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Something to Think About -- Responsibility for the Future

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and data. Because WorldCat holdings data is central to SCS’s offerings, we jumped at the chance to develop one of the first third-party applications on WorldShare. The partnership allows SCS to develop our own version of a collection analytics application on the same core data used by OCLC — and to create a new avenue for returning value to member libraries. In our view, the WorldShare model opens up lots of potential for innovation and mutual benefit. We’re very pleased to be part of that.

ATG: We’ve been discussing a lot of serious issues but before we let you go, we were hoping that you could tell us a little bit about you and your family. What do you do with your spare time? What do you like to read? Do you have any hobbies?

RL/RF: We both have big extended families. Rick’s in New England and Ruth’s in Colorado. We spend time with both. Daughter Emily is an artist living just down the road from us and son Lincoln is an engineer working in Louisville, Kentucky. Most evenings when we’re home we gravitate toward the long story arcs of shows like “The Wire,” “Battlestar Galactica,” “Deadwood,” or, most recently, “Six Feet Under.”

ATG: Rick and Ruth, we want to thank you for taking the time to talk to us. As always, we learned a lot.

RL/RF: Our pleasure. Thanks for asking!