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Columns

Checking In

Kurt Blythe, Column Editor

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New members make the world go 'round!

Beth Ketterman, MLS tells us:

I became a NASIG member recently after too many years of "meaning to do it." NASIG President Angela Dresselhaus is a colleague of mine at East Carolina University and after learning more from her about the benefits of membership I thought it was my time to join. I worked exclusively as a collection development librarian for about five years before taking on more management responsibility and, though I am a library director now, I still consider the work and research I do in the area of recurring resources management a major area of professional interest. I'm also really excited to have been nominated by NASIG to serve on the IFLA Health and Biosciences Committee, which advocates for the open access of health information worldwide amongst other meaningful work. I'll share more with NASIG from that group over time – looking forward to meeting more of the membership and contributing to the great work of this group.

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Rachel Wheeler shares:

I have been involved in library work for over twenty years at Indiana University. I started out doing reference work for Indiana small businesses and nonprofits and then transferred to the main library on campus (Wells Library) 15 years ago. My first job in technical services was a dream because I was trained in cataloging popular materials for the dorm libraries on campus (back when they still purchased VHS). This very unhip gal was able to impress friends (and strangers on the bus) with my knowledge of popular culture thanks to that position! In 2012 I then shifted to our Serials Cataloging Unit (under James Castrataro) as the Electronic Serials Cataloger. Again, this was a dream job because I was NACO and CONSER-trained in cataloging both physical and electronic resources. In 2015 I was promoted to head the Serials Acquisitions Unit for the IU Libraries (another dream job). We place orders, receive materials, claim, bind, manage online access, and work closely with the Serials Cataloging Unit and with the different collection managers. I work under the Head of Acquisitions: formerly, Lynda Clendenning and currently, Lori Duggan. In 2017 I attended my first NASIG Annual Conference and hope to start attending with a more normal frequency. I joined NASIG because I highly regard the expertise of the members and value the publications and continuing education opportunities.

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