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2012 Charleston Conference — 32nd Annual Issues in Book and Serial Acquisition

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2012 Theme —Accentuate the Positive!

Wednesday, November 7, 2012 — Preconferences and Vendor Showcase
Thursday-Saturday, November 8-10, 2012 — Main Conference
Francis Marion Hotel, Embassy Suites Historic District, and Courtyard Marriott Historic District, Charleston, SC

If you are interested in leading a discussion, acting as a moderator, coordinating a lively lunch, or would like to make sure we discuss a particular topic, please let us know. The Charleston Conference prides itself on creativity, innovation, flexibility, and informality. If there is something you are interested in doing, please try it out on us. We’ll probably love it...

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Dear Editor:

I enjoyed reading the piece by Laura Harris (Joining the Dark Side, ATG v.24#2, April 2012). Early in my career, I had a similar experience: I had never considered working for a vendor but received an unexpected — and interesting — job offer from one. For 15 years, it was a largely wonderful experience. I agree with Ms. Harris when she says, “I’d like to encourage people to reconsider this attitude [of shunning that career path].” So, it perplexes me that the title of her column refers to “the Dark Side.” Why should anyone be attracted to a career in something it could be something like, “Descending from the Ivory Tower?”

Thanks, Laura Harris, Springshare <laura@springshare.com>

Dear Editor:

Wow! I thought “dark side” was common parlance in the library community and surely not something that would trouble anyone. In any case, I dug back through my correspondence with Laura and found that I misconstrued the first heading on her article draft as a title for the entire piece. So, my apologies to Laura — and my heartfelt hope that nobody seriously believes that our commercial colleagues have abandoned the Jedi.

Forrest Link, The College of New Jersey <linkf@tcnj.edu>

Dear Editor:

With so many astute ATG readers, you may have already gotten a note about this, but just in case you haven’t… Corey Seeman’s last name is misspelled in the Table of Contents in the April 2012 issue. It is spelled correctly in his article and profile. Thanks!

Leah Hinds, Charleston Conference www.katina.info/conference

Editor’s Note: Thank you for bringing this to our attention Leah. And our sincere apologies to Corey and all our ATG readers for the mistake.