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## Letters to the Editor

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# From Your (nail-biting) Editor:

**M**y son's wedding is in three days and my emotions are all over the place. First, there's the stuff that has to be finished before we get on the airplane, arranging for a sitter for the dog, making sure I've packed all the presents, packing all the clothes and other accoutrements. And then there are the usual frantic calls about the wedding — who is coming that didn't RSVP, how to set up a powerpoint presentation for a 80-person strong group in a Dallas restaurant for the Rehearsal Dinner, what's the weather going to be like in Dallas. Second, there's the emotion of knowing that your little baby is really flying the coop. You are sad and happy at the same time. I know I will cry. It's the end of an era and the beginning of another one.

This issue of *ATG* is guest edited by the wonderful **Ed Colleran** and includes articles by **Lolly Gasaway**, **Bill Rosenblatt**, **Bryan Carson**, and **Eric Slater**. We have an Op Ed

on Impact Factors by **Reid Lifset**, interviews with **Andrejs Alferovs**, Vice President of Sales and Marketing at **Coutts Library Services**, **Victor Navasky**, Publisher and Editorial Director of *The Nation*, and **Michael Cooper**, President and Founder of **BUSCA, Inc.** Our profiles encouraged for this issue include **JoAnne Kelley**, **Thomas Gallina** and **John McDonald**.

There are two articles on **The Library Hotel** and **OCLC's** trademark lawsuit, see **IMHBCO** by **Rick Anderson** on p.84 and **Back Talk** by **Anthony Ferguson** on p.102. We have more book trade gossip from **Barry Fast** in **Talk of the Trade** and a new gripe in **Group Therapy** about "sample" journals. **Tom Gilson** and **Debbie Vaughn** have provided us with reference title and book reviews. **CHAOS** is back and we welcome **Pat Harris** who aims to keep the "voice of standards" clear and strong.



**Eleanor Cook**, **Norman Desmarais**, **Tom Loughran**, **Pamela Rose** and **Bruce Strauch** have all worked hard to get in their usual submissions plus there's lots more not mentioned here, so get reading!

Oops! I am wondering if I packed the shoes that match my mother-of-the-groom dress. Details. Details. See you all in Charleston soon!

Yr. Ed. 

## Rumors

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**EBSCO Publishing** has completed the acquisition of **CINAHL Information Systems** from **Glendale Adventist Medical Center**, in Glendale, California. **CINAHL Information Systems** and its staff will remain in Glendale. **CINAHL** is recognized as the premier reference index in the nursing and allied health field. Started in the 1940s, and first published in 1961, the index is used in most nursing or allied health institutions around the globe, either online or in print. The **CINAHL** database indexes over 1,650 journal titles in nursing, allied health, biomedicine, complementary medicine and consumer health information from 1982 to the present. **Glendale Adventist Medical Center** is a full-service, not-for-profit Medical Center with 448 beds, over 2,000 employees and more than 600 physicians on the medical staff. The key service lines — cardiac, cancer, women's, orthopedic/rehabilitative medicine, behavioral medicine, and emergency medicine — provide state-of-the-art inpatient and outpatient services to meet the health needs of a multiethnic service area with growing Armenian, Latino and Korean populations. To promote health and wellness, the Medical Center provides a wide range of community services including health education classes, a parish nurse program, free health screenings and medical library services. **GAMC** also operates a Family Practice residency program and a number of nursing, therapy and other ancillary service accredited teaching programs. **GAMC** is a member of **Adventist Health** system, headquartered in Roseville, California which owns, leases, or manages over 85 health care business units — hospitals, medical groups, clinics, and home health agencies — in California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington. I remember when I began my first job as a head librarian at the **Duke Uni-**

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### Dear Narda and Katina:

Thank you for the copies of *Against the Grain*.

I have happily shared the extra copies of this great journal with colleagues who appreciate the excellence of *Against the Grain*.

I had glanced at copies of the journal at **ALA** meetings in the past, but I had never had the time at those meetings to read through it. Now I know why *Against the Grain* is so highly regarded.

Thanks to you, Katina, for doing such a

great job pulling together so much information contributed by so many well informed and connected people. And thanks, Narda, for asking me to contribute to the journal.

All the best,  
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