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From Your (landscaping) Editor:

Can you believe it? We thought we were getting an early spring. The temperatures were in the high 70s, almost 80! I hoped that winter had left us early. The weather has been so weird these days. Thought maybe I could try out my green thumb. Maybe.

Back at ATG headquarters, this issue — **Inside Outsourcing Technical Services: Upsides and Downsides** is expertly guest edited by the able team of **Stacey Marien** and **Alayne Mundt**. There are many aspects to consider. **Charles Hillen** takes the vendor perspective, **Catherine Eilers** gives the independent contractor perspective, **Emily Flynn** focuses on **OhioLink** and quality control of vendor records, **Benjamin Bradley** and **Beth Guay** are interested in problems and opportunities, **Joshua Hutchinson** wants to understand outsourcing cataloging when there is no in-house expertise, **Denise Soufi**, **Nanako Thomas** and **Natalie Sommerville** talk about a cooperative pilot project between **Duke** and **UNC-CH**,

Demetria Patrick and **Melanie McGurr** focus on health sciences library issues, **Kay G. Johnson** and **Elizabeth McCormick** weigh the cost of the service versus the personnel cost, **Moon Kim** and **Moriah Guy** focus on individual library technical service trends, **Cecilia Williams**, **Nikita Mohammed** and **Amber Seely** document the process of bringing most of the outsourcing cataloging and processing back in-house. Whew! I told you there were a lot of aspects to outsourcing technical services.

Our **OpEd** by **David Parker** talks about publisher vendor relationships and how they are more complicated than we might desire. **Jim O'Donnell** focuses on the effects of cost cutting on higher education.

There are a ton of **Profiles** in this issue but no interviews. Watch for more next time! We have a lot of movement in the book reviews section — **Corey Seeman's** Roundup, **Donna Jacobs** summer reading, **Cindy Craig's** classics of sociology. **Myer Kutz** stresses the importance of

Darrell Gunter's innovation sessions, collaborative partnerships are the focus of **Xuemei Ge's** collection management column, **Biz of Digital** (**Pam Pierce**) is about transitioning to a new IR platform, **Mark Herring** offers a modest proposal for the big deal, **Roxanne Spencer** has selected ideas for children's and young adult programming, **Scott Plutchak** stresses the importance of getting people together in person to build relationships, **Jared Seay** is into games for library instruction and last but certainly not least — a new column by **Deni Auclair** and **John Corkery** about emerging content technologies focusing on the scholarly publishing community!

Well, my persistent Jack Russell (**Circe**) is ready for her noon ride on the golf cart to the post office. Pretty cold. Landscaping may be in May instead of now. Happy winter! **Yr. Ed.** 🌿

Letters to the Editor

Send letters to <kstrauch@comcast.net>, phone 843-509-2848, or snail mail: **Against the Grain**, Post Office Box 799, Sullivan's Island, SC 29482. You can also send a letter to the editor from the **ATG Homepage** at <http://www.against-the-grain.com>.

Dear Editor:

RE: **Charleston Library Conference 2019 Plenary Session Videos**

Can I just say how much I appreciate the recordings?

I used to attend the **Charleston Conference**, but as my disability has progressed traveling and conference logistics have become a greater and greater obstacle for me.

Virtual options like these make a huge difference to me.

Thank you, **Shawn P. Vaillancourt** (University of Houston)

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2020 Events	Issue	Ad Reservation	Camera-Ready
Annual Report, PLA	February 2020	01/02/20	01/16/20
MLA, SLA, Book Expo	April 2020	02/20/20	03/12/20
ALA Annual	June 2020	04/02/20	04/23/20
Reference Publishing	September 2020	06/11/20	07/09/20
Charleston Conference	November 2020	08/13/20	09/03/20
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 2020-Jan. 2021	11/05/20	11/23/20

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formance" which is named for one of the library's former Deans. And what a great picture of him! Congratulations, **Jack!!!**

The dapper **John E. Ulmschneider**, dean of libraries and university librarian at **Virginia Commonwealth University** has been named the **2020 ACRL Academic/Research Librarian of the Year!** The award, sponsored by **GOBI Library Solutions from EBSCO**, recognizes an outstanding member of the library profession who has made a significant national or international contribution to academic/research librarianship and library development. **Ulmschneider** will receive a \$5,000 award on Saturday, June 27, during the **ACRL President's Program** at the **2020 ALA Annual Conference** in Chicago.

The **American Library Association** announces the appointment of **Tracie D. Hall** as its executive director, effective February 24, 2020. Following a nationwide search, **Hall** was selected to succeed **Mary W. Ghikas**, who has worked for ALA since 1995 and served as executive director since January 2018. **Hall** is the first female African American executive director in **ALA's** history. In addition to her **MLIS** from the **Information School** at the

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