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## Letters to the Editor

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# From Your (hurricane-hating) Editor:

This year has been especially tiresome with all the tropical storms and hurricanes. **Hurricane Hugo** (September 22, 1989) is emblazoned in my memory. Had to bundle computers, dogs, kids, and as many belongings as could fit in the car and evacuate Charleston! The devastation afterwards was unbelievable. My condolences and sympathies go out to Puerto Rico, Florida Keys, Houston, Louisiana, Alabama, and all those affected by these natural disasters.

This issue of *ATG – The Evolving Role of the Library in Supporting a Changing Research Landscape* is guest edited by **Karen Phillips** and we extend special thanks to **Camille Gamboa** who helped brainstorm the contents. We have papers by **Anne Langley** (libraries and the research process), **Roz Ted-**

**ford** (supporting students), **Diane Hershberg** and **Iain Miller** (faculty and student perspectives), **Frans Albarillo** (a librarian research practitioner), **Michael Levine-Clark** (importance of primary sources), **Sayed Choudhury** (preservation of digital research data) and **Eric Moran** (a question and answer session with **Dr. Arthur Lupia** on the state of transparency in science).

Our **Op Ed** is about the fidelity of encoding and reproduction, **Back Talk** is about **IFLA's annual World Library and Information Congress**. Our interview is with **Ann Michael**, President and founder of **DeltaThink**. There are library profiles of **Brooklyn College**

and **Penn State University Libraries** as well as **Johns Hopkins Sheridan Libraries**. **Regina Gong**, **Tom Gilson**, **Donna Jacobs**, **Jeremy Garritano**, and **John Riley** review and discuss books. **Tom Leonhardt** pens a touching remembrance of our old colleague **Jack Walsdorf**.



**Scott Smith** returns with "Notes From Mosier," **Mark Herring** is into peer review, **Myer Kutz** talks about elements of book proposals, **Caroline J. Campbell** and **Lindsay Wertmen** explore the problem (is it?) of donations,

**Susan J. Martin** and **Christie Thomas** want to simplify the ordering process, **Joe Badics** talks about staffing and print journals, **Jennifer Albers-Smith** talks about marketing and bookmarks. We have a brand new column from **John McDonald** and **Kathleen McEvoy**, dealing with library analytics, **Don Beagle** returns to part 3 of **Belmont Abbey's QEP**, **Pat Sabosik** talks about blogs and their importance to research, and the **YOGA webliography** is the focus of **Dr. Lucretia T. Dye** and **Roxanne Myers Spencer**. We have meeting reports from **Don Hawkins** and **Ramune Kubilius** and more and more!

Meanwhile, enter **Hurricane Ophelia**, the 10th straight Atlantic named storm to become a hurricane! Whew!

I am ready for winter! And the **Charleston Conference!**

See you all soon and travel safe! **Yr. Ed.** 🌿

## Letters to the Editor

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### Dear Editor:

I enjoy *Against the Grain* and the invaluable, useful content. Thank you to you and the crew who keep it going, very appreciated. My email is in regards to membership.

I am more than happy to pay the fee to view the online content that is for print subscribers only however the snag for me, being located in the Middle East, is sending you a check. How do other international members pay?

Thank you for your time in advance.

Regards, **Robin Bishop** (Supervisor, Library Tech Serv., Dept of Library, Higher Colleges of Technology) <rbishop@hct.ac.ae>



**Dear Robin:** We are happy to accept your payment by credit card. Please contact us at <kstrauch@comcast.net>. Thank you. — **Yr. Ed.** 🌿

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2017 Events	Issue	Ad Reservation	Camera-Ready
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 2017-Jan. 2018	11/09/17	11/24/17
2018 Events	Issue	Ad Reservation	Camera-Ready
Annual Report, PLA	February 2018	01/04/18	01/18/18
MLA, SLA, Book Expo	April 2018	02/15/18	03/08/18
ALA Annual	June 2018	04/05/18	04/26/18
Reference Publishing	September 2018	06/14/18	07/05/18
Charleston Conference	November 2018	08/16/18	09/06/18
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 2018-Jan. 2019	11/08/18	11/26/18

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are planned with **Maggie Farrell**, **Franny Lee**, **Judy Luther**, **Brewster Kahle**, **Georgios Papadoulous**, **Loretta Parham**, **Dave Tyckoson**, and **Charles Watkinson**.

Was excited to learn that **Dr. J. K. Vijayakumar** has been appointed as the Library Director of **King Abdullah University of Science & Technology (KAUST)** in Saudi Arabia. He was the Acting Director and Manager of Collections and Information Service and has been working with award winning KAUST Library since its start-up in 2009. **Dr. Vijayakumar** has 17 years of continuously progressing and highly responsible leadership experiences from health science, scientific and technological libraries in the Middle East, the Americas and India. **KAUST Library** is an Institutional Member of **UKSG**.

<http://library.kaust.edu.sa>  
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Linking librarians, publishers and vendors is now in a **Facebook discussion group!** **Leah Hinds** and **Carol Apollo** came up with the

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