

# Against the Grain

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## Letters to the Editor

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# From Your (anticipating) Editor:

Happy November everybody! Let's hope that is stays cool but not too cool! Or too hot either! We want just right! This is the 38th year of the **Charleston Conference**. Like wow! Hard to believe. We have had some scares this year with last minute hurricanes like Florence but we managed to swim through. Whew!

Besides anticipating the **Conference**, I am anticipating **another grandbaby** to be born, you're right, in November around conference time. Okay!

This issue is edited by the awesome **Cris Ferguson** on the varied ways libraries **support institutional curricula**. There are six featured articles by **Kelly Smith** (PDA and predetermining subject allocations), **Becky DeMartini**, **Maryellen Chew** and **Michael Aldrich** (the textbook reserve collection at Brigham Young), **Kate Pittsley-Sousa** (reasonably priced texts available for library purchase), **Christa Bailey** and **Adriana Poo** (the use of professional development funds), **Tim Bucknall** (UNCG's digital partnership program) and **Laura**

**Pascual** (University of Florida's multifaceted approach). **Ann Okerson's BackTalk** is about fashionable librarians! **Scott Plutchak** has penned the **Op Ed** about facts versus opinions.



Our interviews are with **George Machovec** (CARL and *The Charleston Advisor*) and **Joris van Rossum** (Digital Science).

**Corey Seeman** returns with **Monograph Musings**, **Donna Jacobs** continues **Booklover** and **John Riley** talks about summer readings. **Jack Montgomery**, **Bruce Strauch** and **Lolly Gasaway** tell us about **Led Zeppelin** and **Makerspaces**, **Dan Tonkery's Straight Talk** is about the failed **Springer IPO**, **Bob Holley** weighs in about academic libraries and intellectual freedom, **Mark Herring** is philosophical about the Internet, **Myer Kutz** looks at changes in the scholarly commercial sector, and we have a new column from **Darby Orcutt** that focuses on big ideas and the longer horizon. And of course, there's lots more I didn't mention.

Gotta run! The new grandbaby is considering making an appearance early!

See y'all in November! Love, Yr. Ed. 🐿

## Letters to the Editor

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### Dear Editor:

I love **Against the Grain** and **Charleston Conference** stories! Those stories remind me of this:

I started my library career in 1975, right after completing my undergraduate degree, and simultaneously worked on my MLS. I became a librarian in 1978 and began my first professional library job at **Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory** in New York. In 1980 I learned how to search *Science Citation Index* with a computer and began librarian-mediated searching.



I connected to Dialog in California with a 110 baud and 300 baud rate modem. Later, high speed became 1200 baud rate. We were charged by the hour/minute. You had to dial the number for Dialog on the telephone, securely connect the phone to the modem and hope you could connect if the weather didn't interfere — rain and storms created a connection problem. That was the "horse and buggy" days of computer technology and libraries.

I am excited to participate in the Trendspotting Initiative. Thank you!

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2018 Events	Issue	Ad Reservation	Camera-Ready
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 2018-Jan. 2019	11/08/18	11/26/18
2019 Events	Issue	Ad Reservation	Camera-Ready
Annual Report, ACRL	February 2019	01/03/19	01/17/19
MLA, SLA, Book Expo	April 2019	02/21/19	03/14/19
ALA Annual	June 2019	04/04/19	04/25/19
Reference Publishing	September 2019	06/13/19	07/11/19
Charleston Conference	November 2019	08/15/19	09/05/19
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 2019-Jan. 2020	11/07/19	11/25/19

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2:15pm in Salon I, of the Gaillard Center. Come join us for a lively discussion!

What a dynamo **Courtney McAllister** is! **Courtney** has left the **Citadel** (boohoo) to be **Electronic Resources Librarian** at **Yale's Law Library**! She moved over the weekend and did not skip a beat as she was working on the **Charleston Conference** team to input room numbers for sessions on the website. **Courtney** is joining another ball of fire, **Lindsay Barnett**, a **College of Charleston** "alum." **Lindsay** is **Collection Development & Scholarly Communication Librarian** at **Yale Law Library**. And, guess what? They will both be in **Charleston** for the **Conference**!

Talk about an achiever! Besides his squirreling away business column, **Corey Seeman** has compiled a **Monograph Musings** column for this issue, p.40. Don't you love **Corey's** library of squirrel pictures?

**Jack Montgomery** — talk about energy! — has recruited a new legally speaking column editor, **Anthony Paganelli**, the **WKU Elizabethtown-Fort Knox Campus** librarian. **Anthony** has already sent several great ideas

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