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From Your Editor

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From Your (frantic) Editor:

Fall semester has begun with all its frantic-ness. Time to develop new budgets, orient new faculty, finish annual reports, that sort of thing. And to top it all off — my daughter **Ileana** is getting married in 42 days! Talk about questions, decisions, phone calls, and bills, bills, bills!

I was excited to have this issue to take my mind off all this frantic stuff. Edited by the magnificent **Jesse Holden**, this issue deals with discovery which is all about search and find. Follow **Scott R. Anderson**, **Sam Brooks**, **Eddie Neuwirth** and **Harrison Cain**, and **Virginia Bacon** and **Ginny Boyer** as they help us explore the new information ecosystem that discovery has created.

Our Special Report is by **David Parker** about Content, Services, Solutions and Space,

Blurring Lines in the University, **Bill Hannay** weighs in on Apple and Google and eBooks. **Bob Holley** defends Wikipedia and Google, **Leila Salisbury** and **Alex Holzman** report on the recent AAUP meeting, **Joe Badics** tells us about a year of PDA, **Winifred Metz** focuses on foreign feature films, and **Myer Kutz** takes an intimate look at sci-tech book publishing.

We have **Ron Burns** informing us about usage statistics, **Allen McKiel** and **Jim Dooley** about data curation, **Mark Herring** about freedom, and **Tom Leonhardt** about bookstores.

Our interviews are with **Dr. Avram Bar-Cohen**, **Liz Chapman**, **Leslie Mackenzie**, and

Peter Binfield. The Op-Ed is by **John Dove** and poses the question “if filter failure is the problem, then what is filter success?”

We are trying a little something new with our **Luminaries** column, this issue, p.38. **Todd Carpenter**, **Jenica P. Rogers**, **Courtney Young**, and **Rachel Fleming** (the editor of future luminaries columns) comment on something in our environments — this time it's **Twitter!**

Time to go to try on dresses for the wedding. My daughter tells me I need 5 outfits! Is she getting married 5 times?

Oh well. Happy fall and see y'all in November.

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:

I've become a great fan of the **Charleston Conference** because this conference often is uncomfortable for all the groups in the audience including librarians. For example, one speaker cautioned libraries that they might not get to keep the savings from the success of open access because these savings would be used to pay author fees.

I've come to dislike conferences where all the sessions tell the librarian audience how great

they are, what great work they are doing, and how they shouldn't worry about the future of libraries. I would suggest, for example, that inviting a university president who cut libraries and explained why this step was taken is much more useful than inviting one who loves libraries. I'm of the opinion that librarians would learn a lot more from the first speaker than the second.

Conferences on how great librarians are, complete with a symbolic

singing of Kumbaya at the end, are great for feeling good but don't lead to much learning. Hearing from the “enemy” is often one of the best ways to learn how to do better or, at a minimum, to understand an alternative viewpoint.

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2013 Events	Issue	Ad Reservation	Camera-Ready
Charleston Conference	November 2013	08/23/13	09/09/13
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 2013-Jan. 2014	11/08/13	11/25/13
2014 Events	Issue	Ad Reservation	Camera-Ready
Annual Report, PLA	February 2014	01/02/14	01/16/14
MLA, SLA, Book Expo	April 2014	02/20/14	03/13/14
ALA Annual	June 2014	04/03/14	04/24/14
Reference Publishing	September 2014	06/19/14	07/10/14
Charleston Conference	November 2014	08/21/14	09/11/14
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 2014-Jan. 2015	11/13/14	11/28/14

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Rumors

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Regenstein Library. **NERL** was founded by **Ann Okerson** at **Yale University** in 1996, as a consortium of research libraries that licenses high cost online products on behalf of its membership. Earlier this year **NERL** entered into a strategic partnership with the **Center for Research Libraries (CRL)**, to afford North American research libraries greater leverage in acquiring and subscribing to key electronic resources, and to shape the terms of access to those resources. On July 1, **NERL** began operating as a cooperative program under the organizational umbrella of **CRL** in Chicago.

This is a great issue of **ATG** guest edited by the awesome **Jesse Holden**. There are a lot of great papers but the one which caught my eye the most was the one by **Scott Anderson** about mental models. I liked the shopping analogy and the idea that the unique shopping experience in general merchandise stores may be accomplished in libraries by discovery services.

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