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From Your (last minute lizzie) Editor:

People who know me know that I like having a lot to do but that I am nothing if not a down-to-the-wire person. I always make a resolution about this every new year and sometimes I do better than others. This year I was doing better until my husband had the nerve to get sick and give whatever it was to me. So, that's why this issue is a little late. Anyway, it is wonderful all the same. The hard-working **Bev Acreman** has put together some great papers about KBART which stands for Knowledge Bases and Related Tools working group. We have articles by **Bev, Ed Pentz, Nancy Beals, Alison Mitchell, Sarah**

Pearson and Andreas Biefenbach, Julie Zhu, Gary Pollack, Ruth Wells, and Mathew Llewellyn, Christine Stohn, Sherrard Ewing, Sheri Meares, and Paul Moss, Liz Stevenson, Adam Chandler, Graham Stone, and Kate Price. Whew! Our interviews are with **Joyce Dixon-Fyle** and **Douglas Wright**. Our op ed is about working together and our special report is about switching to new models. I am excited to introduce a new column **Collecting to the Core** by **Marcus Elmore**

and the team at **Choice** who will tell us about certain classics that never go out of style.

We have a **Wandering the Web** with gardening sites just in time for spring, **Michelle Flinchbaugh** and **Kate Pitcher** tell us all about **GIST**, the **Getting It System Toolkit**, and **Greg Tananbaum** talks with **Mary Rose Muccie** the Director of **JSTOR's Current Scholarship Program**. And there's much, much more.

Well, my husband tells me that we are going out tonight and it's nearly 6 PM. Oh well. Last minute lizzie's gotta go.

Happy spring! 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:

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Thanks, **Ron Lapinski** (IEEE) <r.lapinski@ieee.org>

Dear Ron: We do not generally accept credit card payments. **ATG** is an inexpensive publication. We can take wire transfers and we will take credit cards if there is no other alternative. Thanks! **Katina Strauch, Yr. Ed.** 🐘

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ALA Annual	June 2011	04/04/11	04/25/11
Reference Publishing	September 2011	06/27/11	07/18/11
Charleston Conference	November 2011	08/15/11	09/05/11
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but what caught my attention was the discussion of page numbers on electronic devices which **Amazon** has recently implemented on the **Kindle**.

<http://www.kindlepost.com/2011/02/early-preview-of-free-software-update-for-kindle-.html>
<http://newsbreaks.infotoday.com/NewsBreaks/Amazon-Raises-the-Stakes-in-Your-Reading-Experience-The-Platform-War-Continues-74056.asp>

Staying on the page number page (so to speak), there was an article in the **Chronicle of Higher Education** a few weeks ago (February 6, 2011) about this issue — “E-Books’ varied formats make citations a mess for scholars: Kindle, Nook, and other devices put the same text on a different page,” by **Tushar Rae, MLA, APA, and Univ. of Chicago**, among others have all come up with alternatives but most scholars aren’t pleased. And what happened? A day later, **Amazon** announced that they would include page numbers for the **Kindle**. But will your page number and my page number lead us to the same place? Comments? Seems that the page number problem is just exacerbated by the eBook and the various platforms and reading devices.

See the article — <http://chronicle.com/article/E-Books-Variied-Formats-Make/126246/>.

And while we’re on the **Info Today** page (see above) need to remind y’all about the **Info Today blog**, the **Conference Circuit**. Very good way to keep in touch with conferences and what’s going on in the library world. In fact, the intrepidly thorough **Don Hawkins** even covered the last **2010 Charleston Conference**.

<http://www.theconferencecircuit.com>
<http://www.theconferencecircuit.com/topics/charleston-conference-2010/page/2>
<http://www.dclab.com/blog/2011/01/charleston-conferenceconference-buzz/>

Speaking of the **Charleston Conference**, we have tentatively (isn’t everything tentative in the electronic arena?) decided on the theme for the **2011 Charleston Conference** —

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