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Letters to the Editor

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2016 is off to a good start. Everybody seems upbeat, the students and faculty are back, grandson George is walking and talking and even has teeth, and we are making new improvements to the library.

This issue of ATG is especially full of good vibes! What’s In a Container? The Future of the Scholarly Journal by Andrew Wesolek, David Scherer, and Burton Callicott expands on the Charleston Insights monograph Making Institutional Repositories Work. Articles are by Carla Myers (academic publishing), Lauren Collister and Timothy S. Delivanides (Altmetrics), Laura Bowering Mullen and David Ross (author copyrights), Phill Jones and Mark Hahne (data repositories), Jason Hoyt and Peter Binfield (technology and publishing), and Maggie Farrell and Alicia Wise (advancing research).

Our OpEd by Rick Anderson is about giving people what they want (or not), Back Talk (Ann Okerson) is about Consortria, Tom Sanville and ICOLC.

Our interviews are with Jason Coleman (University of Virginia Press) and Peter Froehlich (Purdue University Press). Collecting to the Core is about Francis Paul Prucha’s The Great Father and Native American Studies. We have reference reviews from Tom Gilson and other reviews from Regina Gong, also Donna Jacobs continues on her Nobel Laureates and publishing, and Peter Binfield.

Bruce Strauch pulls out his legal glasses to talk about laches and copyright while Lolly Gasaway answers all your questions out there. Michelle Flinchbaugh tells us about the eight-year journey of the repository ScholarWorks@UMBC, Myer Kutz lets us in on the PROSE awards, Ramune Kubilius and her group give us meeting reports from the 2015 Charleston Conference as does Don Hawkins from NFAIS. Beth Daniel Lindsay and Ilke Datig talk about Student Advisory Groups, Stacey Marien and Alayne Mund follow up on the Washington Research Libraries Consortium and American University’s shared retention project and there is much more but I have run out of room! Oops!

Anyway, gotta go to an oyster roast. It’s an “r” month so the oysters will be perfect.

Enjoy and “good vibes” to all y’all! Love,
Yr. Ed. 🍋

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Dear Editor:

Letter addressed — Dear Charleston Conference:
I thoroughly enjoyed my first Charleston Conference and greatly look forward to returning to Charleston next November. Will try to attend some pre-conference events as well this time.

Best, Laura

Laura Gewissler (University of Vermont, Burlington) <Laura.Gewissler@uvm.edu>

Dear Laura, Thanks so much for your comments! News about the 2016 (36th Annual) Main Charleston Conference (November 2-5, 2016) will be released shortly. Best regards and see you in November! Katina Strauch, Charleston Conference Founder and Convener. — Yr. Ed. 🍋

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of Online Strategy for UCDavis Library has been vocal about the lack of vision and leadership at the LOC. Other national leaders have been critical as well including Jim O’Donnell and Courtney Young, two of our keynote speakers in Charleston in 2015.

We hope to have more discussion of this topic in Charleston 2016.
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Speaking of Charleston 2016, we want to put together a group of younger librarians and end users to talk to us about what they think the library of the 21st century will be/should be like. Please send suggestions to <kstrauch@comcast.net> and label the subject line “young turks.”

I swear I do not understand where Anthony Watkinson gets his energy. He is always on the go (in fact I just got an email that said hello from Morocco). Anthony in his copious spare time just wrote a report for the German magazine B.I.T. (Bibliothek Information Technologie) about the 2015 Charleston Conference. The article is in German but we hope to link to it eventually. It is great to have this international reach. Congratulations, Anthony, and Thanks!
http://www.b-i-t-online.de/index.php

Was reading an article in Folia magazine and saw that Time, Inc. has acquired the assets of Viant a data marketing firm that owns Myspace. Remember them? Somewhat shockingly, Myspace still generates significant traffic, with as many as 50 million active or semi-active users, according to one report.

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