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From Your Editor

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From your (freezizing) Editor:

Hi all! Hope everything is well and that you had a delightful Thanksgiving. We are looking forward to the December Holiday Season! Here in Charleston it’s cold, but nothing like Watertown, New York, where we went for Thanksgiving to visit our son, Raymond. We are now back home and Brrrrr ... is all I can say and, you know what? ... Brrrrr ... I will never forget that cold. I’ll just say that I am too wimpy to live up North!

This issue of ATG is chock a bloc full of great information and news. We have interviews with Martin Manley and Bob Schatz, articles by Nancy Gibbs, Elizabeth Knight, Kent Mulliner and John Zubal. Library profiles have returned (hooray!) with one in this issue of Western Kentucky University. As well, Julie Gammon is back with a publisher bestseller column (L. of Toronto Press) to match with the Bestsellers in Geology column by Françoise Crowell and Bob Nardini.

Many other interesting articles are on the new ISBN (see Chaos) and the “Composing Restructuring of the Library Book Vendor” (Pandora’s Box). There are lots more columns in this issue (Vendor/Library Relations, Academic Book Trends, sotto voce, etc., etc.). The only person who’s missing is Papa Lyman who says he’ll be back in the next issue (February). Speaking of Papa Lyman, up there in New York not far from Raymond. Brrrr ...

Yr. Ed.

Letters to the Editor:

Send letters to <strachk@earthlink.net> (Please note NEW email address), phone or fax 843-723-3536, or snail mail: Against the Grain, MSC 98, The Citadel, Charleston, SC 29409. You can also send a letter to the editor from the ATG Homepage at <http://www.against-the-grain.com>.

Dear Editor:

Although I’ve never been an acquisitions or collection development librarian, Against the Grain is rapidly becoming my favorite library publication. I enjoy the Rumors section, the legal issues discussions, even “Adventures in Librarianship.” The layout is easy to read (now that I’ve—ahem—matured into bifocals), and the design and graphics add exactly the right tone.

Thanks, and keep up the good work. My regards to the Holy City!

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Dear Editor:

Subject: Group Therapy 9/99 issue

This kind of multiple perspective response article is great and I’m not just saying that because Carl Teresa quotes me (just spell my names right?)! The result is the same thing I value about the Charleston conference: multiple points of view so we can come to understand each other.

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Dear Editor:

I received your copy of Against the Grain early this week and I am in the process of reading it. Your magazine looks good.

Regards

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