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From Your (frantic) Editor

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From Your (frantic) Editor:

I don't know where the time goes. One minute it's morning and the next minute it's bedtime! I wonder who decided that we had to sleep? If not for sleep, think how much more you could get done? I guess this is just a frantic time-of-year — school is starting, new journal orders and cancellations are in, we are filling open positions so there are search committees, and then there's the **Charleston Conference** and **ATG** and family issues.

Meanwhile, this issue of **ATG** is wonderful.

Ramune Kubilius has collected five stellar papers about **health sciences** and **biomedical sciences** content by **Patricia Pinkowski**, **Meg White**, **Elizabeth Lorbeer** and **Nicole Mitchell**, **Jeron Porciello** and **Medha Devare**, and **Melissa Nasea** and **Ruth Moskop**. We have interviews with **Kingsley Greene** (**Sage Colleges**) and a follow up interview with **Bill Cohen** (**Taylor & Francis/Haworth Press**). We have a "Wandering the Web" by **Lesley Montgomery** about knitting, special reports by **Brett Spencer** on specialty reference books and **WorldCat Selection** by **Kay Covert** and **Brad Gauder**, an "Op Ed" by **Rick Anderson** on preservation issues, two (count them, two) "Biz of Acqs" on **Media Selection** (**Matt Bailey** and **Anita Grommesh**, and **Budget 101** by **Joe Badics**), **John Cox** is

talking about **A&I services**, **Phillip Hallman** is talking about video game collections, **Tom Leonhardt** is talking about the golden age of librarianship, **Peter Shepherd's** "International Dateline" is about the **European project PEER**, **Cris Ferguson** revisits **Kindle**, **Todd Carpenter** talks about end-user services, **Greg Tananbaum** is interested in the **Center for Science Diplomacy**, **Tony Ferguson** tells us a bit about academic libraries in China, and ... there's even more and more and more!

Oops. Just got a text message! I am missing an important meeting downtown. Gotta run!

Love, Yr. Ed. 🐼

Letters to the Editor

Send letters to <kstrauch@comcast.net>, phone or fax 843-723-3536, or snail mail: **Against the Grain**, MSC 98, The Citadel, Charleston, SC 29409. You can also send a letter to the editor from the **ATG Homepage** at <http://www.against-the-grain.com>.

Dear Editor:

Just to let you know ... Today I was listening to an archived **Learning Times Network** "Library Online Community" Webinar (Oct. 2) that was given by **Mark Herring**. One of the moderators, **John Shank** of **Penn State**, in his introduction of **Herring** mentioned that **Herring** had a "regular, thought-provoking and well-written column in **ATG**," and that "this is at least one of the very good reasons you should be reading **ATG** on a regular basis."

There were about 100 people attending this Webinar.

Laura Barfield <lb441@bellsouth.net>

Dear Editor:

What are you doing? Quit sleeping! Why haven't you been updating **Rumors** on the **ATG News Channel**? I should also mention **your blog**! Get cracking! Time's a wastin'!

Sincerely,

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2008 Events	Issue	Ad Reservation	Camera-Ready
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 08/Jan. 09	10/29/08	11/19/08
2009 Events	Issue	Ad Reservation	Camera-Ready
Annual Report, ACRL	February 2009	12/10/08	01/07/09
MLA, SLA, Book Expo	April 2009	02/11/09	03/04/09
ALA Annual	June 2009	04/08/09	04/29/09
Reference Publishing	September 2009	07/8/09	07/29/09
Charleston Conference	November 2009	09/02/09	09/23/09
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 09/Jan. 2010	10/21/09	11/11/09

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Blackwell has acquired **Everett's Library Services** and more recently **Houtschild Library Booksellers** in The Hague.

www.blackwell.com/

The incomparable **Sandra Hughes** has been named Director of the Library at **Charleston Southern University**! **Sandra** began her new duties September 1. She has been with the **CSU Library** since 1991, formerly serving as Head of Reference from 1994-2006, then Head of Public Services from 2006-2008. This recognition couldn't have happened to a more capable, deserving, and charming person! Congratulations, **Sandra**!

www.csuniv.edu

And, more about **CSU** (above). **David Mash** has resigned as Director of the **CSU Library** but will continue working there until the end of December 2008, when he will move to **Lander University** in Greenwood, South Carolina, as **Library Director**.

www.lander.edu

The awesome **Gloria A. Kelley** (**Winthrop University**) has been appointed director of **CPCC** — **Central Piedmont Community College** in Charlotte, NC. **Mark Herring** tells me he tried to keep **Gloria** but she is fully vested so she could retire from South Carolina. **Gloria** has been working part-time (nights and weekends) for **CPCC** for several years so she decided to accept the director's position effective November 1. Congratulations, **Gloria**! We will miss you in South Carolina!

<http://www1.cpcc.edu/>

The **Charleston County Board of Directors** has appointed **Cynthia Bledsoe** as interim director of the **Charleston County Library**. **Cynthia** has served as the Main Library's manager since 1999. She earned a master's degree in library information science from the **University of Tennessee** in 1991. She has worked in public libraries for 35 years, including seven years at the **Dorchester County Public Library**, where she twice served as interim director.

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