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Letters to the Editor

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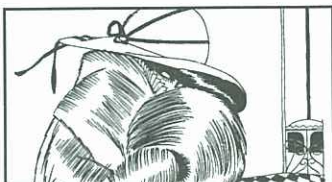
From Your (bundled up) Editor:

Okay. I know I am a wimp, but I am ready for summer. This has been a terrible winter in Charleston. I have worn a coat every day since December. People who have moved to Charleston thinking it's never cold, are having their heads examined.

But, take heart! This issue of *ATG* will warm us up. Guest edited by **Cris Ferguson, Betty Kelly, and Julie Carter**, it is full of all kinds of data about eBooks. Articles are by **Alan Dawson and Jake Wallis, Heather Wicht, Toby Green and Matt Brosius, Ramune Kubilius, Jill Grogg and Beth Ashmore, Lynn Silipigni Connaway and Clifton Snyder, Ellen McCullough, Randle Gideon and Bettina Meyer, Wilhelm Widmark, and Brian Clark and William Thompson.** Whew! That's a lot of articles.

There are interviews with **Aileen McHugh, Dave**

Williams, Bob Schatz, and Philip Blackwell. There are tons of profiles including: **Alan Dawson, Jake Wallis, Heather Wicht, Toby Green, Matt Brosius, Ramune Kubilius, Jill Grogg, Beth Ashmore, Ellen McCullough, Randle Gideon, Bettina Meyer, Wilhelm Widmark, Brian Clark, William Thompson, Betty Kelly, Julie Carter, Cris Ferguson, Alberta Davis Comer, Lynn Silipigni Connaway, and Clifton Snyder.** There is an Op Ed by **Steve McKinzie** regarding keeping print in the face of electronic access, and Part Three in **Mark Herrings'** series on filtering the Internet titled "Free Speech and Filtering Myths."



Plus much, much more!
Gotta go. My husband tells me the sun is out and I may not need a coat outside. I'm excited. Happy New Year and Stay Warm!

Yr. Ed. 

Rumors from page 1

More from **Sirsi** — **Sirsi Corporation** has acquired **Docutek Information Systems Inc.**, a library technology company whose focus is on eresource and elearning solutions. Now a wholly owned subsidiary of **Sirsi**, **Docutek** will continue to design, develop, sell, and support its **Docutek ERes, Docutek VRLplus, and Docutek atSchool** products. **Docutek's** offices, personnel, and day-to-day operations remain virtually unchanged. The new **Docutek** subsidiary will be an independent business unit that reports up to **Sirsi's** board of directors and CEO. **Dr. Philip Kesten**, **Docutek's** VP of marketing and co-founder will retain his role in the new **Docutek** subsidiary, as will **Yonn Samuels**, **Docutek's** director of engineering. Other development, support, and sales personnel within **Docutek** also remain unchanged. **Nathan Vince**, president and CEO of **Docutek**, and **Slaven Zivkovic**, **Docutek's** VP of technology and co-founder, will pursue other interests.
www.docutek.com

Speaking of which, **Rittenhouse Book Distributors, Inc.** and **Sirsi** are collaborating to provide enhanced functionality for placing book orders electronically through electronic data interchange (**EDI**) using the **x12** protocol. The two companies will also complete functionality for online book ordering via the **Sirsi 9XX Loader**. This partnership is intended to enable **Sirsi** libraries using the **Unicorn Library Management System** to electronically order, invoice, and receive materials from **Rittenhouse** quickly and more efficiently. **Rittenhouse Book Distributors, Inc.** is an aggregator of print and digital content and provides access to products, services, and information for health sciences, scientific, and technical publishing.
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Well, hope you enjoyed "Words...They're Just Words" by **John Riley** <jdriley@comcast.net> in the last issue of *ATG* (v.15#6, December 2004/January 2005), pp. 92-93. Like a pluperfect idiot, I forgot to mention that the short story comes from the book *Else Fine...Little Tales of Horror from Libraries & Bookshops* published by **Benjamin Press** in Northampton, Massachusetts. This is available from **Eastern Book** as well as from John himself and many other sources. So, check it out! I know that besides **Bruce** and me, **Toni Nix**, my hard-working right-hand *ATG* printer and her husband **Dean** loved the story and the book. Anyway, John says that he is working on some new stories and the latest involves **Johannes Gutenberg, Jesus, and Satan!** Hmmm ...

Speaking of which, another off the wall idea that we have is that we would like to start running some library, publishing, vending and related fiction on our new "Fiction Page" (see this issue p.69). There are more people than you know out there (colleagues) that are writing such and we are looking forward to reading it! Anyway, there is even a **Fiction Page contest**, so see this issue, p.69!

And just so you know that *ATG* still has and will continue to have serious scholarly articles with noteworthy impact, I want to update you on happenings at **ALA Midwinter!** *ATG* was mentioned in a lengthy article in **ALA Cognotes**, issue 5, **Midwinter 2005 Highlights**, p.4. The article was "Is Print Reference Dead?" by **Walter Bell** and

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Dear Editor:

I attended the **2004 Charleston Conference**, and thought the registration fee included a subscription to *Against the Grain*. Yet, I have not received any copies in the mail, and it seems that the December/January issue should be out already. Please advise. Thanks.

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Editor's note: A subscription to Against the Grain is indeed included with attendance at the Charleston Conference. The Dec/Jan issue of Against the Grain has been mailed. If you have not received your issue, please let me know. Thanks!

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2005 Events	Issue	Ad Reservation	Camera-Ready
MLA, Book Expo, SLA	April 2005	02/23/05	03/09/05
ALA Annual, AALL	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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