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Columns

Title Changes

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Friends and colleagues, welcome to another installment of "Title Changes." In this episode of our ongoing serialist saga, we find two of our number honored with exciting new professional responsibilities:

On December 9, 2011, members of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Special Libraries Association held their annual business meeting at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, PA, and voted to elect **Valerie Ryder**, Director of Information Strategy at Wolper Subscription Services, to the post of Chapter President in 2013. She will serve as President-Elect in 2012. Ryder announced her intention to seek the position in September, following a year of service on the Chapter's Board of Directors and appointments as Chair of their Employment Committee and Vendor Relations Committee.

"I am honored that many of my colleagues in the library community have encouraged me and given me their vote of confidence to lead our professional organization," said Ryder. "As a long-time corporate librarian, I appreciate the issues and challenges facing all types of libraries and industry players today. In this new leadership role, I will continue to strive to prove the relevance and value of corporate librarians to the organizations and constituents we serve."

Sue Wolper, President and CEO of Wolper Subscription Services, applauded the vote, stating, "Valerie is an expert in her field. I am proud to employ some of the best talent the industry has to offer and I am glad that some of them are giving back to the profession by contributing their time and talents."

Ryder, a resident of Allentown, PA, has more than three decades of experience in the information services industry after earning her Masters in Library and Information Science from the University of Pittsburgh. Prior to joining Wolper's management team, Ryder led a staff of information professionals at Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. for more than 12 years and has also worked as an academic librarian and as a solo librarian. Ryder is the author of two chapters in the recently released book "Best Practices for Corporate Librarians" and she is a sought-after speaker at regional and national industry conferences.

Founded in 1919, SLA Philadelphia Chapter has more than 300 members who serve industry, business, research, educational and technical institutions in the tri-state area (PA, DE, NJ) from the Delaware Valley to Central Pennsylvania.

And, In September, **Char Simser** was appointed coordinator of electronic publishing, New Prairie Press (NPP), Kansas State's open access publishing arm. She

continues her data coordinator role in the Office of Library Planning and Assessment but is excited to have joined the Scholarly Communications and Publishing department. Char oversees site administration of the OJS platform and works with editors of NPP journals. She does everything from consultation on journal layout and design to troubleshooting technical or editing questions. NPP is a member of CrossRef so Char is learning about DOIs and XML, responsible for uploading journal issue metadata to CrossRef and (soon) to the DOAJ. Char says, "It is fantastic to be part of this publishing initiative at K-State. It's a natural extension of my roles as a serialist and as former editor of NASIG Conference Proceedings and the Newsletter".

Char's contact information stays the same.

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