Against the Grain  

V.16 #3 June 2004 © Katina Strauch

ISSUES, NEWS, & GOINGS ON

Rumors .......................................... 1
Letters to the Editor .............................. 6
From Your Editor ................................ 6
Deadlines ........................................ 6

FEATURES

ALA Annual Issue

Cooperative Collection Development  
Guest Editor, Margo Warner Curl

Some Practical Models For Cooperative Collection Development .......................... 1
by Margo Warner Curl — Many library partnerships and consortia have formed in order to collectively purchase electronic resources (electronic journals, databases) or to create efficiencies through a shared integrated library system (ILS).

Give us the Tools: The CURL-CoFoR
Project in Britain .................................. 18
by Gregory Walker — CURL-CoFoR has its roots in the earlier COCORES project.

The Shared Bibliographer: ....................... 24

Planning a Prospective Shared Print Journal Collection at the University of California .............................. 28
by Cynthia Shelton — The University of California libraries have been building shared digital collections for almost six years.

SWORCS: A Work in Progress .............. 30
by Paul Jenkins — Since the days of the Farmington Park librarians have chased the holy grail of cooperative collection development with little success.

CTW — Early Explorations and New Directions ...................................................... 34
by Marian Shistone — The CTW Consortium of Connecticut College, Trinity College and Wesleyan University was first formed in 1984. What have they done and what are they up to?

Ohio’s Government Documents ........... 38
by Mary Prophet, Megan Fitch and Joy He — The CONSORT Colleges, (Denison University, Kenyon College, Ohio Wesleyan University, and The College of Wooster) are all Federal Depository libraries. There is a consortial expectation that government documents collection development is a fluid enterprise that requires regular attention.

ATG INTERVIEWS

Ron Klausers .................................. 63
President, ProQuest

Christopher Warnock ........................... 66
CEO, ebrary

ATG Special Report

Guest Editor, Steve McKenzie

Peer Review: Past Present and Future ............................................................... 42
by Steve McKenzie — What could be more valuable in the collection development process than having a tool that helps you buy the best of what the scholarly world has to offer?

Reshaping Scholarly Communication ..... 42
by John Ober, Catherine Candee, and Beverley French — There is mounting evidence of the economic unsustainability of current scholarly communication systems.

Academic Authors and the Crisis in Publishing .................................................. 48
by Barbara Fister — What’s the point of publishing results if they can’t be shared?

Peer Review in the Internet Age: Five (5) Easy Pieces ........................................... 50
by Gerry McKiernan — Is the peer review process ready to be reinvented?

Peer Review and Pay-to-Publish: The World Turned Upside Down? .............. 55
by Michael Mabe — Whether digital or on paper, the journal is still very much alive.

A Primer on Open Access to Science and Scholarship ....................................... 56
by Peter Suber — Scientific and scholarly journal articles are among the most significant examples of this rare and peculiar breed, which could be called royalty-free literature.

Peer Review ........................................ 59
by Mark Herring — Peer-review, along with its alternatives, is an important topic, not the least of which is its potential impact on library access to information.

Op Ed — Opinions and Editorials .... 62
Open Access: Two Caveats by Steve McKenzie — In an era of expanding journal costs and declining library budgets, one wonders if the widespread acceptance of Open Access could prove more problematic than beneficial.

Back Talk — RFID ................................ 94
by Tony Ferguson — Tony says that in Hong Kong RFID tag-like devices are a part of daily life.

<http://www.against-the-grain.com>
ALA ANNUAL ISSUE
ATG PROFILES ENCOURAGED
Edited by Allison Mays
Steve McKinzie .................. 62
Margo Warner Curl ............. 64
Michael Mabe .................. 65
Dr. Gregory Walker ............ 65

REVIEWS
From the Reference Desk ............. 72
Reviews of Reference Titles by Tom Gibson
— Encyclopedia of 20th Century Architecture;
Encyclopedia of Sculpture; and Encyclopedia of the Middle Ages are just a few of the titles
discussed this month.
Book Reviews ........................ 74
Monographic Musings by Debbie Vaughn
— It is Spoleto time in Charleston, which means
locals and visitors are immersed in theatre,
dance, opera, and other artistic displays. Brush
up on your music knowledge with reviews of two
harmonic publications.

A Testimonial of Library Leadership
— Learning from the Past ........... 74
eleanor cook — A book review of "Eric
Moon; the Life and Library Times.

LEGAL ISSUES
Edited by Bryan Carson, Bruce Strauch, and Jack Montgomery
Legally Speaking .................. 76
Tarsoff, Patron Confidentiality, and Duty to
Society: An Ethical Quandary by Bryan Carson
Cases of Note .................. 80
Copyright — In Which An Aspiring Screen

PUBLISHING
Biz of Acq .................. 83
Function and Friction by Christa Easton
— At the Stanford University Libraries, three separate
units were consolidated to form the Acquisitions
Department.

BOOKSELLING
Leaving the Books Behind ........... 87
by Mary Tinker Massey — No, this isn’t about
book books. It’s about learning books and getting
library school students involved with ATG.

Lost in Austin .................. 87
by Thomas W. Lenhardt — A fascinating column
about Bookcrossing.com which is a
Website that allows readers to register a book that
they have left in a public place for others to find.

INTERNATIONAL
International Dateline ........... 90
A View From Fiesole 2004 by Anthony Watkinson — This is a personal view of the sixth meeting
in the Fiesole Collection Development Retreat series.

TECHNOLOGY AND STANDARDS
Edited by Pat Harris
Group Therapy .................. 16
by Laura B. Cohen — Why the need for a URL
Clearinghouse?

Innovations Affecting Us ........... 91
XML in Action by Norman Desmarais — The
software developers at xfer envisioned the poten-
tial of XML as early as 1999.

Wandering the Web ........... 93
Portals & Politics: Federal Government
Gateways by Rosemary Meszaros

ETC.
Rumo(u)rs from Paddington ........ 12
Charleston Conference Future Dates .. 40
Charleston Conference
Call for Papers .................. 61
Rachel K. Schenk Memorial
Scholarship .................. 73
Adventures in Librarianship ........ 85
Annotated Bibliography by Ned Kraft

"Linking Publishers, Vendors
and Librarians"

Against the Grain

Uncommon ...

Against the Grain is your key to the
latest news about libraries, publishers, book jobbers, and
subscription agents. ATG is a unique collection of reports on the
issues, literature, and people that impact the world of books, journals,
and electronic information.

Unconventional ...

ATG is published six times a year, in
February, April, June, September,
November, and December/January. A six
issue subscription is available for only $40 U.S. ($50 Canada, $70
foreign), making it an uncommonly
good buy for all that it covers. Make
checks payable to Against the Grain,
LLC and mail to:
Katina Strauch
209 Richardson Avenue
MSC 98, The Citadel
Charleston, SC 29409

Name
Address
City
State
Zip
Phone
Company
Email

<http://www.against-the-grain.com>