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# "Linking Publishers, Vendors and Librarians"

Changing Library Operations in the E-distribution Environment

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have been writing the articles that accompany ebrary e-book surveys since the first survey in 2007. This year **Katina** asked me if I would like to guest edit an ATG issue on e-books. My first thought was to include the most recent article for the survey of students done by ebrary in September 2011. The second was to expand the topic beyond e-books and to include changes that are occurring in library operations because of the transition to e-distribution generally. It seemed particularly suitable since I have, for the past five years, coordinated a panel discussion at the Charleston Conference on the changing library operations. Katina agreed so I asked Jim Dooley, who is the Head of Collection Services at UC Merced and has been on the

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panel from the beginning, to be a co-guest editor and to write one of the articles on changing library operations at Merced. He agreed and said he thought Martha Hruska, Associate University Librarian for Collection Services, UC San Diego, might be willing to write an article. Western Oregon University, where I hang my hat as the Dean of Library Services, is one of the Orbis Cascade Alliance libraries where we are currently embarking on a project to cooperatively purchase e-books in a patron-driven acquisitions model. James Bunnelle, Acquisitions & Collection Development Librarian at Lewis & Clark College, agreed to write an article updating progress on the project. Finally, I also contributed an article on library operations at Western.



James Bunnelle's article "Pilot to Program: Demand-Driven E-books at the Orbis-Cascade Consortium, 1 Year Later" is a follow-up to McElroy & Hinken's "Pioneering Partnerships: Building a Demand-Driven Consortium e-book Collection," published in the June 2011 issue of ATG, describing the formative stages of the project. James provides a description of the model and the experiences of its ongoing evolution over the last year including the partnerships with EBL and YBP, the multiplier and the short-term threshold, discovery and loading, training, evaluation, exit strategy teams, and usage.

After a brief description of the Merced library focusing on its nature as a new library

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### If Rumors Were Horses

was excited to see this news! The delightful, kind, and generous Sara Miller McCune, Lifounder of SAGE, will be recognized for her contributions to education and philanthropy with the Courageous Leadership Award from the HOPE Foundation. The Award recognizes the extraordinary and courageous acts of educational leaders on behalf of children globally. "When Sara Miller McCune founded SAGE in 1965, she took a courageous step and began publishing books and scholarly journals in academic disciplines that were in the forefront of the social sciences in the latter half of the 20th

century. In 1990, Sara McCune and David McCune, the President and CEO of SAGE at the time, again took a courageous step when they created Corwin Press to help educators do their work better and make a difference in the lives of students and teachers. This award celebrates Sara McCune's courage, leadership and vision

as a publishing pioneer whose achievements have helped advance research and practice in K-12 and higher education for almost 50 years," said Blaise Simqu, SAGE CEO, who accepted the award on her behalf at the Awards Gala in New York City, October 11, 2012. I remember when

Lyman Newlin, rest his soul, introduced me to Sara and her dear mother down at

the Mills House during a Charleston Conference, was it 1991? Sara remained my friend and mentor after that. She made suggestions about Against the Grain, and it was Sara who suggested that I split Rumors and put only a small part of it on the first

page to appear more scholarly and also to attract readers inside the publication. Sara Miller McCune continues to be a philanthropist and model for us all. http://www.hopefoundation. org/calendar/events/2012awards

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designed to be primarily digital, Jim Dooley, in his article "Demand-Driven Acquisitions at UC Merced," explains the rationale underlying the PDA model for collection development at Merced and then enters into a detailed description and analysis of the model. The article also comments on changes to some of the other library operations and on developments of the UC system-wide library operations.

Martha Hruska, in "Letting the Patrons Drive... Research Library Acquisitions?" provides insight into the tensions and complexities of integrating PDA into acquisitions at a large research library. The endeavor requires coordination among librarian subject specialists and departmental faculty in navigating the exigencies of declining budgets, duplication of e-books across vendors, limited availability in e-format, and cooperation within the UC

Beside the ebrary student survey analysis, in the article "Western Oregon University: Changing Library Operations" I provide a brief scan of some of the changes that have occurred over the year relevant to library operations and then an analysis of e-journal and e-book acquisition at a regional, masters-level state university of 6,000 students.

# Remembering David M. Lane

by Elizabeth Lane (P.O. Box 454, Rye, NH 03870) < littlebearlane@yahoo.com>

A Note from David's Sister: If any of David's conference colleagues/friends would like to connect with me, please feel free to do so. My mailing address is P.O. Box 454, Rye, NH 03870. My email address is < littlebearlane@yahoo.com>. I've also included here a photo of David that he took himself several years ago. It is one of my favorites because his warmth and kindness seem to shine through. With deep gratitude, Elizabeth Lane

David M. Lane died of natural causes on August 25, 2012 at his home in Dover, NH.

After graduating from Dover High School, David earned both bachelors and masters degrees in botany at the University of New Hampshire, and a Ph.D. in botany at Duke University, then a masters degree in library science at Syracuse University.

Biological Sciences Librarian for 27 years and Associate Professor at the University of New Hampshire (UNH), David was active in service to the library, to the university, and to his profession, including serving from 1999 to 2000 as the president of the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries (CBHL). In 2011, CBHL awarded David the Charles Robert Long Award of Extraordinary Merit. It is the highest honor presented



by CBHL and was established to recognize outstanding service to CBHL and/or to the field of botanical and horticultural literature, information services, and research.

The Charleston Conference was always a highlight of the year for David. He loved the city of Charleston and looked forward to revisiting his favorite eatery, Hyman's Seafood. He eagerly anticipated seeing colleagues at the conference each year.

David cultivated an extensive personal collection of plants with a special interest in

orchids, gesneriads, carnivorous plants, and succulents. He volunteered weekly at the UNH Mac-



farlane Greenhouses. His private collections of orchids and carnivorous plants have been donated to the greenhouses where they will be well-cared for as a living memorial to David.

David's enthusiasms also included travel, science fiction, and photography. A celebration of his life was held on September 30 (his birthday), organized with great thoughtfulness and respect by his colleagues and friends at UNH. Known for his sense of humor and generosity, David's many colleagues will also miss his tremendous knowledge, imagination, and wisdom.

If you would like to make a memorial gift toward the care of David's plant collections and the UNH Tropical Conservatory, it may be sent to the attention of Stephanie Gillen, University Advancement, Elliott Alumni Center, 9 Edgewood Road, Durham, NH 03824. Checks should be made payable to UNH Foundation, with Hort Gift Fund 1GB197 in the memo line. Thank you.