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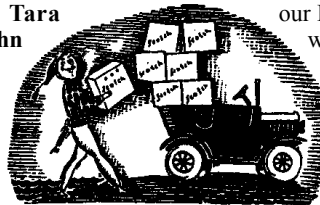
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From Your (relocating) Editor:

Whew! You know we just built a brand spanking new library about eight years ago, but now we are “renovating” the library to make room for all kinds of historical materials from the **South Carolina Historical Society**. This is a good thing but the bad thing is that it necessitates that we in Technical Services have to move out of our offices for four months. It will be business as usual as we adjust to new environments for a while. I have started taking aspirin bottles to the endless meetings that have transpired.

In the meantime, *Against the Grain* marches on. Thank goodness! This issue is guest

edited by the awesome **Audrey Powers** and has some great papers about eBook platforms for academic librarians. We have some papers from **Trey Shelton, Tara Cataldo and Amy Buhler, John Novak, Deborah Lenares, Cris Ferguson, and Mark Johnson**. There are interviews with **Benjamin Shaw (COO, Edanz)** and **Kurt Sanford (CEO, ProQuest)**. Our **Op Ed** is by **Joe Esposito on Inadvertent Innovation** and located in the space where **Back Talk** normally sits is a



Continuation of the Charleston Conference that you don't want to miss. Hopefully **Tony** will be back on his usual pages for our February issue. Moving along, we have thoughts on the **AHA** statement on embargoes and dissertations by **Steve Escar Smith**, there is more about the Google Books case in our **Legal Issues** section, and we have a couple new columnists to welcome — **Glenda Alvin** who is taking on **Collection Management Matters** and **Allison Day** who will address **Hidden Collections**. **Allen McKiel** and **Jim Dooley** bring some thoughts regarding MOOCs and e-journals, and there's lots more, so please keep reading. Until next time ... Love, Yr. Ed. 🌱

Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor:

I wanted to write to thank you and all of the **Charleston Conference** staff for their kindness and care after my ankle injury at Charleston. Despite such a spectacular fall, I was surrounded by helpful friends, colleagues and staff who made dealing with the immediate crisis, as well as the rest of my conference stay, completely manageable and a great (or at least definitely memorable!) experience. The Conference staffer who was a former ICU nurse was especially kind and helpful, particularly right after my injury — please thank her for me. The hotel staff was great also. I truly hope that this hasn't affected relations between the Conference and the **Francis Marion** — or current or future costs for the conference — that's my one big worry. No one wants to have an accident happen at an



event that they sponsor. I joked on Facebook that if you're going to fall down a flight of stairs, do it at the **Charleston Conference!** (I was going to offer that to you as a marketing slogan). But seriously, I do hope this doesn't have repercussions for the conference. And most especially, I wanted to thank you and everyone at the conference again for turning what could have been a nightmare situation into a heart-warming story about how adversity brings out the best in people — certainly library people — and gives new meaning to the notion of Southern hospitality.

It did turn out to be a fracture, but I'm now safely ensconced in a surgical boot, and am assured that all will be well in another month or so.

Thanks so much again and all best, **Ivy Anderson**, <Ivy.Anderson@ucop.edu> 🌱

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her about it because **Julie** is a great story-teller! Anyway, was sad to learn of the death of **Phil Everly**, one half of the groundbreaking, smooth-sounding, record-setting duo the **Everly Brothers**.

<http://www.cnn.com/2014/01/03/showbiz/singer-phil-everly-dies/>

Speaking of mentors, **Julie** brought a neighbor who was a retired nurse to be a mentor with her during the **2013 Charleston Conference** and when the good-natured **Ivy Anderson** took a tumble down the steps at the **Francis Marion, Joanne Cooke** was there! Whew! Thank goodness. Read **Ivy's** letter to the editor, this issue, p.6. And BTW, there were no repercussions with the **Francis Marion** at all so not to worry.

Had a great visit with the debonair **James P. McGinty** who will step down as Vice Chairman of **Cambridge Information Group (CIG)** on June 30, 2014. As we all know, **Jim** has been with **CIG** for more than 20 years, playing a central role in the company's development and investment strategy. I remember during the **2013 Charleston Conference** that **Jim** asked a very astute question of the **Provosts' Panel** — what percentage of their budgets were going to library operations — and it was surprising that several of the Provosts did not know the answer. Hmmm.

Speaking of Provosts and libraries, was interested to see this “caught my eye” article on the *ATG NewsChannel* — “Texas library offers glimpse of bookless future” by **Paul J. Weber**. According to this article, the library “looks a lot like an Apple Store.” The library in question is **Bexar County's BibiloTech**, a \$2.3 million library that is missing what was once the key ingredient of a library, books. According to **ALA**, this is the first **bookless public library** in the country. It caught my

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Reference Publishing	September 2014	06/19/14	07/10/14
Charleston Conference	November 2014	08/21/14	09/11/14
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 2014-Jan. 2015	11/13/14	11/28/14

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