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I am trying to adapt to a new office situation these days. Remember that we moved into the new Addlestone Library close to ten years ago? Well, now we are “renovating” “redesigning” repurposing.” To wit, we are compacting every single shelf and expanding our seating for students. We are also making more room in Special Collections since many of the collections from the South Carolina Historical Society in the Fireproof Building down on Meeting Street across from the Mills House Hotel are being moved to our Library. In the process, Technical Services has had to move down an entire floor, mind you temporarily. I am now in the Reference office near my wonderful colleague, Christa Poparad.

Working on this issue, as always has been fun. Rob Virkar-Yates who recently got promoted has done a masterful job of putting together four papers on a vision of the future which sees both convergence and collision. We have papers by Dr. Andrea Fallas, Andrea Powell, Jane Harvell and Joanna Ball, and Darrell W. Gunter. There is an op ed from Mark Dahl on the evolving eBook ecosystem. Our interviews are with Mark Cummings, Skip Pritchard, Mark Gross, and Kim Massana. Elizabeth Lightfoot has taken charge of the Luminaries column which is about opinions on mentoring and leadership. John Riley has a Library Marketplace about the digital versions of Against the Grain and the Charleston Conference.

Michael Pelikan is talking about our world of Smart Things, David Parker talks about the library and learning content, Bob Holley talks about saying no, Allen McKiel and Jim Dooley update us on DDA pilot projects, Biz of Acq is about the growing area of endowment and transferred funds, and there is much, much more.

I have just gotten an urgent email about the concrete and sand that will be in our parking lot tomorrow and why we can’t park in our usual parking spaces behind the library. That and the fact that the concrete trucks will have a lot of maneuvering to get all the hoses where they are supposed to be. Guess that Vision and Collision are really hitting us these days!

Happy summer! Love, Yr. Ed. 🥰

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Against the Grain published “Papa Abel Remembers: Tales of a Band of Booksellers” in 2013. The book included reminiscences, pictures and mementos from several colleagues who worked with the Richard Abel Company — Rea and John Christofferson, Don Chvatral, Mary Devlin, John Laraway, Mike Markwith, Don Satsisky, and Helmut Schwarzer. Also included are columns from Against the Grain by Richard Abel. For those of us who were too young to participate in the birth of the very first approval plan, this is a look inside our history.


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