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From Your (glasses-challenged) Editor:

It’s only the first of the year and I have lost my glasses three times! I need my glasses and when they disappear, I have to squint to read anything up close and don’t have much luck with identifying far-away things. You see, it all started when I decided to switch pocketbooks. I needed a larger bag to carry on the airplane so I didn’t have to check my luggage. Fine enough, but when I got back home, I switched bags again and that’s when it all began. Returning to work the next day, I picked up my bag, pulled out my glasses case, and voila, the case was empty! Needless to say it was a headachy, squinty day. When I got home, I had another pair of earlier-prescription glasses that allowed me to work unimpeded on ATG, February. Whew!

And this is another great issue! Amy Kohrman of LOCKSS has put together a timely and important February ATG on preserving our digital heritage. In all the hoopla of the digital world, we are canceling tried-and-true print publications which could stay on the shelves indefinitely for the electronic editions. We all know why this is, but will the electronic versions survive for as long as the print versions would have? Amy and her team have put together a collection of papers about these issues. Included are papers from Vic Elliott (LOCKSS), Glen Worthy (LOCKSS), Heather Rudland Staines (Springer), Peter Burnhill (archiving registry service), Katherine Skinner and Martin Halbert (metarchive), Daniel Cornwall and James R., Jacobs (government information), and Aaron Trehub (Alabama digital preservation network). And there’s more to come in the next (April) ATG issue!

This issue is so packed full of fabulous articles that we’ve had to replace our Letters to the Editor with a continuation of our table of contents. But they’ll be back next issue. Stay tuned.

Excuse me. My assistant seems to have located my sunglasses which I had misplaced as well. You see, I was using them instead of my regular glasses. I have decided that she is psychic!

Love, Yr. Ed.

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millions of items, which are viewed by more than a million visitors each year.
http://uscnews.sc.edu/2009/02172009-LIBR047.html

According to LJN Dawson (2/4/09), Amazon has announced that it will release Version 2.0 of the Kindle on Monday, February 9. And The Boy Genius Report has some information about the design of the new product. It’s a little bigger and has gotten rid of the buttons that caused you to flip to the next page. But it’s still pricey!

http://www.ljn.dawson.com/
http://www.boygeniusreport.com/2008/10/03/amazon-kindle-2-ebooks-its-way-to-bgr/

And just got a column from the incredible Michael Pelikan <mhp10@psu.edu> about Kindle 2.0. He says he was waiting for the release which occurred just a few days ago! Michael prefers the Sony Reader to the Kindle, at least that’s what it seemed like to me. See this issue, p.8

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