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From Your Editor

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From Your (impatient) Editor:

Y'all have probably already heard that I am learning how to move out of a house I have been in for 40 years! So much “stuff” to find a home for! I am not a patient person and so I am impatient with the speed of our progress. Oh well.

Meanwhile, here is another great issue of Against the Grain! This one is guest edited on a topic that is near and dear to our hearts — The Big Deal! Kudos to the marvelous Matthew Ismail who has persevered through sickness to get this issue out! Papers are by Matthew, Elisabeth Leonard, Sven Fund, Susan deVries, Jonathan Nabe, Doug Way, Steve Sowards, and Monica Moore. Our Op Ed is about personal digital assistant “Alexa,” and Back Talk is about the importance of serendipity. We have several Special Reports about Demand Driven Acquisitions, Electronic Resources workflow, and Dealing with Staff and Database losses!

Our interviews are with Matt Delmont, Katherine Skinner, and Don Beagle and we have profiles from Matthew Delmont, Sven Fund, Susan deVries, Matthew Ismail, Elisabeth Leonard, Monica Moore, Katherine Skinner, Jonathan Nabe, Stephen Sowards, Doug Way and the Educorpu Institute.

Tom Gilson and Regina Gong have done their usual wonderful job of collecting book reviews of reference and general books, Donna Jacobs talks about Bob Dylan, Kate Corby wants educational technology in our collection. Reading Tom Leonard’s column this time. I felt transported back to the very first Charleston Conference in November 1980. That one was about rare books and Jake Chernovsky was the keynote. Twenty-five people were there. Reminiscences.

Our Cases of Note is about Privacy and Lolly Gasaway does her usual outstanding questions and answers! Bob Holley talks about changing Amazon fees, and Lisa Lembiben talks about research data. Ramune’s great work with reporters for the 2016 Charleston Conference leaves us with many reports on sessions that we were not able to attend. And there is more and more.

I was just contacted by the people who are moving my piano (it’s big!) and they want to know how many steps they have to navigate up and down. Plus the dishwasher needs to be unhooked! Don’t move if you can avoid it!

But don’t despair, Spring is coming soon! Love, Yr. Ed.

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Dear Editor:

Good afternoon. I have said it before, but it never hurts to say again: Against the Grain is the most valuable, well written, chock-full-of-information publication available today serving any of these markets. Bravo and never change!

Also, do you have a code so I can access my subscription online? : ) I assume I had it and lost it...

Have a good Thanksgiving and best wishes.

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