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Letters to the Editor

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From Your (lightning struck) Editor:

Well, it wasn't that bad but I did get your attention, right?

Bruce and I have been living out in the country since we retired in September 2016. Did you ever see "Green Acres"? with **Eddie Albert** and one of the **Gabor** sisters? I feel like I am in that sitcom regularly out here. There are many issues that we city folks have never encountered. Plus we were renting from the Citadel and we could always ask them to fix stuff.

A few weeks ago, in the middle of the night, we heard this huge boom and "sizzle." The electricity did not go off so we thought we were okay. Ha! In the morning we learned a) the computer router was fried, nothing, b) the computer printer was fried, c) the dishwasher didn't work, d) the refrigerator was on the fritz and last but not least, the golf cart did not work! Bummer! Shucks! They never had this problem on Green Acres.

In spite of some bills and time to fix everything, we persevered and this issue of *ATG* was finished! Thanks to the wonderful

never-give-up **Alicia Wise's** wonderful guest editing I was able to sleep at night! Whew! The theme came from **Karen Hunter** who I miss all the time! Our papers are by **Alicia**, **Donald Barclay** (fake news phenomenon), **T. Scott Plutchak** (insufficiency of facts), **Roger Schonfeld** (new metrics and strategies), **Gemma Hersch** (open access, open data, etc.), **Maggie Farrell** (blueprints and cranes). Our **OpEd** is about predatory journals by **Rick Anderson**, and **Ann Okerson's Back Talk** takes us to Fiesole in Lille France and some visits to chocolate shops.


Our interview is with **Kent Anderson** of **RedLink**. We have book reviews and discussions by **Regina Gong**, **Tom Gilson**, **Donna Jacobs**, **Dr. Matthew Olsen**, **Tom Leonhardt**, and a brand new column by **John Riley**. **Bruce Strauch** and **Lolly Gasaway** keep us up to date with **Cases of Note and Questions and Answers**. We have a new column from **Sven Fund** about Knowledge Unlatched, **Mark Herring** wants us to remember who our funders



are, **Myer** reminisces about **PSP**, **Barbara Blummer** and **Jeffrey Kenton** write about mobile initiatives, **Caryl Ward** talks about extended time off, **Glenda Alvin** encounters a flood, **Bob Kieft** reflects on current developments in shared print collections, and **Michael Gruenberg** is making deals happen.

Donald Beagle has provided part two in a three part series on QEP at **Belmont Abbey College** and **Antje Mays** returns to **Biz of Acq** to discuss impacts and insights of migration.

Sorry to cut this off but they are calling for thunderstorms! I can even see the lightning! Bummer! I have to go shut off my electricity. Don't want more trouble at Green Acres!

Have a great summer! **Yr. Ed.** 

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Speaking of which, **SSP** is sponsoring one of the **Charleston Conference pre-conferences** in November. We had many submissions for pre-conferences for Charleston 2017. Registration for the Main Conference and pre-conferences will open the 19th of June. Sooner than we think!

<http://www.charlestonlibraryconference.com/>

And be sure and mark your calendars forward a day for the Main Conference — **2017 Theme: What's Past is Prologue. Pre-conferences/Seminars:** Monday, November 6-Tuesday, November 7. **Charleston Vendor Showcase:** Tuesday, November 7. **Main Conference:** Wednesday, November 8-Friday, November 10.

And the **Call for Papers for Charleston 2017** has opened. Visit <http://www.charlestonlibraryconference.com/call-for-papers/>.

Moving right along, there are many people who help us to keep the **Charleston Conference** and *ATG* running! One of our main technical advisers is **Matt Branton**. **Matt** has worked at the **College of Charleston** for most of his young lifetime! He has two darling girls — **Lockie** and **Tallulah** and a wonderful wife **Leighton**. The family has recently welcomed a brother. **Benjamin Luke Branton** was born April 22 and is hard at work getting bigger! **Matt** helps us with every eventuality quickly and efficiently whenever we need him! Thank you, **Matt** and congratulations to the **Branton** family! We hope to be able to include a picture of the **Branton** family in the September print issue of *ATG*!

The hard-charging **Alison Mudditt** has been appointed CEO of **PLOS** effective June 19, 2017. For the past six years **Alison** has served as Director of the **University of California Press** where she ushered in new strategies to lead the company into the digital age, including the innovative journal and monograph

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Dear Editor:

Thanks for another great, jammed pack issue. I enjoy the loving care the contents is sewn together to make one valued and informative magazine for your devoted fans. Keep up the great work.

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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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