Letters to the Editor

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Welcome everyone to the 35th Charleston Conference issue of ATG and to Charleston’s Gaillard Center! As always we hope for no rain. And our fingers are crossed that there are no glitches! Thank you for being here!

This issue is guest edited by Rebecca Seger and Lenny Allen and is on Short-Term Loans (STLs) and the Emerging eBook Business Models. This is an area of intense discussion between librarians, publishers, and aggregators. Articles are by Kathleen Carlisle Fountain (Orbis Cascade Evolving DDA Project), Michael Zeoli (Academic Libraries and the Scholarly Book Marketplace), Michael Levine-Clark (Evidence-Based Selection), Jason Price and Maria Savova (DDA in a Access-Driven World), Xan Arch (Reflections on the 2011 ATG issue on PDA), and Rebecca Seger and Lenny Allen (STL: A Publisher’s Perspective). Lenny and Rebecca conclude their series of articles with an interview of Keri Paulson. Additional interviews are with Pinar Erzin, Joyce Ogburn, and Alicia Wise. Our Op Ed “I, Library” is by Lura D. Sanborn and our Back Talk by Ann Okerson talks about publishing. (BTW, did y’all notice the book review of Pagans: The End of Traditional Religion... by Jim O’Donnell, another Back Talk editor and Charleston keynoter, in the September issue?)

We have book reviews from Regina Gong and Tom Gibson and a Website review from Burton Callcott. Donna Jacobs has a personal memoir of the Emanuel AME Church shooting, Tom Izbicki explains collecting for the Renaissance, Bruce Strauch gives a Cases of Note and Lolly Gasaway answers more and more copyright questions (in fact, I just recommended her book to an untutored copyright media librarian and he was reading and underlining judiciously).

Myer Kutz continues to let us into his scholarly publishing multi-client studies, Bob Holley talks retirement, Ramune Kubilius continues reports from the 34th Charleston Conference, Stacey Marien and Alayne Mundt talk about shared collecting projects and there is much, much more. Keep reading!

Meanwhile, I am sorry to say that daylight savings time will end November 1 just before the Conference! Boo hiss! If I ever ran for political office (no!), it would be on the no daylight savings ticket!

See y’all soon! Happy and safe travels!

Love, Yr. Ed. 🌼

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From Your (fingers crossed) Editor:

I find myself more and more not deleting the Against-the-Grain.com email blasts that I receive because I find information in them and on the ATG NewsChannel Website which I do not find anywhere else. Those responsible should be congratulated. It is hard work as I know. Seeing the most recent email blast has reminded me that I shall be in Frankfurt and shall be attending the STM conference the day before and then spending two days at the Fair itself. Over the last decade there has been less library activity than there once was but I can seek items of interest if you’d like and write a report if wished.

Best wishes, Anthony Watkinson, <anthony.watkinson@btinternet.com>

Editor’s Response — Yes dearest Anthony, please do send us a report and enjoy your time in Frankfurt. Sincerely, Yr. Ed. 🌼

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she even worked on her front porch when downtown Charleston was closed by police. We in Charleston are used to flooding plus we lived through Hurricane Hugo when most of us evacuated Charleston, but this was still an event! Thanks to everyone for persevering. Our love and thoughts go out to our friends in Columbia and the upstate. I never realized that Columbia was surrounded by so much water. Reportedly 12 dams broke! and the LSU-USC football game had to be played in Louisiana. Ironic that our friends in California need rain and we have more than enough! But take heart, El Nino will supposedly solve that problem soon. Mother Nature is definitely in charge!

Meanwhile, back in our library industry world, so much has been going on!

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Speaking of which, a panel consisting of Bob Nardini (Coultts), Tony Doyle (Elsevier), and Doug Way (U Wisconsin, Madison) will be delivering a Neapolitan in Charleston on an apropos topic — Industry Consolidation: Real Life Examples. Apparently ProQuest will not give us more information on the purchase right now. Stay tuned!

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