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“All-Star” blog launched on Resources for College Libraries site

Bowker has debuted a new blog that will allow some of the world’s most highly regarded library professionals to post updates regarding their progress on individual subject areas being developed for the new Resources for College Libraries (RCL) database, a collaborative effort between ACRL’s CHOICE and Bowker. The blog resides in the “Project Update” section of the RCL Web site at www.RCLWeb.net, the new site dedicated to informing the academic library community about the creation of RCL.

RCL, a database of core titles for academic libraries, is the successor to the classic reference work, *Books for College Libraries*, 3rd edition, published in 1988. It is expected to debut as both a Web-based subscription product and a multivolume print offering in fall 2006.

North Carolina State Libraries launches WolfBlogs

The North Carolina State University (NCSU) Libraries has launched WolfBlogs, a blog hosting service designed to support the personal, curricular, and scholarly communication activities of students, faculty, and staff at NCSU. WolfBlogs allows anyone with an NCSU “Unity ID” to create blogs, modify their look-and-feel, and invite other contributors. To ensure that WolfBlogs would offer the features and flexibility required by the NCSU campus, the libraries evaluated various free, open-source blog software options. The Roller application, developed by NCSU alumnus and Sun Microsystems staff engineer David M. Johnson, was selected and adapted.

NCLIS issues report from symposium

on mass digitization

The National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) has published a report from the symposium “Scholarship and Libraries in Transition: A Dialogue about the Impacts of Mass Digitization Projects,” which was held at the University of Michigan, March 10–11. The symposium, inspired by the December 2004 announcement of a partnership between Google, Inc. and five major research libraries to digitize more than 10 million unique titles, brought together scholars, librarians, publishers, and government leaders to discuss their concerns and issues. The 24-page report is available in PDF at www.nclis.gov/digitization/MassDigitizationSymposium-Report.pdf.

ProQuest completes digitization of Parliamentary Papers

ProQuest Information and Learning has completed the digitization of the House of Commons Parliamentary Papers from 1801 to 1900. Parliamentary Papers are considered to be the most detailed primary source for information on 19th-century Britain, its colonies, and the wider world. Available through ProQuest’s Chadwyck-Healey brand, the collection includes all sessional papers issued by the House of Commons from 1801 to 1900—4.2 million pages. All of the papers are full-text searchable with hit-term highlighting and accompanied by the bibliographic data and subject indexing from *Subject Catalogue to the House of Commons Parliamentary Papers, 1801–1900*. Topics covered include British imperialism, the move from an agrarian society to an industrial society, social conditions of the British working class, public health issues, removal of the American Indians, agriculture, travel, and immigration.

RLG to combine with OCLC

The RLG Board of Directors and OCLC Board of Trustees have recommended that the two organizations combine effective July 1, 2006. If approved by RLG’s member institutions, RLG’s online services and products will be integrated with OCLC products and services, and RLG’s program initiatives

will be brought forward as a new division of OCLC Programs and Research. The combined organization will provide an opportunity to leverage program strengths, services, and research initiatives to a greater number of libraries, museum, archives, and other research organizations.

Full text from *Chronicle* available through Wilson

The *Chronicle of Higher Education* is now available in full text through Wilson Web's Education Full Text database, going back to January 2001. Education Full Text provides full-text articles from more than 300 journals, in addition to the indexing and abstracting of articles from more than 720 journals. The full-text content is supplemented with page images.

UNC academy adopts resolutions on ethic and openness in LIS education

The Louis Round Wilson Academy, which supports the Knowledge Trust program at the University of North Carolina (UNC)-Chapel Hill's School of Information and Library Science, met in Granada, Spain, in April to discuss the future of library and information science education. The academy approved its first resolutions on ethics and openness during the meeting. The resolution on ethics includes principles related to personal integrity, honesty and respect for diverse perspectives, and maintaining the vital role of public trust; validation of the authenticity of all materials; respect; and commitment to service.

Academy members, representing business, academia, information technology, museums, librarianship, and digital era innovators, also agreed that access to information should be freely and easily available to all, with due regard for safety and human rights. The Knowledge Trust was founded by José-Marie Griffiths, dean of the School of Information and Library Science at UNC-Chapel Hill, in October 1995. A Web site for the academy and the Knowledge Trust will be available soon at www.knowledgetrust.unc.edu.

SwetsWise 4.2 with RSS released

Swets Information Services has released the 4.2 version of SwetsWise, their Web-based, modular service for the procurement, access, and management of subscriptions and online information. Among the technical improve-

ments and new functionalities in the release is the inclusion of RSS feeds to SwetsWise Online Content. The RSS feeds available will provide Table of Contents, General News related to SwetsWise, and System Warning information.

Indiana State wins collaboration award

The Wabash Valley Visions and Voices Digital Memory Project, based at Indiana State University Library, has been selected to receive the Indiana Library Federation Collaboration Award for 2006. The award honors a corporation, organization, individual library, or group of libraries that has made significant contributions in the efforts promoting library services in a community or region, or at the statewide level. Established in April 2004 and publicly unveiled in October 2005, Wabash Valley Visions and Voices is dedicated to the documentation and preservation of the history of West Central Indiana. The digital collection currently houses more than 21,000 items, including artifacts, administrative and personal papers, manuscripts, photographs, yearbooks, maps, texts, oral histories, and other audio and video files that are both historic and recent in origin. The project is a collaborative effort involving the Wabash Valley's libraries, museums, cultural organizations, community groups, and area residents. It is available at visions.org.

