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I get too much credit for starting a Conference 34 years ago. This conference has grown because of countless hard-working people. I am constantly impressed by the creativity and great ideas and follow through of all of you. Thank you.

This issue is a case in point. Charles Lyons has put together a stellar group of papers on Library Roles with Textbook Affordability. We have articles from Nicole Allen, Steven Bell, and Marilyn Billings (adoption of OER), Ann Agee and Christina Mune (engaging faculty), David Gibbs and Jessica Bowdoin (building a textbook reserves program), Monica Metz-Wiseman (discounted versions of textbooks), Tyler Smeltkeop (course pack creation), Kate Pitcher (faculty-authored textbooks), and Sharon Farb and Todd Grappone (creating learning materials). Our OpEd is about library landing pages and the state of library Webpages, in Back Talk, only Tony Ferguson can make seed-sharing interesting. We have interviews with Gilles de La Roche foucauld, Dr. Mehdi Khosrow-Pour, Anthea Stratigos, and David McCune, Jason Hoyt and Peter Binfield. Media-Centered has a discussion of more documentaries to watch, deg farrelly and Peter Shepherd give us results of a national survey on academic library streaming video. Dennis Brunning and Mimmo Bonanni talk about research re: Chromebooks and Surface Pro use. Rick Anderson has his usual humble opinion about depth perception in libraries, Jerry Spiller talks about the comic book legal defense fund, while Mark Herring takes a look at selfies. We have lots of reviews from Tom Gilson and Deb Vaughn, and another digital conversation with Bob Holley and Todd Kelly. And there’s much, much, more in this jam-packed, 112-page issue!

See what I told you about all our creative and impressive colleagues!

Meet them all in Charleston this November! Love, Yr. Ed.

and it happened to all the events that Constant Contact hosts! A perfect storm! Anyway, sched.org uploaded the photos themselves so hopefully everything is fixed!

One person who will not be with us this year is Deb Vaughn, who is one of ATG’s book review editors! Surprise! Deb and husband Bo are expecting their fourth child! Gosh! Speaking of which, I just heard from my daughter Ileana who is due November 4. She says a full moon is expected the 6th of November, and she predicts that’s when my grandbaby will make his/her appearance. That will certainly add more excitement during the Charleston Conference!

Another of our regulars who will not be with us at the Charleston Conference this year is the energetic Bob Holley. He’s on the accreditation team that will evaluate the Universite de Montreal. Bob says he has agreed to do this and is looking forward to using his French. And there’s always next year. In the meantime, Bob has a column in this issue of ATG (p.90) about self-publishing and Smashwords. Is self-publishing becoming more mainstream? There are continued on page 20