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Letters to the Editor

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From Your (Thawing-Out) Editor:

Well, spring is sort of coming. I haven’t put my coat in the cedar chest yet, but I have packed up my long underwear. What a winter it has been! I have worn a coat since December and usually a coat is necessary in Charleston maybe four days during the winter. Brrr … While keeping warm, we have put together another fantastic issue. This issue on Acquisitions and ILL is guest edited by Michelle Flinchbaugh and Robin Moskal and includes a great group of articles by Marla Kuha, Cyril and Mary Oberlander, Jane Ingold, Arlene Hanefeld and Madeleine Bombeld, Antje Mays and Camille Livingston, and Jassam Ferguson, Michelle Flinchbaugh and Robin Moskal. And many of our authors have included their profiles so we can all learn more about them. Our interviews are with Albert Majors McClendon and John Albert Majors, III who also provided us with a centennial view of the medical publishing industry. Georgios Papadopoulos, the founder and CEO of Atypion Systems, Inc. is our second interview.

Also included are the standards column on changes to the ISSN Standard: by Regina Romano Reynolds, Biz of Acq which talks about changes in workflow caused by changes in technology by Carla Beasley, a special report on international authority control by Claire-Lise Benaud and Sever Bordeianu, Legally Speaking by Bryan Carson and Robin McGinnis on another "L" word, the "ATG Annual Survey Report" by David Lyle, and a Books That Matter column on doggie lit by Ellen Duranceau, silent film resources by Sean Kinder, "How Not To Write An Architecture Book" by Gene Waddell, "Barbie Bashing Finds a Safe Harbor in Fair Use" by Bruce Strauch, "Best of Breed" by Ned Kraft, to mention just a few! And, guess what, we have a new column by Tinker Massey entitled "Leaving the Books Behind" (these are school books not book books)!

Gotta go. Must do some planting in the garden. Like I said, it’s almost spring! Happy Happy!

Yr. Ed.  

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Editor’s Response: Thanks! Please pay in US funds $50. Will make this clearer next year. — Katina Strauch

Rumors from page 1

The awesome Karl E. Debus-López (did you see his picture in the recent American Libraries?) has accepted the position of Associate University Librarian for Collections and Technical Services at Georgetown University. His last day of employment at JW Madison was Friday, March 5th. Manuela Nitti <nmnitti@library.wisc.edu> will be Interim Head of the Acquisitions and Serials Department.

The majestic David R. Fritsch (new email: <david.fritsch@ebrary.com>) is the new Sales Director, Eastern Region for ebrary. David, who holds a degree in history from the University of Michigan, has worked in business development positions at Faxon, UMI (now ProQuest) and TDNet. David says that he and his wife Janet will continue to freeze to death in Michigan, but since ebrary is in Palo Alto, he anticipates that he will be able to achieve his perennial objective, making his Elite status on Northwest. (Who knows, maybe he’ll even make Gold.) In fact, he and Janet recently went to Palo Alto for a black tie dinner to celebrate ebrary’s fifth anniversary of incorporation! (Yes, it’s hard to imagine David in black tie, but he says he’ll do anything to get out of the snow!)

Speaking of getting out of the snow, I was talking to the incomparable energetic Edna Laughrey <elaughrey@aol.com> just a few days ago. She and Earl are renovating their home in Saline, Michigan. That’s the good news. The bad news is that it all began in January and will end in June. In the meantime they are trying to keep warm while most of the house is out in the open snow. Sounds like … crazy!

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