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From Your (SEWEing) Editor:

February in Charleston is exciting because we host the **Southeastern Wildlife Exhibition** which is reportedly the largest wildlife art/nature event in the nation. SEWE happens once a year in Charleston. Even though we had rain on Sunday ☹ we made the most of it and worked on this issue of *ATG* instead! **Preserving History and Demonstrating Library Excellence at Historically Black Colleges and Universities** is the subject of the eight feature articles in this issue guest edited by the able **Shanesha R. F. Brooks-Tatum**. Articles explore initiatives at **Claffin University, Delaware State University, Fayetteville State University, Savannah State University, South University and A & M College** in Baton Rouge, **University of Maryland Eastern Shore** and **Virginia State University**.

Our **Op Ed** is by **Bob Holley** who talks about the potential demise of traditional collection development (I say no way!), our **Back Talk** by the retired but still working **Tony Ferguson** is about, guess what, The Unemployed Librarian. Our profiles are from **Rick Lugg** and **Ruth Fischer**, **Amy Hoseth**, and **Roula Awad-Harb** and our interviews are with **Tracey Armstrong** of **Copyright Clearance Center** and **Rick Lugg** and **Ruth Fischer** and their new venture, **Sustainable Collection Services**. We have a couple of publisher profiles as well. Our book review is about **Michael Gorman's** book, *Broken Pieces*. (He was the only **Charleston Conference** speaker to get a rousing standing ovation!). We have copyright questions and answers by **Lolly Gasaway**, legally speaking by **Bill Hannay** covering

the eBook price-fixing lawsuits in the courts, a **Biz of Acq** regarding ERMS, a **Booklover** about **Tomas Gösta Tranströmer**, **Xan Arch** writes about E-textbooks and the technologies that the library uses in contrast to those used by campus IT departments, **Tom Leonhardt** has a charming column about book people he has known and **Bob Nardini** talks about the virtual and physical worlds.



It's quit raining for a minute and I want to head to the SEWE finale so I am off! Remember, Spring is not far away. Happy March!

Love, Yr. Ed. 🌿

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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 a short letter to thank you for your continued excellence in your publication, *Against the Grain* which I read faithfully.

Second, I write to let you know that I have just been elected an officer of the **William Morris Society** in the U.S. My position is vice president for public relations and membership, and I would be thankful if you would point your many readers to our Webpage www.morrisociety.org.

Finally, I write to say how much I enjoyed and agreed with the **Op Ed** article by **S. David Mash**, "The Death of the Bookless Library," which appeared in the December 2011-January 2012 issue of *ATG*. I recall a meeting I had at least 15 years ago with a colleague at **Blackwells** who was telling me the wonders of his then new, and most up-to-date e-reader.

To quote him: "Jack, it is just wonderful. On this little machine I can read any of 10,000 books while I am on vacation in Mexico." To which I replied: "That's just great, but I take along about five paperbacks on my vacation, and that's about all I can read at once!"

All the best, **Jack Walsdorf**
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Just learned that the quietly brilliant **Heather Miller** is retiring from **SUNY Albany** this February 29 and the **Charleston Conference** for which she has been a Director for over 25 years! **Heather's** husband **Norton** died in November and she is moving to New Hampshire where she and **Norton** had planned to retire. She says that she has to clear out and remodel her current house of 29 years (can't imagine!) and learn how to live as a retired person. **Heather's** son **Andrew** (a veterinary pathologist) and his wife **Allison** (an equine veterinarian), and **Natalie** (their nine-month-old happy, agreeable baby, pictures upcoming in a future *ATG*!) live in Southborough, Massachusetts. The other morning **Heather's** staff presented her with a beautiful handmade quilt and cross-stitched card. (**Heather** says she does enough of that sort of thing to understand the magnitude of the commitment of time and effort that these gifts represent.) Y'all, this news brought tears to my eyes! **Heather** says her email address will remain in effect after she retires, one of the perks of emerita faculty status, so she will not be out of touch. We certainly hope not!

Speaking of **Heather**, did you notice her job description on the *ATG NewsChannel*? <http://www.against-the-grain.com/?s=albany>

The calm and energetic **Deb Vaughn** — *ATG's* book reviewer par excellence as well as **Director of Undergraduate Academic Studies** at the **College of Charleston** — is moving to **Clemson, SC**, where she and her husband **Bo** grew up and their parents still live. **Deb** will be working remotely for the **College** (isn't this virtual business cool!?) and also commuting back and forth until the end of the term. As an added plus, in their spare time, **Deb** and **Bo** are going to have another baby — due in mid-July! They are very excited (especially **Helen**, who is old enough to understand that

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MLA, SLA, Book Expo	April 2012	02/24/12	03/16/12
ALA Annual	June 2012	04/05/12	04/26/12
Reference Publishing	September 2012	06/22/12	07/13/12
Charleston Conference	November 2012	08/22/12	09/12/12
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 2012/Jan. 2013	11/09/12	11/30/12

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