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Letters to the Editor

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From Your (going with the flow) Editor:



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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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:

This letter was addressed to **Katina Strauch, Don Chvatal, and Scott Smith**.

Thanks! The book, *Tale of a Band of Booksellers*, about the **Richard Abel Company** published by **Against the Grain Press** came. It looks great! I've thumbed through a bit and can't wait to sit down and read — what memories and what a lot to learn about the days before I joined **Abel**. I'm glad there's a photo section too. And very, very glad I found the logo! Thanks to you and Don and Scott. A wonderful book.

Mary Devlin <mary@mdevlin.com>



Editor's Note: *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 Chvatal, Mary Devlin, John Laraway, Mike Markwith, Don Satsky, 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.

(*Papa Abel Remembers: Tale of a Band of Booksellers*, edited by **Scott Alan Smith and Katina P. Strauch**, Charleston, SC: **Against the Grain Press**, 2013. 9780963404385 \$15.00). — Yr. Ed. 🌻

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2014 Events	Issue	Ad Reservation	Camera-Ready
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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enterprise. **Accel-KKR** will own a majority interest of the company and **Stanford University** will maintain a significant minority stake. **Michael A. Keller**, University Librarian at **Stanford**, will serve as the **Stanford** representative on the **HighWire Press, Inc.** board of directors. **HighWire** was founded in 1995 under **Keller's** leadership, to ensure its partners — academic societies and independent publishers — would remain strong and able to lead the transition towards the use of new technologies for scholarly communication. Known for combining cutting-edge technology with long-term organizational stability in support of its community-oriented mission and model, **HighWire** facilitates the development, dissemination and discovery of nearly four thousand prominent journals, books, and other scholarly works online, as well as a highly customized manuscript submission, tracking, and peer review system for journal editors. **Keller** explained how the tradition of customer service, constant innovation, and careful fostering of a dynamic scholarly community will remain the charge of **HighWire Press, Inc.** **Accel-KKR** and **Stanford Libraries** have been working closely to ensure a smooth transition and a commitment to **HighWire's** core mission. Current Managing Director **Tom Rump** will continue to lead the organization as CEO of **HighWire Press, Inc.** **HighWire Press, Inc.** will continue to operate out of its headquarters office in Redwood City, California, as well as its satellite offices on the East Coast and in the United Kingdom. **Accel-KKR** is a technology-focused private equity firm with \$2.3 billion in assets under management. The firm invests primarily in software and technology-enabled businesses well positioned for topline and bottom-line growth. At the core of **Accel-KKR's** investment strategy is a commitment to developing strong partnerships with the management

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