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From Your (it's hot! and humid!) Editor

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Charleston is always festive this time of year basically because everyone comes here to visit the beaches. And, during late May and early June, there is the Spoleto Music Festival begun in 1977 by Gian Carlo Menotti.

Anyway, I have enjoyed being cool indoors and working on the June issue of ATG. This issue has two great guest editors. First, Margo Warner Curl has put together a series of articles on Cooperative Collection Development from a variety of perspectives — Russian and East European Studies (Gregory Walker), East Asian studies (Kim Armstrong), print journal archives at the University of California (Dr. Cynthia Shelton), religious studies (Paul Jenkins), liberal arts colleges (Marian Shilstone), and U.S. government documents (Mary Prophet, Megan Fitch, and Joy He).

Second, Steve McKinzie has produced a special report on another timely issue — Peer Review: Past, Present and Future which includes contributions by Mark Herrig, Gerry McKiernan, Barbara Eister, Peter Saber, Beverlee French, Catherine Candee, and John Ober, and Michael Mabe.

We have interviews with Ron Klauser (ProQuest), Christopher Warnock (ebrary), and John Riley (Eastern Book). Besides many of our regular columns, we have a Biz of Acq on consolidation in acquisitions departments, a view from the sixth Fliesolac Collection Development Retreat, a discussion of XML, a Group Therapy on using subscription agents for electronic subscriptions, and an article on Laura Cohen's URL Clearinghouse.

Anyway, we all have plenty of reading ahead of us. In the meantime, I think I will get out my beach towel and go get wet in the surf.

Happy Summer!
Yr. Ed. 🌞

Letters to the Editor:

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Dear Editor:

Against the Grain is an excellent publication and one that folks pay attention to. I read it every month.

I look forward to meeting you in Charleston this year.

Best wishes,
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...ing the main Charleston Conference Director for the past decade, Rosann has been Assistant Dean for Technical and Access Services at The Pennsylvania State University Libraries since June of 1999. Prior to that, she was the Assistant Director for Technical Services at the University Libraries at Florida State University. UNC-G is an old Alma Mater of mine. I spent two years there in the Woman's College but I am not going to tell you the date. Hooyah and Congratulations, Rosann! http://library.uncc.edu/whatsonews/news.asp

More library director news. Lynn Sutton is the new director at the Z. Smith Reynolds Library at Wake Forest University effective August 1, 2004 to prior this, Lynn was interim associate dean at Wayne State University Libraries in Detroit. She serves on the American Library Association's Intellectual Freedom Committee. Lynn earned a Bachelor of Arts in classical Greek and a Master of Arts in Library Science from the University of Michigan. For more information, see “FWU names director of Z.S. Smith Reynolds Library” by Jacob McConnico, http://www.fwu.edu/fwunews/2004/04/2804s.html

And, Lynn (above) is the wife of Alibris' Bill Kane <bill@alibris.com>. Bill says that Alibris is letting him take his job with him when he moves his wife to Winston-Salem. Hooyah on all counts! http://www.alibris.com/library

Speaking of Alibris. Was talking to the if-he-s-retired-you'd-never-know-it Jack Walsdorf <jackwino@teleport.com> the other day. He tells me that he will be attending the Charleston Conference in November representing Alibris. Did you know that Jack lettered in high school football, playing three years as a fullback and defensive tackle and was voted All Conference in the Eastern Wisconsin league his junior year? Jack will give a talk to the High School Football Alumni Association this August. His topic will be “The Glory Days Recalled: A Senior Looks Back”. Jack's home town of Kiel, Wisconsin is celebrating their Sesquicentennial and Jack's talk will be part of the celebration. These rare books are sure a si"