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From Your (Enjoying Spring) Editor:

What a beautiful spring it has been! No hot weather, just cool breezes. Excited to be visited by my son for spring. That's very unusual since he is in the Army! A wonderful treat!

This issue of *ATG* is guest edited by **Bob Holley** of **Wayne State University**! **Bob** has collected many interesting articles about approaches to self-publishing from self-publishing experts like **Walt Crawford**, **John Riley**, **Don Beagle**, **Julia Glassman**, **Rory Litwin**, **Joseph B. Grobelny**, and **Matt Pacer**. **Bob Nardini** and **Janice Schnell** talk about author services and library vendors. We also have a new column by **Myer Kutz** who self-published his novel and tells about his experiences. As many of us know, getting fiction published by a traditional publisher is not as easy as it once appeared to be.

The **Op Ed** in this issue is by **Steve McK-inzie** and discusses the common practice we call "weeding." **Tony Ferguson** is talking about

China in his **Back Talk** (couldn't stay away). We have interviews with **Eric Calaluca** and **Richard Haight**. **Greg Tananbaum** also interviews the **SIPX** team. Our book reviews are about grant writing and encyclopedias. **Winifred Metz** talks about media-centered documentary films and **Alex Holzman** and **Leila Salisbury** discuss university presses from different perspectives. **Biz of Acq** is about gathering data. **Tom Leonhardt** is enjoying **Reed College** and book collecting, and much more. We even have a crossword puzzle this time! Let us know what you think of it. Do you want more or not?

We have another installment from **Rita Ricketts** in her series on Blackwellian tales and the third installment of conference reports from the **2012 Charleston Conference** compiled by **Ramune Kubilius**. **Donald Hawkins** brings us his conference notes as well — this time from the **55th NFAIS Annual Conference** and **An NFAIS Workshop** on A&I services.

Dennis Brunning is keeping us on the edge with people and technology while **Michael Pelikan** is asking "What's in a Name?" Of course, there is much more, so please read on!

Well, y'all, I am going to have to leave to go downtown with my son! Happy Spring!

Love, Yr. Ed. 🌿

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Dear Editor:

RE: *ATG* Op-Ed on my article

To give credit where credit is due, **Rebecca Kornegay** said in her **Op-Ed** that I "wrote an article most welcome," and she quoted me as using the term "brute force searching." Yes, I wrote the article and used that term, but the entire article was a report on what others had said at a conference, so the term was not original with me.

It's a minor point, perhaps, and it probably does not require any clarification in a Letter to the Editor unless somebody objects. I just thought I should mention this for possible future reference.

Donald Hawkins <dthawkins@verizon.net> 🌿

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2013 Events	Issue	Ad Reservation	Camera-Ready
Reference Publishing	September 2013	06/21/13	07/15/13
Charleston Conference	November 2013	08/23/13	09/09/13
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 2013-Jan. 2014	11/08/13	11/25/13

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ProQuest with **Ms. Paulson** in the role of Vice President and General Manager of the combined **ebrary** and **EBL** eBook business unit. Reporting to **Kevin Sayar**, Senior Vice President of **Workflow Solutions**, **Kari** will lead the planning efforts to combine the strongest features of **ebrary** and **EBL** into one optimized eBook platform that has the most flexible selection of business models. The company will be actively soliciting customer feedback throughout the integration in order to provide libraries with an even better eBook solution. **ProQuest** does not anticipate disruption for **EBL** or **ebrary** customers over the estimated 18-month integration timeframe. Customers and partners should continue to work with their current **EBL** and/or **ProQuest** representatives. And hooray for **Kari**! The last time I saw her she was hobbling around on crutches because of a skiing accident!

<http://www.proquest.com/en-US/aboutus/pressroom/13/20130514.shtml>

BTW — *ATG* has an interview with **Kari Paulson** in the works and we would love to hear any question suggestions that any of you might have. Please send them to **Tom Gilson** <gilson@cofc.edu>. Thanks.

Another interview in the works! The awesome **Liz Chapman** (Director of Library Services Library, London School of Economics and Political Science <E.Chapman@lse.ac.uk>). **Liz** is out of the office and in the USA for a few weeks, but we hope to have her interview in the September issue!

And still on changes in the business, etc. Was interested to learn that the **EBSCO Publishing** and **EBSCO Information Services** businesses will merge on 1 July 2013 and will operate as a single business under the name **EBSCO Information Services (EBSCO)**. **Dixon Brooke**, **EBSCO Industries** CEO, said, "While the two businesses have worked closely together for the past three decades, they have been pulled even closer together in recent years due to our customers' desire for more integrated solutions. For example, we are in the process of integrating our popular A-to-Z with LinkSource service, previously operated by **EIS**, with our industry leading **EBSCOhost** and **EBSCO Discovery Service** solutions, operated by **EP**, for the benefit of librarians and their end users. We believe this merger of divisions will bring many future tangible benefits to our customers." **Tim Collins** will serve as President of the combined entity. **Allen Powell**, President of the subscription services division of **EIS**, will now report to **Collins**. All of **EBSCO's** subscription services offices and operations will continue to report to **Powell**. Hmmm... change, change, change!

Moving right along. Was excited to learn that **Charleston Conference 2013 registration** opened on **Monday, June 3**. Don't forget to register! www.katina.info/conference

Speaking of which, so far we have a fantastic line up of speakers and it's only

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