Letters to the Editor

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Here is so much to celebrate these days! The Charleston Conference is over for another year and seems to have gone fairly well in the new venue! Whew! Grandson George just had his very first birthday! He is walking all around and even trying to say a word or two. He only has one complete tooth but he loves to try to eat with it. Whew! He only has one complete tooth but he loves to try to eat with it. Whew! He only has one complete tooth but he loves to try to eat with it. Whew!

This issue has finished. It was hard to get it done on time with ALA being so early in January! Whew! This issue is guest edited by the Poll-a-Palooza dynamo Erin Gallagher. Erin has called on colleagues to Speak Up! Talk about Communication between Academic Libraries and Scholarly Content Providers. This issue has articles by Meredith Babb and Judith Russell (turf wars), Kristen Ostergaard and Doryl Rossman (vendor guidelines), Sarah Forrest setting (do’s and don’ts tips), Stacey Marien and Bob Nardini (customer service), Michael Arthur and Stacy Sieck (cooperation), and Lindsay Reno (subscription agents and consortia).

This issue has two op eds, one by John Dove (open access) and one from Howard Lesser (flat discounts). Our Back Talk by Jim O’Donnell talks about Ulisses and Amazon. We have interviews with Franny Lee and Kurt Sanford as well as an equally intriguing one with Don Beagle, the Director of Belmont Abbey College Library. Book Reviews by Regina Gong are must reads and Tom Gilson is no slouch himself with reference book reviews. We have a Booklover by the learned Donna Jacobs about The Flight of the Zany and another one by Michael Zeoli about Academic E-Books. As always, Choice the key book reviewing tool comes through with the books that we all should be sure and collect in Collecting to the Core.

Our Legal Issues section includes a Legal Speaking article by Bill Hannay, the singing lawyer, a Cases of Note by Bruce Strauch, and Lolly’s questions and answers.

Myer Kutz lets us inside publishing with his wonderfully astute recollections. Anthony Watkinson tells us about the Frankfurt Book Fair while Ramune and her team of reporters wrap up their coverage from the 2014 Charleston Conference. And it’s definitely hard to keep up with Don Hawkins and all his travels so be sure to read his report on the NISO Forum as well.

Bob Holley talks about public library book buying, Scott Smith talks about business realities, and Denise Garagalo looks into her crystal ball. Allison and Alayne invite Sally Krash and Eric Wedig to tell us about the Tulane pilot DDA program. There is a ton more! Keep reading!

Meanwhile, there is a lot more celebrating going on! The Library is having a big party and I have to go get a passion fruit cake (mmmgood) from the Saffron Bakery! Whew!

Happy Holidays to all and a good ALA Midwinter! Love, Yr. Ed.