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NASIG News

In Memoriam

John Merriman

It is with sad hearts that we announce the passing of John Merriman in his home of Charlbury, Oxfordshire, United Kingdom in early April. John was Managing Director at Blackwell's Periodicals, a well-respected subscription agency in the UK. In the late 1970's, John organized the first UK Serials Group conference and was instrumental in the founding of NASIG. As a matter of fact, he was affectionately called the grandfather of NASIG. He was a warm and welcoming individual with seemingly boundless energy. Eventually we discovered his secret—a power nap during the day! A brief obituary appeared in the Daily Telegraph (<http://announcements.telegraph.co.uk/deaths/132363/merriman>), and the July 2011 issue of *Serials* (the UKSG's official journal) contained some lovely remembrances. The joint NASIG/UKSG John Merriman Award was established to honor his enormous contributions to the success of both organizations.

Marla Edelman

We were sorry to hear about the recent death of longtime NASIG member Marla Edelman. From 1984-1998, Marla was the serials librarian at University of North Carolina-Greensboro. Prior to coming to Greensboro, she worked in serials at the Chicago Public library and at SUNY-Binghamton. Both her BA and MLS were from the University of Illinois. She retired in 1998 to battle multiple sclerosis. Marla was very active in

NASIG during her working career and was part of the site selection committee for the 10th Anniversary Conference at Duke University. Marla had a delightfully positive outlook on life and was a treasured friend and colleague to many.

You can see an obituary at

<http://www.blueridgenow.com/article/20110425/ARTICLES/110429908>.

Maureen Grant

It is our sad duty to inform you of the [recent tragic death](#) of Maureen Grant. Maureen was a librarian at the University of Wisconsin-Madison for 26 years. According to NASIG colleagues, she was a great storyteller whose presence will be sorely missed. Donations may be made to Friends of the New Glarus Public Library or the Green County Humane Society. <http://www.lively-nation.com/obits/wisc/124512349.html>