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## Letters to the Editor

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## From Your (overwhelmed) Editor:

You know what? We are moving our Technical Services Department to the new **Addlestone Library** in two days! Trying to make my way through 25 years of files about being a collection development librarian is a painful, disturbing, and enlightening thing. Oh, the changes. Oh, the history. Oh, the past.

This issue certainly reflects the changes. On the one hand, we have many, many papers — ably guest edited by the awesome **Thelma Diercks** — about books and the continuing value of books — Budgets, Budgeting, and Books by **Thelma**, Information Resources Budgeting at the **University of Washington** by **Linda Di Biase**, The **University of Oregon** Libraries budget picture by **Nancy Slight-**

**Gibney**, the status of eBooks in China by **Anthony Ferguson** and **Angela Ko**, musings from the **Univ. of Alberta** by **Ila D. Scott** and **Fred Ziegler**, a look at the situation in Guam libraries by **Nicholas J. Goetzfrid**, a look at the future of the book by **Martha Whittaker** and **Daniel P. Halloran**, and finally a realistic look at why books still matter by **Niko Pfund**.

On the other, we have papers on the digital revolution — Intellectual Property Law and digital transmitting, linking, framing, et al by **Bryan Carson**, institutional digital repositories by **Ann Lally**, the world of e-journals by **Eleanor I. Cook**. And, besides an interview with the innovative **Mike Morgan**, of course, there is much, much more.

Time to get back to the packing and throwing out! But see you soon in Charleston!

Yr. Ed. 

### CALL FOR EDITORS — AGAINST THE GRAIN

Q: Is there a topic or topics that you think ought to be covered in a future issue of *Against the Grain*? Would you like to know more about a particular aspect in our world of acquisition of scholarly material?

A: Guest edit an issue of *ATG*! All that's required is that you a) solicit 4-6 articles from experts on the subject that you are writing about, b) referee those articles with a colleague, c) write an introduction.

Send suggestions, input, acceptance to: <kstrauch@comcast.net>.

Thanks! 

### Rumors from page 1

Vice-President of Sales, **Andrejs Alferovs** in close coordination with the US sales team, and will act as an ambassador to the US library community. Given **Bob's** deep contacts within this community, and his proven track record in sales, **Coutts** feels that **Bob's** talents will benefit both **Coutts** and the libraries they serve. **Bob's** knowledge of and contact with former **Franklin Book** customers will be especially helpful during this period of transition. While events surrounding the **Franklin** closure are unfortunate to say the least, **Coutts** hopes they have provided a positive response to this situation. For more information about these events, here are some contact names — **Andrejs Alferovs**, Vice-President of Sales <aalferovs@couttsinfo.com>, **Bob Schatz**, Director of New Business Development <bschatz@couttsinfo.com>, **Dolores Radolli**, Manager of Customer Service

<dradolli@couttsinfo.com. And, I know that **Bob** will be in Charleston to keep us all updated. Congratulations, **Bob**, for landing on your feet! See you soon! By gosh, by golly!

More about **Franklin**. Heard from the effervescent **Linda Moran** <lindymor@yahoo.com>. Linda says she welcomes email and can be contacted at home at the above email address. Like **Bob**, Linda looks forward to remaining in the library community. Good luck, Linda, and hope to see you soon!

This from **Acqnet** — **Franklin Publishing Company** — [www.franklinpublishing.net](http://www.franklinpublishing.net) — is NOT associated with the Franklin Book Company that went out of business. **Dr. Ludwig Otto** is CEO & Publisher <luotto@comcast.net>.

The awesomely energetic **Ken Robichaux** <krobichaux@pictureshowman.com>, the former Southeast Sales Coordinator for **Majors Scientific Books, Inc.**, has launched a Website dedicated to exploring the history of motion pictures from 1890 to 1960. Using an informa-

tive "Timeline", and containing easy-to-read illustrated articles, the Website will cover every aspect of the history of motion pictures, from specific films and personalities to overviews of the industry's evolving technology and organization. Visitors to the Website can purchase related books, DVDs, CDs and posters through direct links to **Amazon.com** and **MovieGoods**. The address of the Website is: <http://www.pictureshowman.com>.

Speaking of **Majors, J.A. Majors Company**, a private distributor of medical and scientific books founded by **Dr. J.A. Majors** in New Orleans in 1909, has been acquired by **Baker & Taylor**. Terms of the acquisition were not disclosed. **Majors Scientific Books, Inc.**, an independent corporation running medical bookstores in Dallas and Houston, will continue under the current ownership, and as such is not a part of this acquisition. [www.btol.com](http://www.btol.com)  
<https://wholesale.majors.com/majorsnews.htm>

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2005 Events	Issue	Ad Reservation	Camera-Ready
Annual Report, PLA	February 2005	01/05/05	01/19/05
ARLIS	April 2005	02/23/05	03/09/05
ALA Annual	June 2005	04/27/05	05/11/05
Reference Publishing	September 2005	07/27/05	08/10/05
Charleston Conference	November 2005	09/21/05	10/05/05
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 05/Jan. 06	11/23/05	12/07/05

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### Dear Editor:

Thank you for what you are doing. I enjoy *Against the Grain* very much.

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