Columns

Title Changes
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We’ve got a few title changes this quarter, faithful readers. Keep reading to learn who’s moved where and/or taken on what new duties.

J.D. Williams Library at the University of Mississippi is pleased to welcome Shenika McAlister as the electronic resources librarian. Shenika is a graduate of Smith College and Florida State University’s Library School. Previously, she worked as the electronic resources coordinator for Harvard Law School Library.

Christine Radcliff has had her title change from serials librarian to head of technical services at Texas A&M University – Kingsville.

And, Angela Rathmel was hired as the electronic resources librarian in Acquisitions/Serials at The University of Kansas on August 8, and remains head of the Serials Orders and Claims Unit, as well. One of her first projects in her new role will be a workflow analysis of e-resources.

Since last being an active part of NASIG, Bob Schatz has joined BioMed Central as North American sales manager. After more than thirty years on the vendor side of things, Bob is now actively involved with the pioneer of open access publishing. While the BioMed Central offices are in London, Bob conducts his work from a base in Portland, Oregon. His work involves discussions with libraries about institutional memberships and institutional repositories (BMC has a hosted IR product called Open Repository). Bob is a former NASIG Board Member-At-Large.

Past-president, Char Simser, returned from a spring sabbatical, including nine weeks in the United Kingdom which you can read about in this issue of the Newsletter, to a new job within K-State Libraries. Char writes: "As part of a major reorganization that began in late 2009, an Office of Library Planning and Assessment was created. My role is library data coordinator, a new position created to streamline our data collection and management processes." Char is excited to have an opportunity to be part of a brand new unit and participate in its evolution. "Our office will have individuals devoted to assessing student learning outcomes - a big area of interest in the academy these days - and finding cool ways to improve the customer experience through the development of new products, services, and practices."