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Letters to the Editor

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From Your (weathering the storm) Editor:



Hmmm. So many people expect it to be warm year-round in Charleston. Come again. It gets cold down here! Okay, cold for us. Temperatures have been as low as 19 degrees Fahrenheit. And that's cold in most anybody's book, right? Plus we have had non-stop rain for the six weeks just after the **Charleston Conference** ended. Whew!

This issue is a stellar one. **Bob Nardini** has put together papers on the topic of **Library Publishing and University Press Publishing: Then and Now**. Authors include **Patrick Alexander, Lisa Bayer, Maria Bonn, Gary Dunham and Carolyn Walters, Isaac Gilman, Kevin S. Hawkins, John Hussey, Paul**

Royster, and Charles Watkinson. The **Op Ed** is by **Matthew Goddard** on a surprising new trend.

Our interviews are with **Audrey Powers, Peter Shepherd and Stanley Wilder**. I am sad to report that **Tony Ferguson** is retiring from **Back Talk** with this issue. ; (But he has written a doozy of a **Back Talk** about Library School and the union card in his latest column.

Erin Gallagher has a special report on **Polling** during the **2014 Charleston Conference**, in **Elizabeth Lightfoot's Luminaries** column **Robert Boissy, Valerie Boulos, Jill Emery, and Celeste Feather** comment on **Open Access**. **Glenda Alvin** talks about **frienemies**,

Mark Herring about the cost of a college education, **Bruce Strauch** on writers in Hollywood, and **Bob Kieft** tells us about monographic shared print in the corn belt. And, of course, there is lots more I haven't mentioned here, so get comfortable in your favorite chair and read on.

Well, the sun is out and the temperature is 43 so we are going outside to take a walk around all the puddles.

Happy New Year, y'all. Love, Yr. Ed. 🐼

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Dear Editor:

I really enjoyed the **Charleston Conference**. It's my favorite conference to attend, and I'm already looking forward to next year.

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Dear Editor:

It was a wonderful conference as always, and we thank you and your colleagues for all your work and for having the good fortune to be located in such a pleasant place. I hope you all have had a chance to rest up after the very hectic few days of all those visiting librarians and vendors and that you enjoy a peaceful and happy Thanksgiving just around the corner.

Best regards,

Robert Robbins, Representative

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2015 Events	Issue	Ad Reservation	Camera-Ready
Annual Repot, ACRL	February 2015	01/08/15	01/22/15
MLA, SLA, Book Expo	April 2015	02/19/15	03/12/15
ALA Annual	June 2015	04/09/15	04/30/15
Reference Publishing	September 2015	06/18/15	07/09/15
Charleston Conference	November 2015	08/20/15	09/10/15
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 2015-Jan. 2016	11/12/15	11/27/15

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Rumors

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she spearheaded the initiative to establish an in-house printing facility and has focused on designing information systems in the last decade. She planned and implemented their eBook strategy during the last five years. Most recently, she revamped technology relating to cover design and book production (400 a year).

<http://search.proquest.com/nuncio.cofc.edu/nationalnewscore/docview/398618568/fulltext/A6717E54235B4032PQ/1?accountid=9959> (pay wall)

<http://www.mcfarlandbooks.com/>

PS — **Rhonda** will contribute a chapter to the upcoming **Ebooks in Academic Libraries: Stepping Up to the Challenge**, edited by **Robert S. Freeman, Suzanne M. Ward and Judith M. Nixon**, representing the perspective of a commercial publisher. This title is to be published in 2015 by **Purdue University Press' Charleston Insights in Library, Archival, and Information Sciences** series that has a long-time collaboration with the **Charleston Conference!**

<http://www.thepress.purdue.edu/series/charleston-insights-library-archival-and-information-sciences>

Just read that the energetically focused **Beth Blakesley**, associate dean of libraries at **Washington State University**, is the new editor-in-chief of the **Journal of Academic Librarianship (JAL)**, one of the top publications in the academic libraries field.

<http://bit.ly/146WVnu>

Moving right along. **Holtzbrinck Publishing Group** and **BC Partners** have announced an agreement to merge the majority of **Macmillan Science and Education** with **Springer Science+Business Media** (owned by funds advised by **BCP**) in its entirety with the majority of **Holtzbrinck-owned Macmillan Science and Education (MSE)**, namely **Nature Publishing Group, Palgrave Macmillan** and the global businesses of **Macmillan Education**. The joint venture will create a leading publish-

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