Once upon a time, I used to play the piano. Now I play the computer almost exclusively. In fact, I was thinking about selling the piano that I bought when I got my first job. Until the other day when I was reading about the decline of interest in playing the piano because of all the tools and gadgets that are out there. So I changed my mind. I am against-the-grain, after all! Long live piano playing!

Meanwhile, have been working on this print issue of ATG. It’s guest edited by the wonderful Tony Horava and is on an important topic — Reading in the Digital Age: Issues and Opportunities. This is Part One. Part Two will be in the June print issue of ATG. We have articles about reading in context, new literacies in education, reading and the library, reading trends and college-age students, and digital texts and the paper divide. Rick Anderson in his Op Ed and humble but correct opinion tells us about the emerging problem of free riders. Back Talk is by Ann Okerson who along with Jim O’Donnell are taking up the Back Talk.

Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor:

Hello kind Editors of Against the Grain, I am curious, what is the review process for articles submitted to ATG? Is it peer reviewed? Editor reviewed? Do you employ a blind (or double blind) process? Thank you very much for any explanation.

Could someone point me to any instructions for submission? Thank you.

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Dear Frank Allen,

Let us know if you need more clarification! Thanks for your interest in ATG.

1) We find guest editors based on articles in the literature, listservs, conference presentation, etc. All feature presentations are refereed as well as special reports. Columns are refereed by the editors only.

2) There is a conference planning committee that suggests plenary speakers. A call for papers is listed on the Charleston Conference Website (www.katina.info/conference). Concurrent session proposals are refereed by a committee of librarians.

3) We will arrange for blind peer review if it is requested but normally refereeing is not blind. Here is the link to Submit Content on the ATG Website: http://www.against-the-grain.com/submit-content/

Best regards, Katina Strauch and Tom Gilson
P.S. ATG is listed in three Cabell’s directories.