Letters to the Editor

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The weather in these parts is strange. One day it’s in the seventies and the next day it’s in the thirties. Don’t know whether to take stuff out of the cedar chest or put stuff in it. Crazy! I am sitting at the computer right now with the heat off and a sweater on. Seems like a good compromise?

It has been fun working on this issue of ATG this time because I have been off from work and can see things in the daylight instead of in the middle of the night when I usually work on ATG. We have two great guest editors – Mike Furlough and Patrick Alexander talking about collaboration between research libraries and university presses. Remember Tony Horava’s appetizer article in ATG, v.20#4, p.46? On the collaboration side, we have articles by Raym Crow, Catherine A. Mitchell, and Laura Cerruti, Monica McCormick, Terry Ehling and Erich Stahl, Sylvia Miller and Patrick Alexander.

And there’s more. We have an op ed by Mehdi Kosrow-Pour which tries to perk us up from the economic gloom and doom, a Back Talk from Tony Ferguson about a Conference in China, a few special reports by Rachel Erb (on reSearcher) and and Ann Bolek (on journal backfiles). Our interview in this issue is with the awesome Steve McKinzie, Library Director at Catawba College who tells about designing a library building on the cheap. Bryan Carson gives us the first installment on Open Source Software which seems to be everywhere, Biz of Acq is about Screen-casting in Acquisitions by Xin Arch, Sandy Thatcher’s From the University Presses takes on Gutemberg-e and Ross Atkinson. Then there’s Rick Lugg and Ruth Fischer’s Disapproval plan, Carolyn Morris’ Buying eBooks, John Cox’s future of the printed monograph, Rita Rickett’s international dateline about the Blackwellian women, and Chris Ferguson’s technology left behind about Revelry (you heard it here). And there’s even more not mentioned! I do want to mention however, that we have two new columnists – Bob Holley and Donna Jacobs to add more zest to our ATG reading experience.

Plus, now I understand that it is going to go down in the twenties tonight! Time to bring in the plants and go brrr… If it’s going to get this cold, why doesn’t it snow?!?

Happy New Year and much love,
Yr. Ed.

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Dear Editor:

Dear Charleston Conference Crew – Once again the Charleston Conference was the high point of the year for me. Thank you for all that you do!

Sincerely,

John Dove (President, Credo Reference)

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