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From Your (spring-ing) Editor

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It's spring in Charleston. The azaleas and dogwood and wisteria are blooming. Truly a magical time to be alive. And it's time to do some spring cleaning like our mothers used to do, put up the woolens, do some gardening, etc. So, in between being domestic and spring-y, we have been working away on this issue of *ATG*. And it's a great one. *Mary Page* is our guest editor for this issue, titled "Electronic Resources Rocked My World. What's Changed and How We Manage." Ain't it the truth? Some very enlightening articles from several different perspectives — public services (Abigail Bordeaux), cataloging (Julia Everett Alligood), electronic resources (Anna Creech), stuffing (Mary Greene) and publishers (Adam Chesler). Steven Rhind-Tutt has done his usual controversial "Op Ed" regarding free resources. We have the *ATG* annual survey report, "Back Talk" (repositories) by Tony Ferguson, interviews with Eileen Fenton (Portico), and Vicky Reich (LOCKSS). Greg Tannanbaum has more on LOCKSS and Portico as well in his "I Hear the Train A Comin'" on p.84. There's lots to think about in this issue, see *Rick Anderson's* article "Thinking About the Value of Staff Time" and *Mary Massey* has us thinking about "Where Are the Shelves?"

Mark Herring answers the question "What Do Academic Library Deans Do?" while *Bob Nardini* tells us about the 100 chefs that *Google* employs. And *Ned Kraft* has a "Glossary of Terms" that you won't want to miss. Plus there's more!

Well, I just noticed that the caterpillars are trying to eat my azaleas and I have to go talk them out of it! That just won't do.

Happy spring to y'all!

Cheers, Ye Ed. 🐛

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**Dear Editor:**

In reference to your "From the Reference Desk" column, I'd like to send the following:

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Dear Tom,

Just wanted to let you know that I am a fan of your *ATG* column and appreciate your reviews. Especially like your inclusion of opinion about appropriateness of titles for public libraries.

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