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Letters to the 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**, **Elec-**

tronic 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 **Educopia 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 Leonhardt'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 Chernofsky** 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 Lemibinen** 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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2017 Events	Issue	Ad Reservation	Camera-Ready
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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lishing for **Media Source, Inc.**, where he was responsible for strategic planning and day-to-day operations of such prestigious publications as *Library Journal*, *School Library Journal*, and *The Horn Book*.

Related, **Credo** recently launched **Credo Education**. The new subsidiary partners with educational institutions to prepare students for continuous learning and success. The awesome **Mike Sweet**, **Credo's** CEO for the past eight years says that the focus on information literacy and critical thinking led them to this opportunity. Leading the new division is **Michael Serafino**, who has been hired as Vice President of Educational Solutions. I remember back when **Credo** was founded in the U.K. under the name of **Xrefer** and the delightful **Daryl Rayner** wrote her **Rumours from Paddington** for *ATG*!

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The focused **Heather Joseph** (Executive Director SPARC) writes that they just received some very good news from the **Gates Foundation**. They've come to a nice arrangement with the **AAAS** to offer an open access option for the journal *Science* that is in full compliance with the **Gates Foundation's open access policy**! <http://www.sciencemag.org/about/aaas-and-gates-foundation-partnership-announcement>
<https://medium.com/@LeighMSpeaks/taking-steps-to-expand-access-to-high-quality-scientific-publishing-6db7a6bfe9be#.k6e4zo46v>

Got an email from the bam-zowie **Erin Gallagher** who has left **Rollins** and the Florida sunshine for the snow in Portland.

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