Tyrone Cannon appointed to ACRL Board as councilor

Tyrone Cannon, library dean at the University of San Francisco, has been appointed by the ACRL Board of Directors to fill the unexpired term created when Elaine Didier resigned the position in May. The ACRL Bylaws call for the Board to appoint a replacement until the next election (spring 2007).

Upon resigning, Didier, who served two years of her three-year term, commented, I have greatly appreciated the honor of serving on the ACRL Board and representing [ACRL] on ALA Council for the past two years. ACRL has great leadership, and I have high confidence for the Association's future. Thank you all for your confidence and support.

NYU dedicates preservation and conservation department

The Barbara Goldsmith Preservation and Conservation Department in New York University's Elmer Holmes Bobst Library was formally dedicated on May 15 at a ceremony in honor of the well-known author, historian, and cultural preservationist whose gift made it possible.

Goldsmith has been a long-time donor and supporter of the library's preservation department, and her recent gift made a new preservation facility possible. The department consists of three separate laboratories, one each for book, film, and video conservation. More space and equipment allow a broader range of book conservation and preservation techniques. A quarantine room provides temporary storage for material that arrives dirty or mildewed, and high-security storage accommodates rare books and materi-



ACRL President Camila Alire presented the 2006 Excellence in Academic Libraries Award to Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) Libraries, the winner in the university category, on the RIT campus in May. Pictured (l. to r.) are Al Simone, president of RIT; Pat Adams, Blackwell Book Services; Chandra McKenzie, director of libraries; Stanley McKenzie, provost; Camila Alire, ACRL President; and New York Assemblyman Joe Errigo. Photo courtesy of A. Sue Weisler, RIT.

als. Goldsmith's books have won numerous awards. She is committed to the causes of human rights and the preservation of America's written heritage.

Applications/Nominations Invited for C&RL Editor

Applications and nominations are invited for the position of editor of *College & Research Libraries (C&RL)*, the bimonthly, scholarly research journal of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL). The editor is appointed for a three-year term, which may be renewed for an additional three years. Applicants must be a member of ALA and ACRL. Qualifications include professional experience in academic libraries, a record of scholarly publication, editing experience, an ability to meet publication deadlines, an understanding of the scholarly communication process, and a broad knowledge of the issues confronting academic libraries.

Some funding for editorial assistance and travel to relevant conferences is available, and there is a small honorarium for the editor.

Appointment will be made by the ACRL Board of Directors at the 2007 Annual Conference upon the recommendation of the search committee and of the ACRL Publications Coordinating Committee. The incoming editor will serve for at least one year as editor-designate, working with the current editor, before assuming full responsibility for C&RL in July 2008.

Nominations or resumes and letters of application, including the names of three references, should be sent to:

C&RL Search Committee
c/o Dawn Mueller
ACRL Production Editor
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Chicago, IL 60611
e-mail: dmueller@ala.org

The deadline for receipt of applications is December 4, 2006.

Finalists will be interviewed at the Midwinter Meeting in January 2007.

Taxpayer Alliance supports senate bill broadening access to federal research

The Alliance for Taxpayer Access (ATA) has given full support to the Federal Research Public Access Act of 2006, which was introduced into the senate by Senators John Cornyn (R-TX) and Joseph Lieberman (D-CT) in May. The bill requires federal agencies that fund more than \$100 million in annual external research to make electronic manuscripts of peer-reviewed journal articles stemming from their research publicly available over the Internet. ATA members include the Genetic Alliance, Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy, the Christopher Reeve Foundation, and 67 other patient, academic, research and publishing entities, including ACRL, that support expanded public access to the results of federally funded research. For more information about the bill, see the Scholarly Communication article in this issue on page 362.

EBSCO offers alternate subject headings through A-to-Z service

EBSCO is now offering a general headings option for customers of its A-to-Z service, based on a set of headings created by the librarians at EBSCO to help patrons find what they are looking for quickly and easily. Library of Congress classifications have been available on A-to-Z since its inception and will remain an option. EBSCO will soon be offering a third subject scheme based on the *Index Medicus* journal classifications, which are highly focused on medical and health materials.

JSTOR participates in Iraqi Virtual Science Library

JSTOR has announced its participation in the Iraqi Virtual Science Library (IVSL), which is managed by the National Academies of Science and sponsored by the U.S. Departments of State and Defense. According to the National Academies, Iraq's engineering and scientific capabilities lag more than 20 years behind international standards. IVSL provides a Web-portal to the critical scientific and technical information that Iraqi scientists and engineers will need to rebuild and modernize the country. Under the terms of the agreement, seven Iraqi universities, the Ministry of Higher Education, and the Ministry of

Science and Technology are receiving access to JSTOR's entire archive of more than 600 journals and 21 million pages of content.

University of Chicago Press offers enterprise-wide licenses

The University of Chicago Press has announced that it will begin offering enterprise-wide licenses of its online journal content to institutional and corporate subscribers in 2007. With an enterprise-wide license, subscribers will be able to provide unlimited electronic access through a single administrative account to every member of their organization. In addition to online access to the authoritative research published by the press, readers will have access to additional content, including expanded methods, data sets, and photo slide shows. Additional information is available online at www.journals.uchicago.edu. *ZZ*

