I love this time of year. Maybe it’s because it’s my birthday month but as I get older I really don’t look forward to the big event anymore. No. Now I have a real reason to like this time of year. My first grandbaby was born December 20! His name is Trifton Raymond Walser and he is a cute little bundle of energy. Even when he cries he is cute!

Ever faithful to Against the Grain, we have persevered and turned out another great issue. Ed Colleran of the Copyright Clearance Center has put together several papers by Karen Oye, Eugene Mopsik, Victor Pearlman, and Dan Duncan dealing with orphan works, the problems associated with them, and the legislation that has been pending for some time. We have interviews with Mehdi Khosrow-Pour (IGI-Global) and Jonathan Dahl (IEEE). Back Talk in this issue is about food and the library, one of our favorite subjects. We have another Humble Opinion about reference services by Celia Rabinstein! Ellen Finnie Duranceau outlines eight principles for an emerging ecosystem regarding Open Access. We have a discussion by Sandy Thatcher of the ACRL Report on establishing a research agenda for scholarly communication, a look at the recent developments in the Tasini decision by Bill Hannay, Todd Carpenter views the landscape regarding ERMS, Elaine Robbins tells us how to enhance our OPAC with LibraryThing, Christine Fisher has a group therapy on database trials (and tribulations), Ned Kraft gets out his psychologist glasses to amuse us with librarian psychology, Michelle Flinchbaugh has two Biz of Acq columns (by Susan E. Thomas and Xan Arch) on Wikis in Acquisitions and a sample journal display at the Pratt Institute Library, and John Cox asked why private equity is interested in publishing. Whew! And that’s not all by any means.

Meanwhile, I have to go get on an airplane to see my grandbaby! Merry Christmas, Happy Hanakah, Kwanza, etc. Happy New Year! Here’s hoping that 2008 brings all you ever desired.

Love, Yr. Ed

Dear Editor and Colleagues:

It is with a mixture of anticipation and regret that I announce my retirement as of April 1st, 2008 — my 38th anniversary at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, all but eight months of it in Acquisitions. I wanted to write to thank those who have so frequently helped me with the many challenges facing us in recent years. And I wanted to wish everyone the best as you address the new issues each year. The key to the Charleston Conference’s success, in my opinion, is the active involvement of librarians, publishers, and vendors working together toward the common goal of benefiting our users. For my money, the Charleston Conference is the best buy around!

With warm regards,

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Dear Editor:

Returning after a few years hiatus, I just can’t live without ATG! Thanks for an engaging, informative source!

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Rumors

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Kahn continues as CEO of ProQuest.

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Speaking of ProQuest, did y’all see Tina Orozco in Charleston? She had just returned from her HONEYMOON. Tina is now Tina Taylor. Congratulations, Tina!

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