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From Your Editor

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From Your (pasta-loving) Editor:

Don't you love it? While I was in Italy eating pasta, there were people working away on this print April issue of *ATG*! And it's a great one. The energetic and committed **Bob Nardini** has put together a unique series of articles on the **business of bookselling and buying**. His introductory article — looking through the lens of his encyclopedia article many years ago and how the industry has not — changed is too weak a word — is Morphed a better word? The industry is definitely changing its image...

Articles included are by **Rick Lugg** (being in the middle), **Stephanie Church** (strengthening the library story), **Carol Joyner Cramer** (alternatives to DDA), **Alan Jarvis** (next for academic publishing?), and **Adam Sandler** (eulogy for a bookworm).



We have interviews with **Rosann Bazirjian** and **N V Sathyanarayana** and **David Parker** has interviewed **Laura Brown** of **JSTOR**, while **Myer Kutz** had a fascinating conversation with renowned attorney **Jon Baumgarten**.

There are several book reviews and reports — **Collecting to the Core** is about advanced astronomy texts and thanks always to **Anne Doherty** for her editing of this continuing column. I can't believe how amazing **Regina Gong** is getting so many great book reviews, and **Tom Gilson** is no slouch either.

Don Hawkins does his usual thorough reporting on the 2016 NFAIS Annual Conference, **Ramune Kubilius** brings us her reporters from the 2015 Charleston Conference, and **Leah Hinds** gives us a few glimpses of Charleston 2016.

Back Talk is about the speedy delivery of books through Amazon, etc. (Is speed the best factor when buying a book regardless of format?) **Leila Salisbury** is **wandering the stacks** in her **From a University Press** column. (I heard this quote recently, "You can't walk the stacks in a virtual library — all you can search digitally is the metadata.") **Michael Arthur** surveys the importance of efficient access and enhanced technical services operations, **Jerry Spiller** fills us in on a new scholarly journal launched by the **Museum of Science Fiction**, and **Michael Gruenberg** asks "when is a trade show not a trade show?" **Stacey Marien** and **Alayne Mundt** get technical about the chaos of media ordering while **Vicki Sipe** and **Lynda Aldana** care about shelf-ready workflow.

It's time to down tools. What to have for supper? Pasta? Love, Yr. Ed. 🍝

Letters to the Editor

Send letters to <kstrauch@comcast.net>, phone or fax 843-723-3536, or snail mail: **Against the Grain**, MSC 98, The Citadel, Charleston, SC 29409. You can also send a letter to the editor from the *ATG* Homepage at <http://www.against-the-grain.com>.

Dear Editor:

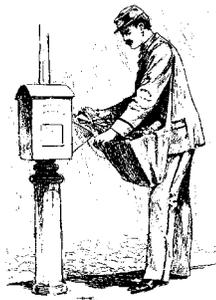
I'd like to fill in some of our gaps. We have a bound copy of vols. 13, parts of vol. 16 through 19, and nothing for volumes 20 through 26. Our new subscription began with vol. 27#6. The simple question I have is to ask if you have any back issues available and, if so, how can I obtain them? I see from the *ATG* NewsChannel Website that you have an article archive going back to 2009, but we'd like to obtain physical copies to fill in at least part of our collection gap.

Thanks for any info. you can pass on. I'm really enjoying *Against the Grain*. It has such a breezy, fun, creative style; it's not like any library journal I've ever read before.

Do y'all know how different and special you are? It's like the difference between a dry, boring, lecture and a chatty, amusing, — but oh, so very knowledgeable — conversation.

All the best, Sheila

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John White's twins, **Norah** and **Zoey**, with their brother **Nate**.

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I don't think that I told y'all that the soft-spoken steel magnolia, **Rosann Bazirjian** is retiring. Good news is that she is moving to Myrtle Beach, just up the street from Charleston! Plus she is leaving **Beth Bernhardt** to continue her marvelous work with the **Charleston Conferences!** We have an interview with **Rosann** in this issue, p.40.

The highlight of my March/April was completing staff evaluations which were supposed to be "paperless" until we had to

print everything for the files! Go figure!

So, you will understand why I was delighted to attend the **18th Fiesole Collection Development Retreat** in breathtaking Tuscany. The weather was perfect despite dire predictions to the contrary. The pasta and wine were ooh-lala and so was the scenery. Tuscany is this side of paradise. The **Casalini's** as always were perfectly flawless hosts and the programs and discussions were stimulating. Sessions tackled "The E-Book Elephant" in Scholarly Publishing with an emphasis on new models and new strategies and much much more. Slides from the meeting are now available at the official **Fiesole Retreat Repository**. www.casalini.it/retreat

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ALA Annual	June 2016	04/07/16	04/28/16
Reference Publishing	September 2016	06/16/16	07/07/16
Charleston Conference	November 2016	08/18/16	09/08/16
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 2016-Jan. 2017	11/10/16	11/28/16

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