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Developing Standards Across the Scholarly Information Chain
by Bev Acreman — The focus in this issue is on how the UKSG fulfills its remit to span the wide range of interests and activities across the scholarly information community of librarians, publishers, intermediaries, and technology vendors.

UKSG Transfer Project: Two Years of Work to Produce a Three-page Document
by Ed Pentz — We all know about losing access to online journals when journals change publishers. The Transfer Code of Practice draft was released in 2007 and has undergone many revisions since then.

A Librarian’s View of the UKSG Transfer Code of Practice
by Nancy Beals — Nancy advocates more attention and participation in the Transfer Code of Practice for the benefit of our community.

TRANSFER 2010 — A Publisher Point of View
by Alison Mitchell — The Code is a voluntary set of best practices and cannot supplant contractual terms, intellectual property rights or the competitive marketplace among publishers.

KBART — Making Content Discoverable Through Collaboration
by Sarah Pearson and Andreas Biedenbach — The Knowledge Bases and Related Tools Project attempts to present the work of the KBART Transfer Project in the form of an end user.

KBART — Providing Standardized, Accurate, and Timely Metadata: Methods and Challenges
by Julie Zhu, Gary Pollack, Ruth Wells and Matthew Llewellyn — While publishers fully understand the benefits of providing standardized, accurate, and timely metadata, they face practical challenges.

Building and Maintaining Knowledge Bases for OpenURL Link Resolvers
by Liz Stevenson and Chad Hutchens — The KBART working group hopes that librarians and users everywhere will be directly impacted by their work through improved communication between libraries, vendors, and publishers.

NISO IOTA: Improving OpenURLs Through Analytics, in Context
by Adam L. Chandler — Within the limitations of the OpenURL model, improving the quality of the data flowing into link resolvers is the most effective method to decrease the rate of request failures experienced by users every day.

The E-Resources Management Handbook
by Graham Stone — The scope of this handbook is to provide chapters which cover the whole range of issues and challenges facing the e-resources industry.

How to Run a Scholarly Society Outreach Committee in Challenging Times
by Kate Price — In this article Kate examines the work of the UKSG Education sub-committee, which recently reviewed its terms of reference and portfolio of activities.

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Working with Vendors to Improve their Products
by Steve Shapiro — Steve says that we shouldn’t wait for vendors to come see us or to ask us to fill out a survey.

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by Tony Ferguson

Back to the Future: Old Models for New Challenges
by Sanford Thatcher — Given the new challenges that university presses face, doesn’t it make sense to think more seriously about switching to a new model of open access for book and journal publishing?

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From Your (last minute lizzie) Editor:

People who know me know that I like having a lot to do but that I am nothing if not a down-to-the-wire person. I always make a resolution about this every new year and sometimes I do better than others. This year I was doing better until my husband had the nerve to get sick and give whatever it was to me. So, that’s why this issue is a little late. Anyway, it is wonderful all the same. The hard-working Bev Acreman has put together some great papers about KBART which stands for Knowledge Bases and Related Tools working group. We have articles by Bev, Ed Pentz, Nancy Beals, Alison Mitchell, Sarah Pearson and Andreas Biefenbach, Julie Zhu, Gary Pollack, Ruth Wells, and Mathew Llewellyn, Christine Stohn, Sherrard Ewing, Sheri Meares, and Paul Moss, Liz Stevenson, Adam Chandler, Graham Stone, and Kate Price. Whew! Our interviews are with Joyce Dixon-Fyle and Douglas Wright. Our op ed is about working together and our special report is about switching to new models. I am excited to introduce a new column Collecting to the Core by Marcus Elmore and the team at Choice who will tell us about certain classics that never go out of style.

We have a Wandering the Web with gardening sites just in time for spring. Michelle Flinchbaugh and Kate Pitcher tell us all about GIST, the Getting It System Toolkit, and Greg Tananbaum talks with Mary Rose Muccie the Director of JSTOR’s Current Scholarship Program. And there’s much, much more.

Well, my husband tells me that we are going out tonight and it’s nearly 6 PM. Oh well. Last minute lizzie’s gotta go.

Happy spring! Love, Yr. Ed.

Letters to the Editor

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Staying on the page number page (so to speak), there was an article in the Chronicle of Higher Education a few weeks ago (February 6, 2011) about this issue — “E-Books’ varied formats make citations a mess for scholars: Kindle, Nook, and other devices put the same text on a different page,” by Tushar Rae. MLA, APA, and Univ. of Chicago, among others have all come up with alternatives but most scholars aren’t pleased. And what happened? A day later, Amazon announced that they would include page numbers for the Kindle. But will your page number and my page number lead us to the same place? Comments? Seems that the page number problem is just exacerbated by the eBook and the various platforms and reading devices. See the article — http://chronicle.com/article/E-Books-Fa...Formats-Make/126246/.


Speaking of the Charleston Conference, we have tentatively (isn’t everything tentative in the electronic arena?) decided on the theme for the 2011 Charleston Conference – continued on page 14