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## ATG Deadlines

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## From Your (home remedy) Editor:

Charleston is hot one day (70s, approaching 80) and cold the next (20s and 30s). This is particularly challenging for those of us who want to stay well, especially when everyone around us is sick. So, in an attempt to ward off the germs, I have been trying all kinds of home remedies — hot tea with lemon and honey, Vicks Vapor-rub, Cold-eeze, you know the drill.

And, in between the home remedies, we have been working on this fantastic issue of *ATG* which is guest edited by **Sheila Bair** and **Pam Rebarcak Cowart** of **Michigan State University**. It's all about **digitization projects and metadata** and what we need to know and we have six articles filled with need-to-know information. The interviews are with **Bob Nardini** who has left **YBP for Coutts** and **JoAnne Sparks** who is the Director of Library Services at **Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center** in New York. We are lucky to have an **OpEd** in this issue by the entertainingly awesome **Mary Ann Liebert** and it's about **Open Access**. And the passionately opinionated and provocative **Matthew Bruccoli** has given us his paper from

the **2006 Charleston Conference, The End of Books and the Death of Libraries**. Whew! **Kristen Martin** has done a special report about the challenges of cataloging **eBooks** and, **Biz of Acq** gives a perspective on library conferences. We have a new **Papa** who is remembering — **Richard Abel** begins his "Tale of a Band of Booksellers," i.e., the beginning of the **Richard Abel Company**. Not to mention selected **2006 Charleston Conference** reports. And, of course, that is far from all of what's in this issue!

But, I feel a chill coming on and I have to make myself a cup of hot tea. In the meantime, I'm hoping the groundhog comes out and stays out. I'm ready for spring!

Happy rest of winter. And see you in Baltimore.

Cheers,  
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:

To **Mark Herring**:

I had just read and enjoyed your *Against the Grain* item on **YouTube** (see *ATG*, v.18#6, p.70) and thought "great, now he can explain the whole 'Second Life' phenomenon... [www.secondlife.com](http://www.secondlife.com)." Today I received an alert about your *Fools Gold* release ... congratulations!

Sincerely,

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2007 Events	Issue	Ad Reservation	Camera-Ready
MLA, SLA, Book Expo	April 2007	02/21/07	03/07/07
ALA Annual	June 2007	04/25/07	05/09/07
Reference Publishing	September 2007	07/25/07	08/08/07
Charleston Conference	November 2007	09/19/07	10/03/07
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 07/Jan. 08	11/21/07	12/05/07

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asked him to tell me more about himself and his family since it had been a few years since we had spoken. He has moved to California and remarried in July. As it says above, he will manage the western sales territory and help the company with academic sales nationally. His girls are doing great. **Anne** graduated from **UNC-Wilmington** last year (#1 in her class, biology) and took the year off; **Michelle** is a junior at **Randolph Macon** (VA) and swimming for them. And **Mike's** older girls have given him four wonderful **grandchildren**. Anyway, **Mike** says he will be in **Charleston** in November so we can learn even more. Congrats, **Mike!** You aren't getting older, you're getting better!

Have you noticed that "I, User" seems to have dropped off the radar? Well, it's because **R2 Consulting** is expanding! Partners **Rick Lugg** <rick@r2consulting.com> and **Ruth Fischer** <ruth@r2consulting.org>, who began **R2** in 2000, have just welcomed two new associates. **Hester Campbell**, formerly **YBP Library Services** Director of Customer Service and Product Manager for **GOBI**, will assist **R2** on workflow redesign projects. And **Matt Barnes** comes to **R2** from **Blackwell Book Services**, where he has been Vice President of Sales & Marketing. **Matt** knows all about activity-based costing, financial models, and a whole toolbox of **Web/Library 2.0** tools. **R2** plans to use this infusion of new talent to increase its capacity for workflow and organizational redesign projects, and to develop new services: implementation, training, and project management; succession planning and placement; a database of vendor capabilities; and market analysis for publishers and other information providers. So — here's hoping — they will have time to write more columns for *ATG*!

Got a wonderful note from the fabulous **Sandra K. Money** <Sandy@SKPAssociates.com>. Same email address, different last name, same fabulous person. Anyway, **Sandy** says that **John** has gotten a Green Card, plus they have been busy updating ships' libraries and enjoying friends in Miami, the UK, and everywhere else since they know absolutely everybody! **Sandy** said she attended her **BIG** high school reunion and met many friends she hadn't seen in ages. **Sandy** and **John** have been spending time with four grandkids (of hers) and nine of John's! Gosh! Sounds exhausting. She sends all of us joy, good health and happiness for 2007. Hear, hear!

And guess what? In Seattle (what an awesome city) I encountered **WANDA (Jane) Maddox** <jane.maddox@blackwell.com> at the **Blackwell's Book Services** booth. **Jane** is now reping for **BBS** along with her husband **Lorne** and, you know what, she doesn't look a single year older since she was in **Charleston** in 1984. I swear! Let's ask her what her secret is.

Talk about staying young! The fantastic **Karalyn Kavanaugh** has moved to Kentucky

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