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Letters to the Editor

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From Your (loving spring) Editor:

Spring and fall are the best times to come to Charleston. The weather is pretty perfect and the temperatures are generally good. We are renovating our place so we have been commuting more than we would like but the end is in sight.

Lots is going on. This issue of ATG is guest edited by the hard-working Robin Kinder who has taken the helm from the equally hard-working Mike Olson. The theme of this issue is “Rightizing Access to Journals and Databases.” We have articles by Hilary Davis and Gregory K. Raschke (deep engagement with the campus community), M. Brooke Robertshaw, Michaela Willi Hooper and Kerri Goergen-Doll (finding the silver lining in a budget crisis), Mark R. Watson (serials management at the University of Oregon), Stéphanie Gagnon (are big deals worth it?), David Killian, Debbie Bezanson and Robin Kinder (George Washington University and serial cancelations), Roy Ziegler (FSU and a big budget cut), and Anthony Raymond (availability in fulltext databases). Our interview is with Charles Watkins of the University of Michigan Press, our Op Ed is by Steve McKenzie (the library of congress) and Back Talk by Jim O’Donnell (the call number sticker). We have quite a few people, library, and company profiles which provide good information.

Our legal issues section has Lolly Gasaway’s informative copyright questions and answers and Bill Hannay takes on the Oxford Comma and the law, Tom Gilson and Regina Gong do some wonderful book reviews, while Anne Doherty is still collecting to the core, and let’s not forget Donna Jacobs who continues with the Nobel Prize winners. Elizabeth Leber (a new addition to ATG) has Edward Iglesias tell us about the OPAC, Pat Sabosik returns to blog with the librarians, while Mark Herring weighs in on our intellectual freedom, and Ramune Kubilius has provided more reports from the 2016 Charleston Conference.

And even though we tried to find the space, we were unable to include the 2017 Charleston Conference Call For Papers in this issue — so please be sure visit the conference website at www.charlestonlibraryconference.com for regularly updated conference news, dates you need to know, and upcoming deadlines. The Call for Papers form is now available at http://www.charlestonlibraryconference.com/participate/call-for-papers/.

Well I have to go approve kitchen cabinets and counter tops. More commuting is necessary. At least the weather is awesome! See you next time!

Love, Yr. Ed. 🌷

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Dear Editor:

What a fantastic conference Charleston 2016 was! I cannot wait until November for the next one! I have a question, we’re supposed to get a subscription to ATG as part of our registration? I have not received any issues in a long time. Could I verify the mailing address?

Thank you.

Susan Martin
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Glad to hear your experience in Charleston was fabulous. And yes, your Charleston Conference registration fee included a 1-year subscription to Against the Grain that begins with the February issue. We have confirmed your mailing address. Our February 2017 issue (v.29#1) has been mailed and should arrive shortly. Thank you. — Yr. Ed. 🌷

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Hungary, and in communication from UC San Diego, where she is currently completing her doctorate. The Wikipedia + Libraries: Better Together project is a winner of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation 2016 News Challenge, for which OCLC received $250,000 in funding. In October 2016, the Wikimedia Foundation awarded OCLC a $70,000 project grant toward the Wikipedi-in-Residence position.


I was excited to see that the awesome Adam Chesler has been promoted to Director, Global Sales, AIP Publishing. Adam will lead the Global Sales and Sales Support teams with a keen focus on driving sales activity to academic, government, and corporate libraries around the world. Adam has been with AIP Publishing for a year and a half and has made some significant contributions to the organization as a Senior Sales Manager. In addition to his contributions, Adam is a conference director for the Charleston Conference. When he is not working, Adam can be found eating ice cream, watching baseball, and volunteering at his public library (and on rare occasions all three at once).

Michael Duffy has been appointed Director of Library Sales, SAGE Publishing. He will oversee SAGE’s North American Library Sales Team. Michael joined SAGE Publishing as Library Sales Manager in 2011 and quickly moved from Senior Library Sales Manager to District Library Sales Manager to his current role as Director. Previously, he worked in sales at Thomson Reuters and in editorial capacities at Oxford University Press and