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## Letters to the Editor

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## From Your (accident-prone) Editor:

When I was a child my father always told me I was a bull in a china shop because I had frequent mishaps playing with my two brothers. And here I sit dying to talk to y'all. Instead I am relegated to punching with one hand on the keyboard because I just broke my RIGHT elbow (why not my left instead? beats me, go figure.) Guess there is no help for us klutzes!

Still this is a wonderful issue. I love it just like all of its predecessors. It has something special and unique. The theme is **The Renaissance of the eBook: Transformations and Question Marks** guest edited by **Tony Horava**. We have feature articles from **Michael Levine-Clark**, **William Gee**, **Lorraine Busby**, **Aline Soules**, **Annis Lee Adams**, **Millicie Jackson**, and **Barbara Williams**.

Our interviews this issue are with **Buzzy Basch**, who has some hot news about **Basch Subscriptions** and **Prenax**, and the newly appointed CEO, **Andrew Hutchings**, talks about plans and products at **Blackwell Book Services**. And this issue is loaded with people profiles so you can really get to know our authors.



Can we integrate electronic resources into our allocation formulas? Well, you'll have to read **Matthew Ismail's Op Ed** to find out. And be sure to read about "Drama in the Library" by **Bryan Carson** in this issue's **Legally Speaking** and about the "Brave New World" in **Biz of Acq** by **Antje Mays** and **Audrey Fenner**.

Plus we can't tell you what we had to cut from this issue — okay, maybe just a little peek — look forward to many more reports from the **2006 Charleston Conference**. There will also be a report on the **Electronic Resources in Libraries Conference** and "Making Friends Online: Library Use of Social Networking Services" a **Technology Left Behind** both submitted by **Cris Ferguson**. And we are holding a really offbeat "Little Red Herrings" from **Mark Herring** and an interview with **Don Beagle**. So ... have you renewed your subscription yet? It's that time again and you don't want to miss a single issue of **ATG** or any of those fantastic articles.

Just got a card from my Dad telling me to remember my Spartan background. Gotta run, no, better not, the klutz in me is settling down. See y'all in June!

Much Love, Yr. Ed. 

## Rumors from page 1

in 1956 by **Ralph and Jo Grimes** of the **Old Hickory Bookshop**, Brinklow, MD, in order to recognize and stimulate the health sciences librarians' interest in the history of medicine. **Ramune** says she remembers **Elizabeth's** great presentation in **Charleston** several years ago about her off-shore medical school experience at **Ross University School of Medicine** on the Caribbean Island of **Dominica**. (**Ramune** even won a basket from the islands.) [www.mlanet.org/awards/awards\\_2007.html](http://www.mlanet.org/awards/awards_2007.html)

Speaking of **Ramune**, we would like to thank her and her many **ATG reporters** who worked so hard reporting on the **2006 Charleston Conference**. You can find many of the reports in our February issue (**ATG** v.19#1, p.60), but there are many more still to come. Unfortunately, we ran out of space in this issue, so you won't find any here, but we will continue running the reports in upcoming issues until they have all been published.

On that same note, we apologize to **Cris Ferguson** who submitted a report on the **Electronic Resources in Libraries Conference** which we will also include in the next issue.

Just learned that the fantastic **Jenny Buzbee** (**EBSCO**) is pregnant with her second child. Due date is July. **Jenny's** first boy is three years old. Gosh!

Was talking to **Freddy Scott** from **RefWorks** the other day. She has a son in the Army and was recently vacationing in the Isle of Palms. **Freddy's** full name is **Fredericka**. Isn't that a pretty name? Since I learned that the last queen of Greece (once upon a time) had that name, I have been partial to it.

And speaking of **RefWorks**, just met up with **Linda Burns** who did a fabulous training session for all of us in Charleston.

**Gail Schlacter** <findaid@aol.com> (**Reference Service Press**) has just been named **Distinguished Alumna of the Year** by the **University of Wisconsin School of Library and Information Studies** (Last year **Jim Rettig** got the award.) Congratulations, **Gail!** [www.rsfunding.com](http://www.rsfunding.com)

Also just learned that **Dora Biblarz** is really enjoying retirement and is in the process of buying land (in Payson, Arizona?), where she and her husband are going to build a house.

Recently wrote **Daryl Rayner** of **Rumors from Paddington** fame (see back **ATG** issues lying around your office) to see what she was up to. She tells me that she, **Adam Hodgkin** and **Tim Bruce** started a new company 18 months ago called **Exact Editions**. They are putting magazines online for consumers and which are mainly UK titles right now but they have plans for US magazines in the future. Apparently, they are not distributing to libraries at this point but may offer the magazines to libraries eventually. [www.exacteditions.com](http://www.exacteditions.com)

From **Liblicense** — **How do researchers interact with academic libraries in the UK?**

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## Letters to the Editor

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### Dear Editor:

I just received a copy of the Feb. 2007 issue of **ATG** and it is fabulous. We are just starting a big consortial institutional repository project on behalf of our 12 member libraries. Would there be any way to get copies of this issue to distribute to our two IR committees?

Thanks for the consideration.

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