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Letters to the Editor

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From Your (covered up with stuff) Editor:

I am the superstitious type. I think it's a Greek characteristic. The wedding is coming up. And right after that comes the **33rd Charleston Conference!** Yikes! Who planned it this way? I have to be careful what I say so as not to anger the gods of superstition. And how can I keep all the bills, schedules, timelines straight?

Seems like in the interim there's only a bit of quiet, reflective time for *Against the Grain* which is near and dear to my heart. The November issue is guest edited by **Stephen Rhind-Tutt** and is about multimedia and streaming video. The rise of these formats has been striking. I know at the **College of Charleston** we have two streaming media services and we are ordering



hundreds of educational DVDs. Who would have thought?

This issue includes articles by **Lorraine Estelle, Kira Henderson, and Aaron Wood**. As a change of pace we have two interviews as features — with **deg Farrelly** and **Jane Hutchinson**. Our **Op Ed** is about special collections and we have yet another great interview with **Mark Saunders** and a profile of the **University of Virginia Press**. There are a couple of other interviews with the investigators and sponsors of the *Library Publishing Toolkit* and **Winfred Metz** has an interview with **Anne Gilliland**. Our Special Report is about Gold Open access by **Joe Esposito**, we have several com-

ments on **BrowZine** by **Matthew Ismail** and **Angela Flenner**. I was especially intrigued by **Biz of Acq** by **Beth Jacoby** regarding student attitudes toward academic eBooks, **David Parker's** Blurring Lines, trends that he wants us to help him scrutinize, **Myer Kutz** talking about the art of editing engineering handbooks, **Tom Leonhardt** and **Raymond Walser** talking about books, and **Jerry Spiller** entering the world of digital comics. There's more, lots more, so curl up in your favorite armchair or plane seat and enjoy!

And see you in Charleston!

Love, Yr. Ed. 🌿

Rumors from page 1

in the Dec-Jan issue of *ATG* and maybe I will have read the book myself by then.

Rachel Fleming is doing a great job with the *ATG Luminaries* column, isn't she? First it was **Twitter** and for this issue **Rachel** asked the luminaries to comment on **The Charleston Conference!**

We have just posted a question on **Multi-Grain** about the recent *Chronicle of Higher Education* article about peer review and open access. **John Bohannon's** article in *Science Magazine*, which attempts to measure quality control by open access journals, has upset many OA proponents. Where do you stand on the issue? We want to hear from you!

<http://www.against-the-grain.com/2013/10/atg-articles-of-the-week-and-a-multigrain-discussion-open-access-and-peer-review/>

Speaking of **open access**, was reading about **Gabriella Reznowski**, humanities librarian at **Washington State University**, whose son **Xavier**, was diagnosed with a rare genetic disorder last year and the only information was in research journals that require subscriptions. **WSU Libraries** will host three events, in October and November, to showcase **Open Access Week** Oct. 21-17.

<http://www.openaccessweek.org/page/about>

This open access talk reminds me of the hard-hitting **Phil Davis** who had a post on **liblicense** many years ago (2009) about "fake" journals. **Phil** has often spoken in Charleston! Did you know that **Phil** has his own consulting firm doing research and analysis for scholarly publishing. **Phil** has a Ph.D. in scientific communications from **Cornell** and has won awards for his work in bibliometrics.

phil-davis.org

Still on the **OA** topic among other things, we are extremely lucky to have the awesome **Lorraine Estelle**, Chief Executive Officer, **Jisc Collections** as one of our Plenary speakers this November. **Lorraine** has been Chief Executive of **Jisc Collections** since 2006 and has been heavily involved in all aspects of the UK national procurement and licensing activities. Her presentation — *The British*

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Dear Editor:

It is my pleasure to serve again as a Mentor to **Charleston Conference** attendees for the third year! **Ginny Gilbert** and I will be joined this year by **Mary Marshall**, and we would be pleased to add another volunteer to our group of long-term **Charleston Conference** attendees who are officially retired yet continue to be professionally involved.

Mentors respond via email to questions posed prior to the conference, and we assist onsite during the conference. We arrange schedules among us such that we each can attend **Charleston Conference** presentations of our choice. Please let me (jarnheim@princeton.edu) know if you are interested for 2013 or wish to join us as a mentor in 2014.

Julie Arnheim, Chemistry Librarian Emeritus

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ALA Midwinter	Dec. 2014-Jan. 2015	11/13/14	11/28/14

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