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Letters to the Editor

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From Your (get me out of this cold and wet!) Editor:



Have y'all been cold this winter? We in Charleston sure have!

Except for the times that I have been caught in out-of-town snow in places like Minnesota, Philadelphia, Chicago, Boston, and Richmond, I can count on one hand how many times I have encountered snow. But it sure did snow in Charleston this winter — 4-6 inches depending on where you were. What a shock it has been to adapt. I have worn my winter coat this winter more than I ever have in my life. And I am still wearing it even though February is almost over. Not to mention the rain. We are so wet we can't ring out anything!

Meanwhile, here at **ATG international headquarters**, despite power outages et al, we were working on another great issue. Our guest editors are **Robin Champieux** and **Steven Carrico**. They have put together a series of papers — by **Rick Anderson**, **Sue McKnight**, and **Alice Keller** — from the **Oxford Conference on Exploring Acquisitions**. They have also contributed their very first dialog, **Library Perspective, Vendor Response**. We

have several special reports from **Karen Christensen**, and **Yahiaoui Zahir** and his colleagues, and a report by **Allen McKiel** on the very first **Charleston Observatory Global Survey**. And while on the subject of Charleston, in this issue you will find the first installment of conference reports from the **2009 Charleston Conference** courtesy of **Ramune Kubilius** and her reporters. **Tony Ferguson** discusses China and **Google** in his **Back Talk** column, and our **Op Ed** this time is from **Michael Pelikan** about technology and market share. Our interviews in this issue are courtesy of **Greg Tananbaum** (**Catherine Mitchell** of **eScholarship**) and **Xan Arch** (**Jeff Dietrich** of **Coutts Information Services**).

And there's lots more I haven't even mentioned here! I have to go now. Seems that it's suddenly sunny and warm outside and I don't want to miss the Vitamin D! Let's hope for spring!

Much love and oh! Happy 2010! Yr. Ed. 🐾

Rumors from page 1

While I was working on **Rumors** today, I got an email from **Barbara Moran**, Interim **Dean of the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Information and Library Science**. She was reporting the death of **Dr. Edward G. Holley**, dean and professor at the school from 1972-1995 when he retired. **Dr. Holley** was a generous and kind man who always had time for colleagues and students. See the obituary this issue, p.14.

And, just recently **Dr. Gary Marchionini**, **Cary C. Boshamer Professor** at the **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**, has been appointed dean of the **School of Information and Library Sciences** effective April 1. A Carolina faculty member since 1998, **Marchionini** heads the school's Interaction Design Laboratory and chairs its personnel committee. He is president of the **American Society of Information Science and Technology**, chair of the **National Institutes of Health/National Library of Medicine's Biomedical Library and Informatics Review Committee** and previously was editor-in-chief of the **Association for Computing Machinery's (ACM) "Transactions on Information Systems"** from 2002 to 2008, has served on more than a dozen editorial boards and is editor of the **Morgan-Claypool** book series, "**Information Concepts, Retrieval and Services**."

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Just heard yesterday that the incredibly personable one-class-act **John Laraway** will be working with **YBP** longer as they transition customers from **Blackwell** to **YBP**. We at **Addlestone Library** of the **College of Charleston** are especially happy! Hooray!

In between traveling all over the country, the efficient **Mark Kendall** <mkendall@ybp.com> sends word of the following **Blackwell** representatives who will be joining the **YBP sales team** effective immediately — **Kim Anderson**, Senior Collection Development Manager and Bibliographer, **Mike Arnold**, Collection Development Manager, **Crystal Stamps-Etheredge**, Collection Development Manager, **Hannah Bucholz**, Collection Development Manager, and **Rex Steiner**, Middle East Sales Director.

Oh! And **Sylvain Robichaud**, **Blackwell's** Regional Sales Manager for Canada, has joined **YBP** and has been promoted to **Director of Sales for Canada**. **Sylvain** will be assuming the role previously held by **Michael Zeoli** who has been with **YBP** for many years. But I do remember when **Michael** worked briefly for collection development at **ebRARY** prior to his return to **YBP** nearly three years ago. **Michael** is now **Director of Consortia Sales and E-Content Sales Strategy**. Whew!

We told you about the she's-got-so-much-energy **Robin Champieux** in December/January. Well, now the spectacular **David Swords** has also joined **EBL**. **David** and **Robin** both come from **Blackwell** where **Robin** was Direc-

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Dear Editor:

How can I get a username and password for the **ATG NewsChannel**? I need one.

Robin Cleveland (Student, Trident Technical College)



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ALA Annual	June 2010	03/24/10	04/12/10
Reference Publishing	September 2010	06/30/10	07/21/10
Charleston Conference	November 2010	08/11/10	09/01/10
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 2010/Jan. 2011	10/30/10	11/10/10

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