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## Letters to the Editor

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# From Your (picnicking) Editor:

2015 has begun with a lot of rain. Seems like we have had only about two weeks of sun since January 1! But at least it has been cool which we in Charleston learn to appreciate. This issue is about **The Disappearing Print Stacks** and is guest edited by **Audrey Powers**. We have articles from **Audrey, Ann Okerson, Cris Ferguson, Jack Montgomery, Sue Woodson** and **Blair Anton, Andrea Twiss-Brooks, Eric Parker** and **Maribel Hilo Nash, Heidi Nickisch Dugan, Mark Berendsen** and **Mary Anne Zmarczynski**.

**Michael P. Pelikan** is doing double duty in this issue. First, in our **Op Ed**, he talks about wearable devices and in his regular column, **Pelikan's Antidisambiguation** he comments on editions, tweaks, and user preferences. **Joe Badics** tells us about cooperation in collection development among Michigan's public




universities in **Michelle Flinchbaugh's Biz of Acq** column.

**Back Talk** is by **Jim O'Donnell** who talks about libraries and bats. Our interviews are with **Heather Joseph, Jody Plank,** and **Jon Cawthorne**.

Our **International Dateline** is about the new **Weston Library** (the old Bodleian), **Optimizing Library Services** discusses services that libraries should be offering in the 21st century, **Stacy Marien** and **Alayne Mundt** talk about working together for offsite storage in their new column **Let's Get Technical**. And of course, there is a lot more.

Well, there is a picnic at **Dixie Plantation** run by the **LowCountry Open Land Trust** and it is not raining! Excuse me while I leave for a while.

See y'all online at the **ATG NewsChannel** or in June!

Love, Yr. Ed. 

## Rumors from page 1

I did not go to **ACRL** but several of you did; I understand that there was a record crowd in the lovely city of Portland. There is a report from **Don Hawkins** online and we will print a shorter report in our June print issue. Meanwhile there are several write ups about **ACRL**.

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[http://s4.goeshow.com/acrl/national/2015/conference\\_schedule.cfm](http://s4.goeshow.com/acrl/national/2015/conference_schedule.cfm)

<http://lj.libraryjournal.com/2015/04/shows-events/acrl-2015-a-breath-of-fresh-air/#>

The **Call for Papers** for the **2015 Charleston Conference – Where Do We Go From Here** – is now up and listed here in our print issue, p.10. November will be here before we know it so get crackin'! Speakers will be listed on our Website as they are confirmed.

[www.katina.info/conference](http://www.katina.info/conference)

One of our main keynote speakers is **Jim O'Donnell**. **Jim** has been a teaching faculty member, a Provost, and is now Dean of Libraries at **Arizona State University**. It will be riveting to hear what **Jim** will tell us about libraries and librarians as he sees us. **Jim** has written this month's **Back Talk** "A Librarian Is Not Like A Bat."

This **April print issue** of **ATG** is a case in point. When the **Slate** article appeared in May 2014, as Guest editor **Audrey Powers** (p.1) says, there was immediate and continuing reaction and the need for more discussion. Most of our libraries are downsizing the print collections in favor of seating for students and researchers. See this thoughtful set of papers "The Disappearing [print] Stacks" which discusses the phenomenon. I was most interested in the paper by **Andrea Twiss-Brooks** on "The **Joe and Rika Mansueto Library** at the **University of Chicago**" — "Mass digitization leads users to collections; it does not take their place" is a quote from **Judith Nadler**, the previous library director at the **University of Chicago**. Selections were made of materials to put in the new library. As well, a "grand reading room" was designed for scholarly work and study and is a popular destination for students on campus. (p.21).

Oh! Got a copy of **Jim O'Donnell's** new book **Pagans: The End of Traditional Religion and the Rise of Christianity** (Harper-Collins, 2015). "In **Pagans**, **O'Donnell** brings to life various pagan rites and essential features of Roman religion and life, offers fresh portraits of iconic historical figures, including Constantine, Julian, and Augustine, and explores important themes — Rome versus the east, civilization versus barbarism, plurality versus unity, rich versus poor, and tradition versus innovation — in this startling account."

More about the April print **ATG**. Ran into **Donna Jacobs** and her husband at the **LowCountry Open Land Trust** picnic last week. It was at **Dixie Plantation** which was bequeathed

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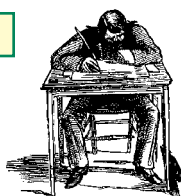
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Charleston Conference	November 2015	08/20/15	09/10/15
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 2015-Jan. 2016	11/12/15	11/27/15

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