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Letters to the Editor

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From Your (enough! Snow!) Editor:

It has been cold as you-know-where here in Charleston! I have been saying that I will never ever complain about the heat down here again. (Well, maybe.) All of the offices and bedrooms had to be closed up to trap the heat inside. I admit that we are wimps. Usually the thermometer doesn't go as low as 30 degrees fahrenheit and when it dips to 20 we don't like it at all. But it has been 20 only for at least two straight weeks! Boo!

However, despite blizzard et al, **Lynda Kelam** and **Shari Laster** have done a masterful job on this issue covering **Ensuring Access for Government Information**. As we all know, this is a frequently neglected area of librarianship for several reasons but what a ground-breaking issue this

is. There are articles about fugitive documents, the issue of state document collecting, **ASERL's** plan for managing a collaborative federal depository collection, the **HathiTrust** federal documents program, the **University of California** documents program, the data rescue program in Canada, the data mirror project, preservation of electronic information. Did you ever think about what happens to Presidential documents when Presidents change? One of the papers is about that. I didn't think about that, but thank heavens there are government documents librarians who care about such things! I am very impressed by all the work that goes into being a documents librarian. Thank **Lynda** and **Shari** and their group of authors who have done their best

to keep us in the know!

Our interview this time is with **Jon Cawthorne**, Dean of the University Library System, **Wayne State University** who **David Parker** (ASP) discovered in his series of articles for **ATG** on consolidation (on the **ATG NewsChannel** and in earlier print editions). The **Op Ed** is by **Adam Blackwell** about fake news and **Jim O'Donnell** seems to be taming a rattlesnake as well making the print collection discoverable, **Becky Lenzini** reports on the **Charlotte Initiative** and the awesome work being done on the future of eBooks. **Regina Gong** arranges many book reviews as do **Donna Jacobs**, **Anne Doherty**, and **John Riley**.



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Dear Editor:

Letter Addressed to **Katina** and **Leah**.

A huge thank you for all the assistance in attending the **2017 Charleston Conference!** I had a wonderful Conference experience — learning new things and meeting many new people. I hope to attend next year as well. It really was terrific. Thank you again!

Sincerely,
Nancy George
(Salem State University)



Dear Editor:

Letter Addressed to **Santa**.

We respectfully request that you keep the snow up in the North Pole where it belongs! We down here don't have the equipment or the expertise to deal with deep snowfalls or way below freezing temperatures. Thanks for understanding.

Cordially,
We in the warmer regions. ❄️

I am especially excited to share our **UP AND COMERS** profiles! **Leah** and **Tom** and **Erin** are scheduling podcasts with them even as I write.

As always **Bill Hannay** lets us in on an important issue — facing up to facebook, **Mark Herring** wants to save the Internet. **Lolly Gasaway** has questions and answers, **Myer Kutz** tells us about the **PROSE** awards, **Bob Holley** about peer review, and there are articles on agile management of electronic resources, collaboration across library units, managing time, library analytics, and much, much more!

Wait! They are calling for snow tomorrow — again? NO! Where is summer?

Happy New Year! **Yr. Ed.** 🌱

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a staff chat reference librarian for the public and academic queues for the **QuestionPoint 24/7 Reference service**. Her passion for reference revealed itself early at the **iSchool** at the **University of Washington**, where she received her **MLIS**, having taken nine reference courses in pursuit of her degree. In 2011 **Nicolette** was awarded the **Gale Cengage Award for Excellence in Business Librarianship**. **Nicolette** is actively involved in **RUSA**, and has served on several committees, including the **Dartmouth Medal Committee**. She is on the editorial board for **RUSQ** where she also co-edits a column, "A Reference for That" with **Dave Tyckoson**. She writes a column, "Real Life Reference" for **Booklist**, and contributed to *Reimagining Reference in the 21st Century*, edited by **David A. Tyckoson** and **John G. Dove**, (Charleston Insights, Purdue University Press). **Nicolette** has presented at many conferences on business reference, the reference interview, and chat reference, and has guest

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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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