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Dear Editor:

A little over a year ago I had the hubris to set myself up as a for-hire writer and consultant. While I’m frequently among the ranks of the self-unemployed, words matter to me, so it is with several kinds of professional interest that I peruse each issue of Against The Grain when it arrives. It is with some pride, and more than a little awe, that I read the articles written by my former colleagues Bob Nardini and Celia Wagner in the June issue of ATG. Pride at having, through no fault of my own, worked with both of these people, and awe because their writing is so effortless, yet so entertaining to read. Writers are not made by labels, but by the quality of their work. However they characterize themselves, Celia and Bob are exceptional writers who helped make the last issue of ATG a pleasure to read.

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From Your (doodling) Editor:

I have never been a doodler — you know the kind that draw wonderful pictures and doodles on paper while they are listening to something … uh … kinda. I have never done that. Until now. I have discovered Doodle (www.doodle.com)! What a wonderful scheduling tool it is! Doodle will allow you to discover a time when 16 busy, super busy, mega busy people can all meet together in the same room! Hooray for Doodle!

And, while we were doodling in downtown Charleston, SC, our crack ATG team were putting together this issue of ATG which is guest edited by the marvelous Rosann Bazirjian (Dean of University Libraries, UNC-Greensboro). This issue is about entrepreneurship in libraries, a growing trend and includes articles by Steven Bell, Jennifer Calvo, Michael J. Crumpton, Anita Norton, Doug Boyd, and Adam Corson-Finnerty. Much to ponder and implement! We also have several opinion editorials by Jonathan Lauer (technology versus letterhead), Bob Holley (The Google Book Settlement) and Steven Shapiro (names, names, names), a couple of special reports from Mary Anyomi (website accessibility) and Carol Singer (purchasing print or online resources), and interviews with Steve Bosch and Beth Jefferson. Besides the regular columns: benefits and challenges of acquisitions in a consortium (Biz of Acq), book selection then and now (Random Ramblings), social networking sites (Little Red Herrings), Dreams (Booklover), print and electronic reference collections (Lost in Austin), writing an acquisitions procedure manual (Building Library collections), and many, many more, there are some new submissions by Jesse Holden (Acquisitions Archaeology, don’t you love it?) and Steve McKinzie (Local notes about collection development and discards).

Guess it’s time to hush and get to reading. And I have to get back to my doodling! Still have to cajole some people into filling out their doodle! Can you believe it?

Love, Yr. Ed. ♡