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## Letters to the Editor

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# From Your (organizing) Editor:

It's bittersweet going through 37 years of meetings, reports, budgets, administrative changes, personnel files. Lots of memories. The graphic of the baby carrying all sorts of books seemed strangely appropriate.

Charleston the city has certainly changed enormously since we moved here in 1977. There were fewer students and practically NO tourists! And only a couple of restaurants. And the **Francis Marion** was only one of a handful of hotels downtown. Can you imagine?

Moving right along, this issue is awesome! **Lindsay Reno** has put together a series of essays on **adversity and triumph in collection development!** How the work has changed! **Lindsay and her team** tackle issues like deselection, censorship, multicultural picture books, the new normal in collection development, graphic novels in an academic library, weeding in a research library, marketing and promoting library collections, and a Canadian perspectives on acquisitions budgets. Authors include **Emily Billings**, **Allyson Rodriguez**,

**Karen R. Harker**, **Coby Condrey**, **Angela Scott Warsinske**, **Candace K. Vance**, **Megan Lowe**, **Christina Carminita**, **Andrea Hebert**, **Jennifer Jackson**, **Michael Shires** and there are profiles of most of them!

There are interviews with **Liz Mason** (Gale Cengage) and **Dr. Eric Archambault** (1science). Our **Op-Ed** by **Don Beagle** delves into the future of libraries and **Jim O'Donnell's Back Talk** summons the past to advise and guide us into the future. We have even more (13 new ones) perspectives on **Consolidation in Our Industry**. These are fun to read! We have our usual thorough book discussions with **Regina Gong's** and **Tom Gilson's** reviews, **Donna's Book Lover**, **Jeremy Darrington's Collecting to the Core**, and **Tony Horava** recalls **Marshall McLuhan** as he explores reading and the eBook.

We are happy to have **Mick Gusinde-Duffy** who discusses the new peer review **AAUP** best practice handbook. I laugh out loud every time I read **Myer Kutz's Scholarly Publishing**

Scene in this issue and I'll bet you will too!



## Optimizing Library Services

tackles meeting the needs of the digital generation and **Winifred Fordham Metz** stresses the importance of rich and varied media resources for this new generation of students. **Stacey Marien** and **Alayne Mundt** are concerned about lost book records and **Bob Kieft** wants networked collection development. **Ellen Finnie** describes the new home at MIT for the collections budget. And there's even more!

I thought I was through with my organizing job this weekend since I just cleaned out my old office in Addlestone Library. But I just found a drawer with stuff to look at and I forgot about the file cabinet in the next office! So much for organizing!

See you soon! Much love, Yr. Ed. 🐾

## Letters to the Editor

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### Dear Editor:

Subject: ATG v.28#3 June 2016

I just finished reading this issue. It is superb.

Thanks, **Joe Esposito** (President, Processed Media)

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### Rumors

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**Donna Jacobs** went to the **Charleston County Library** to find a book for her **Book-Lover** column this time. Did you see that there is a new **Charleston County Library executive director** – **Nicole Davies** who was selected by **Library Journal** as the **2016 Librarian of the year**. **Davies** led the **Arapahoe Library District** which serves the suburbs of Denver, Colorado. **Davies** will take over in October for **Cynthia Bledsoe**, who has been serving as acting executive director since previous director **Doug Henderson** retired in January. She will oversee a \$108.5 million building and renovation program that voters approved in a **November 2014 referendum** to build two new libraries, replace three existing libraries and renovate 13 libraries. <http://www.postandcourier.com/20160719/160719377/charleston-library-system>

And **Tom Gilson** is on the **Friends of the Library Board** for the **Charleston County Library** so I hope he will keep us posted! Did you know that at one time **Tom** worked in a public library?

I was so happy to hear that **Jack** and **Lesley Montgomery** were going to finally take a vacation this past summer. Until, distress, **Jack** tripped on a sidewalk and broke three ribs! Ouch! **Jack's** mother who lived in Columbia passed away this summer. So very sad. When we run into **Jack** in Charleston, let's give him an extra hug! **Jack** has been a **Charleston Conference director** for probably twenty years!

Was interested to see this interview from the **Frankfurt Book Fair** with **Ruth Pickering** and **Yewno** and a new approach to discovery

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ALA Midwinter	Dec. 2016-Jan. 2017	11/10/16	11/28/16
2017 Events	Issue	Ad Reservation	Camera-Ready
Annual Report, ACRI	February 2017	01/05/17	01/19/17
MLA, SLA, Book Expo	April 2017	02/16/17	03/09/17
ALA Annual	June 2017	04/06/17	04/27/17
Reference Publishing	September 2017	06/15/17	07/06/17
Charleston Conference	November 2017	08/17/17	09/07/17
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 2017-Jan. 2018	11/09/17	11/24/17

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