic University of America, and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Rhetoric and Communication Studies from the University of Virginia. Andrew will reside in the Dublin, Ohio, area.

More about OCLC. Do you remember when Cindy Cunningham spoke in Charleston? It was at the 20th Charleston Conference: Issues in Book and Serial Acquisitions: Is Bigger Better? (November, 2000). Her topic was listed as “Should Libraries be More like Amazon.com” but she preferred the title of her talk to be “The Impact of E-Commerce on Libraries.” Anyway, Cindy will join OCLC as Director, Partner Programs on January 7, 2008. She will play a leadership role in expanding the coverage of WorldCat, and in managing external partnerships. She will work from Seattle, Washington. Cindy spent the last three years as Director, Media Metadata, for Corbis, a resource for advertising, marketing and media professionals worldwide, that provides photography, footage and rights services. From 1998 through February 2004, Ms. Cunningham held a variety of positions at Amazon, including U.S. Catalog Librarian/Program Manager. Before joining Amazon, Ms. Cunningham was Head of Reference and Information Services at Kitsap Regional Library in Bremerton, Washington. Cindy earned a Master’s degree in Library Science from the University of Washington, and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations from Stanford University. In addition to her professional volunteer work, Ms. Cunningham also served four years as President of the Board of World Corps, a non-profit organization based in Seattle which oversaw the installation of Internet kiosks-with accompanying training and economic development activities in four rural areas, in Kenya, India, Mexico and the Philippines. www.oclc.org

More news from OCLC. The awesome Larry Alford, Dean of University Libraries, Temple University, has been named Chair of the OCLC Board of Trustees. He replaces Betsy Wilson, Dean of University Libraries, University of Washington, as Chair of the OCLC Board. Betsy served four consecutive one-year terms as Board Chair, which is the maximum allowed. She remains on the Board. Larry was elected to the OCLC Board of Directors for three years beginning in March 2008.