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## ATG Deadlines

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# From Your (juggling her duties) Editor:

The last few months of the summer have been interesting. Several months ago, our printer in Wilmington, NC, was sold to another printing company. So we have been having "fun" working out the kinks in the new printing process. And then there's the **Charleston Conference** and all the registrations which have been coming in fast and furious, with the usual questions and issues. And then there's my regular job. But it all keeps me busy and out of trouble. This issue — the **Charleston Conference Issue** — is guest edited by **Kristen DeVoe**, a newly graduated librarian who is going places! We have seven articles on **collection assessment in the digital age** which



will get us all thinking. We have interviews with **Chris Warnock** and **Zoltán Papp** and lots of profiles from our fabulous authors.

Remember **ATG's Fiction Page Contest**? Well, we have our first winner, **Jill Coupe**. Congratulations **Jill!** Be sure to read our special insert, "Old Friends, New Eyes."

**John** and **Audrey Fenner** talk about the many reasons why employers and managers need to identify values of library staff, while **Greg Tananbaum** focuses on the world of **course management systems**. **Ramune Kubilius** has reported on **MLA** and **SLA** in this issue's "And They Were There," and let's not forget **Tom** and **Debbie's** reviews. And, of course, that's not all, there is more!

Now it's fall and it's almost time for the **Charleston Conference**. Here's hoping that we have weather as good as we did last year!

Cheers! Yr. Ed. 

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school year) started high school last year so **Arlene** didn't go to any conferences. They went to Los Angeles and Joshua Tree around Thanksgiving last year so they missed **Charleston**. Anyway, **Steve** is coming with **Arlene** this year and they are staying in a lovely carriage house near the Conference. And after the conference, they are going canoeing on the **Edisto** and staying in the treehouse two nights before the **Conference**. So — they are going to be in **Charleston** for over a week. Golly! Wish I could be a tourist in **Charleston!**

Was sorry to learn that after many successful years of operation, time and circumstances led **The Pierian Press, Inc.** to discontinue production of their three databases, **Consumers Index**, **FactSearch**, and **Media Review Digest**. **Pierian Press** extends their thanks to the many subscribers and users of their databases over the years. Current subscribers to the **Pierian Press** databases on **FirstSearch** will be contacted regarding subscription refunds. **OCLC** will continue to offer the databases via per search access through June 30, 2007.

And, speaking of **Pierian Press**, they published one of my nursing research books many years ago (1992). **Library Research Guide to Nursing**, with **Becky Linton** and **Claudia Cohen**. The times, how they fly by!

Several dozen **Brill** titles were included as part of **Tim Bucknall's Carolina Consortium Springer title-sharing deal** that runs until the end of 2007. But the **Brill** titles are leaving the **Springer** platform. **Ellen Endres** of **Brill** sends word that the deal through **Springer** will continue until the end of 2007. But 2008 will require a separate deal. **Brill** is developing pricing as we speak and there will be new URLs for the **Brill** titles soon.

**Dongmei Cao** <caod@cofc.edu> sends us a small cultural lesson. Every year, the 15th day of the 8th month in the **Chinese Lunar Calendar** is the **Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival**. One is supposed to go out and appreciate the full moon. Interestingly, for the next continuous five years (including this year), the fullest moon will fall on the next day (that is, the 16th day of the 8th month in the **Chinese Lunar Calendar**). Families are supposed to get together (and eat moon cakes while appreciating the full moon). Also, on this day, Chinese will miss all the family members that are far away from home. (**Mid-Autumn Festival** is also celebrated as a harvest festival in Chinese tradition. Fruits, vegetables, grains are abundant during that time.)

**Tracey Armstrong** has been named **Chief Operating Officer of Copyright Clearance Center (CCC)**. **Armstrong** joined **CCC** in 1989 and most recently served as **Executive Vice President**. As **COO**, she will oversee all of company's business units, including **CCC's** corporate and academic licensing groups, international, business operations, information technology, finance, marketing and rights holder relations. "Tracey Armstrong has been central to **CCC's** growth over the past 17 years," said **CCC President** and **CEO Joseph S. Allen** in making the announcement. **Armstrong** lives in Beverly, MA, with her husband and three children. Among her other community and business activities, **Armstrong** is chairwoman of the **Board of Trustees of Harborlight House, Inc.**, a low-income assisted living facility in Beverly. [www.copyright.com](http://www.copyright.com)

The **British Library** launched its **Manifesto** on the contentious issue of **Intellectual Property**

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## Letters to the Editor

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### Dear Editor:

Thanks for the opportunity for mentoring new **Charleston Library Conference** attendees. We find we are learning a lot in the process of answering questions and look forward to meeting the new folks in November. We hope they keep the questions coming!

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