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Interview with Sally Glasser, Winner of the Birdie MacLennan Award

Please start by describing your current position and how you came to be involved with information management (i.e., serials, e-resources, collection development, etc.).

I am the serials/electronic resources librarian at Hofstra University, responsible for the acquisition and management of journals and other serials/e-resources in both print and electronic format. I oversee two support staff members and together we manage serials and standing order acquisition, maintenance (print and electronic), e-access troubleshooting, workflow policy and improvements, and the submission of Hofstra student theses and dissertations. I also gather statistics for surveys (ACRL, Peterson, etc.) as well as usage statistics for serials reviews.

What initially led you to NASIG, and why do you continue to stay involved?

When I started at Hofstra I was fairly new to serials; NASIG was a welcome place for me to learn and grow professionally. I stay involved because there is always more to learn, and if I can give back to new librarians, I am happy to do so.

What prompted you to apply for the Birdie MacLennan award?

It seemed a perfect fit and I really wanted to attend NASIG as I had not been able to attend in a few years.

While I did not know Birdie personally, I remember the outpouring of love and support when she passed away.

How did you react when you found out that you were the award recipient?

I was ecstatic!

Which NASIG session(s) did you enjoy the most? Why?

I enjoyed Matthew Jabaily's session called "Predicting Potential Electronic Serials Use," and I think I would have very much enjoyed "Connections of Evidence: Using Best Practices of Assessment in an Ongoing Serials Analysis Project" by Cynthia Kane, but unfortunately it ran at the same time as a session where I was presenting. I am currently very interested in and often working on resource use assessment projects so these sessions are very pertinent to my current area of interest.

How might the sessions you attended at the NASIG conference influence your daily work?

I find the sessions that deal with practical strategies for common issues are most influential, as I can implement them into my workflow.

What advice would you give to anyone interested in applying for the Birdie MacLennan award?

Write from your heart! I suspect (although I don't know) the essay is an important part of the application.