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From Your (spreadsheet-weary) Editor:

Spreadsheets. I hate them. When they are good, they are very, very good, but when they are bad, they are horrid. I have spent the six weeks since the Charleston Conference ended looking at spreadsheets. How much money will we have? What does such and such an item cost? Can we afford it? Must we cancel it? You all know the drill. Anyway, Against the Grain has been blessed relief. It's better to dream about words than numbers!

As the holiday season approaches (the library is closed for two weeks!), you will all have plenty of time to read this truly wonderful issue of ATG from cover-to-cover. The features this month are on the topic of Electronic Use Statistics: A Panacea or Just A Problem? and are guest edited by the incredible John McDonald from CalTech. He has put together nine articles from Bob Molyneux, Steve Black & Amy Sisson, Phil Davis, Steve Hiller, Jennifer Weintraub, Martha Borghuis, John Sack, Denise Davis and Peter Shepherd. We have an interview with Robert Widgworth by Victoria Beatty, as well as Dan Halloran's interview, and one from Jack Montgomery who interviewed Bob Schatz. Michelle Flinchbaugh has provided a profile from Anje Mays who also has a “Biz of Acq” column on page 80. Our wonderful reviewers, Tom Gibson, Debbie Vaughn, and Ellen Finnie Durancceau have provided us with lots of book and reference title reviews. And don't miss out on this issue's book trade gossip by Barry Fast in Talk of the Trade (p.63), or Tom Loughran's “Book Pricing Update” on p.86. Plus there is more on OCLC and the Library Hotel in “Legally Speaking” by Bryan Carson and John Cox tells us how not to confuse price with value in an “ATG Special Report” on p.92.

Meanwhile, a spreadsheet is calling me. Happy New Year! Yr. Ed.

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Dear Santa:

This letter is from Yr. Ed. I am very unhappy. You did not bring me what I asked you for. I know that I did not sit on your knee and all that, but, still, I have been a good little editor all year. What did I ask you for? Just a small, little, not hard to do, letter to the editor. And I did not get one, not one single one. No more cookies for you.

Sincerely,
Katina Strauch,
Your Editor
<kstrauch@comcast.net>

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