People Profile: Adam Chesler
We told you about Jill Emery’s pregnancy! Well, here’s a photo of Pearl Rose Hodges, Pearl, who was born April 26, weighed 6 lbs, 3 ounces and was 19 inches tall, and took her dad’s last name. And on June 9, Jill, husband, Dennis Hodges, and Pearl set out for Portland, Oregon where Jill will start a new job as the Collections Librarian at Portland State University on July 1. Jill says they are looking forward to the more temperate summer plus being in the most bicycle friendly city in the U.S. Personally, Jill says, she is very excited to be joining the faculty at Portland State University and hopefully getting to work with the Orbis-Cascade Alliance.

And, speaking of the Orbis-Cascade Alliance, see the article in this issue Building a Demand Driven Consortium eBook Collection by Emily McElroy and Susan Linken.

John Riley sent me several great reports from various conferences, especially BEA. Unfortunately, there was not enough room to print them in the June ATG so we are putting them online rather than holding them for the September print issue. Meanwhile, John Riley will be running the ALA breakfast in New Orleans since I will not be there. Am attending a family reunion where I will be bidding goodbye to my son and his wife and my two grandchildren? Sob! My son is heading for Bogota, Colombia, on June 30, where he begins a new assignment in his life of an Army Major. They will be gone for two years!

Speaking of ALA in New Orleans — Knut Dorn — the legend — will be retiring. Be sure and wish him well! Tina Feick has promised an interview with Knut, so ask her when we can expect it when you see her in New Orleans. Actually, just learned that the 100th Deutsche Bibliothekartag (German Librarians’ Day) takes place just before ALA, on June 7-10, and the theme is “Libraries for the Future — The Future of Libraries.”

Speaking of retirement, was surprised as well as pleased to see JJ Walsdorf’s name on my telephone screen the other day! Jack says he is interested in publishing a collection of his book buying, book store, book selling and book collecting articles which he has written over the past 40 plus years. He noted that he has been rereading his ATG articles and finds that they are not dated and the content is still of interest. Have you all read the articles lately? I have been looking over them myself and Jack, as always, is correct.

News from another retiree — Tom Gilson. Tom retired as Head of Reference at the College of Charleston Libraries but Against the Grain has scoffed him up since he wanted something else to do! Tom will be working with ATG as an associate editor and is already responsible for several interviews in this issue — Deborah Kahn and Phoebe Ayers. We welcome Tom back to the world of the working!

Connie Foster who is not retiring bless her heart, was just at her son’s wedding in Tybee Beach near Savannah, GA! How exciting! Did you see her profile on the ATG NewsChannel at www.against-the-grain.com/


Speaking of which, I don’t have enough room to finish rumors so I guess they are finally pushing me to the Internet. See the rest of Rumors at www.against-the-grain.com.