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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. 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.

Tony Nix, my fabulous, unequaled 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 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 Dooleyfill us in on the results of the 2014 Credo Survey which addressed student research skills. Tom Gibson 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 Chilson 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 Leonard (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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Rumors

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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...continued on page 8

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