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From Your (nervous nellie) Editor:

Greetings from Charleston at the cusp of summer! It is hot as the dickens already. Yesterday it was 100 degrees! Still was an exciting weekend anyway. We had the baptism of grandson **George Wilton Jacks** and a house full of company. Lots of cooking and cleaning! Got a great mandarin passion fruit cake from Saffron's. Have you ever been there? Not far from the **Gaillard Center**!

Toni Nix, my fabulous, unequalled editor and layout person, wanted to know why I was a nervous nellie. I told her it was because I was always trying to figure out if the guest edited issues would come together okay. And this time I also had company coming to complicate my nervousness. I should not have been nervous. This issue was no problem whatsoever. **Tony Horava** has done his usual spectacular job on this one — **“Reading in a Digital Age: Issues and Opportunities — Part Two.”** There are articles



by **Brenda Boshela** and **Brian P. Hall**, **Dede Elrobeh**, **Cindy Ortega** and **Renee Smith**, **David Durant**, **Herman A. Peterson**, **Anne Burke**, **Janette Hughes** and **Renee Sanson**, and **Tony Horava** himself. Our Op Ed by **Bob Holley** is about small libraries, and we have an **IMHBCO** about decision-making from **Allyson Mower**. Interviews are with **Mark Sandler**, and **Rick Lugg** and **Ruth Fischer**. **Allen McKiel** and **Jim Dooley** fill us in on the results of the 2014 Credo Survey which addressed student research skills. **Tom Gilson** has done his wonderful job of reviewing reference books and **Deb Vaughn** has even taken time out from her four children to do a few book reviews. We have a cases of note about **Sir Arthur Conan Doyle** and **Lolly** has done her usual awesome question and answers on copyright. Our digital conversations by **Paul Chilsen** and **Todd Kelley** is about the library and books. **Myer Kutz** talks about editing

then and now. We have meeting reports from **Lynda Kellam** and **Don Hawkins** as well as **Ramune** and her team of reporters from the **34th Charleston Conference**. **Stacy Lewis** and **Alayne Mundt** (aren't they wonderful additions to the **ATG** team?) are talking about damaged books, **Kim Wallis** is closing media service points, **Tom Leonhardt** (retirement can't keep him down!) is collecting nautical material, **Jesse Koennecke** has tips on providing access to streaming video, **Anthony Paganelli** is wandering makerspaces, and **Mark Herring** is nervous about libraries. **Michael Gruenberg** talks about ballpark prices, **Jerry Spiller** is keeping his eye on *Fireside Fiction* while @brunning talks about archiving as well as desktops. And there is more, more, more!

Excuse me! I just learned that my clothes dryer won't work and I have a house full of dirty laundry to take care of! Oops!

Happy Summer and let's go swimming ASAP!

Love, Yr. Ed. 🐾

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Dear Charleston Conference:

How come you changed the URL to the Charleston Conference and Website? It is way too long! What's going on?

Respectfully,
An Anonymous fan

Dear AF: Well, the URL became available and we liked it and thought you would to. What's wrong with a bookmark?

The Charleston Conference Team and Yr. Ed. www.charlestonlibraryconference.com 🐾



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Francis Marion, the Marriott Courtyard, and the Embassy Suites for some breakout sessions but the majority of the Conference will be held in the **Gaillard Center**.

<http://www.gaillardcenter.com/performance-hall/>

Industry veteran and superwoman **Dr. Amy Brand of Digital Science** has been awarded the **2015 Council of Science Editors (CSE) Award for Meritorious Achievement**. This is the highest award given by the Council. **Dr. Brand** led the development of digital solutions linking the research community to the publishing community. She also was behind the implementation of **CrossRef**, which is known far and wide as very valuable in the research community.

<http://www.digital-science.com/>

Heard from the industriously untiring **Mike Markwith** who says he is retiring! Really, **Mike**? Say it's not so! **Mike** says that he has turned the VP duties over to good friend and colleague **Mike Perrine** as of June 1. **Mike** says he will stay for two months to help with the transition but he will be officially retired as of July 31. **Mike** says that 48 years was enough for him. I am happy for the good old boy, but sad for us at the **Charleston Conference**. **Mike** has a long and distinguished career with lots of institutional and personal memories. Let's see. **Mike** has worked for **Richard Abel**, **Blackwell's**, **Faxon**, **TDNet**, and **WT Cox**. Have I gotten them all? I sure hope that he is

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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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