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## From Your (celebrating) Editor

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## From Your (celebrating) Editor:

I love this time of year. Maybe it's because it's my birthday month but as I get older I really don't look forward to the big event anymore. No. Now I have a real reason to like this time of year.

My first grandbaby was born December 20! His name is **Trifon Raymond Walser** and he is a cute little bundle of energy. Even when he cries he is cute!

Ever faithful to *Against the Grain*, we have persevered and turned out another great issue. **Ed Colleran** of the **Copyright Clearance Center** has put together several papers by **Karen Oye**, **Eugene Mopsik**, **Victor Pearlman**,

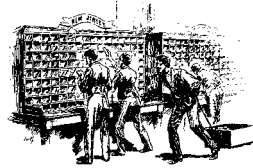
and **Dan Duncan** dealing with **orphan works**, the problems associated with them, and the legislation that has been pending for some time. We have interviews with **Mehdi Khosrow-Pour** (IGI-Global) and **Jonathan Dahl** (IEEE). **Back Talk** in this issue is about **food and the library**, one of our favorite subjects. We have another **Humble Opinion about reference services** by **Celia Rabinowitz!** **Ellen Finnie Duranceau** outlines eight principles for an emerging ecosystem regarding **Open Access**. We have a discussion by **Sandy Thatcher** of the **ACRL Report on establishing a research agenda for scholarly communication**, a look at the recent developments in the **Tasini** decision by **Bill Hannay**, **Todd Carpenter** views the landscape regarding **ERMS**, **Elaine Robbins** tells us how to enhance our OPAC with **LibraryThing**, **Christine Fisher** has a group therapy on database trials (and tribulations), **Ned Kraft** gets out his psychologist glasses to amuse us with **librarian psychology**, **Michelle Flinchbaugh** has two **Biz of Acq** columns (by **Susan E. Thomas** and **Xan Arch**) on **Wikis in Acquisitions** and a **sample journal display** at the **Pratt Institute Library**, and **John Cox** asked why **private equity** is interested in publishing. Whew! And that's not all by any means.

Meanwhile, I have to go get on an airplane to see my grandbaby! **Merry Christmas, Happy Hanakah, Kwanza, etc.**

**Happy New Year!** Here's hoping that **2008** brings all you ever desired.

Love, Yr. Ed. 🐻

## Letters to the Editor



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### Dear Editor and Colleagues:

It is with a mixture of anticipation and regret that I announce my retirement as of April 1st, 2008 — my 38th anniversary at the **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**, all but eight months of it in **Acquisitions**. I wanted to write to thank those who have so frequently helped me with the many challenges facing us in recent years. And I wanted to wish everyone the best as you address the new demands and rapidly changing environment in which all of us find ourselves these days. It is a very exciting time to be working in the field of scholarly communication and I know that there will be many lively conversations in years to come! Also, I want to thank **Katina** and her hard-working conference planning committee for many years of successful and

stimulating gatherings to discuss the critical issues each year. The key to the **Charleston Conference's** success, in my opinion, is the active involvement of librarians, publishers, and vendors working together toward the common goal of benefiting our users. For my money, the **Charleston Conference** is the best buy around!

With warm regards,

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### Dear Editor:

Returning after a few years hiatus, I just can't live without **ATG!** Thanks for an engaging, informative source!

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### Rumors from page 1

**Kahn** continues as **CEO of ProQuest**.

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Speaking of **ProQuest**, did y'all see **Tina Orozco** in Charleston? She had just returned from her **HONEYMOON**. **Tina** is now **Tina Taylor**. Congratulations, **Tina!**

I can't believe it! **Jack Montgomery** <jack.montgomery@wku.edu>, our wonderful, caring, johnny-on-the-spot colleague, has been out of pocket! Here's the story. Monday, December 3rd, **Lesley** and **Jack** were at the local mall and had just finished dinner. As he waited for **Lesley**, **Jack** began to feel a bit wobbly. He took a step and began to stumble. When he tried to get up, he couldn't move his left arm. **Medics** came within minutes and gave him oxygen and he regained the movement in his arm, leg and speech. He stayed in the hospital for several days. It seems that **Jack** had a **Lacunar infarct** which usually occurs as a result of arterial blockage caused by high blood pressure (hypertension).

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SLA, ALA Annual	June 2008	04/16/08	04/30/08
Reference Publishing	September 2008	07/16/08	07/30/08
Charleston Conference	November 2008	09/03/08	09/17/08
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 08/Jan. 09	10/29/08	11/19/08

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