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I don’t know *where the time goes*. One minute it’s morning and the next minute it’s bedtime! I wonder who decided that we had to sleep? If not for sleep, think how much more you could get done? I guess this is just a frantic time-of-year — school is starting, new journal positions and cancellations are in, we are filling open positions so there are search committees, and then there’s the *Charleston Conference* and *ATG* and family issues.

Meanwhile, this issue of *ATG* is wonderful.

Ramune Kubilius has collected five stellar papers about *health sciences* and *biomedical sciences* content by Patricia Pinkowski, Meg White, Elizabeth Lorbear and Nicole Mitchell, Jeron Porciello and Medha Devare, and Melissa Nasea and Ruth Moskop. We have interviews with Kingsley Greene (Sage Colleges) and a follow up interview with Bill Cohen (Taylor & Francis/Haworth Press). We have a “Wandering the Web” by Lesley Montgomery about knitting, special reports by Brett Spencer on specialty reference books and *WorldCat Selection* by Kay Covert and Brad Gauder, an “Op Ed” by Rick Anderson on preservation issues, two (count them, two) “Biz of Acqs” on Media Selection (Matt Bailey and Anita Grommes), and *Budget 101* by Joe Badics). John Cox is talking about A&I services, Phillip Hallman is talking about video game collections, Tom Leonard is talking about the golden age of librarianship, Peter Shepherd’s “International Dateline” is about the European project PEER, Cris Ferguson revisits Kindle, Todd Carpenter talks about end-user services, Greg Tananbaum is interested in the Center for Science Diplomacy, Tony Ferguson tells us a bit about academic libraries in China, and … there’s even more and more and more!

Oops. Just got a text message! I am missing an important meeting downtown. Gotta run!

Love, Yr. Ed. 🍀

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**Letters to the Editor**

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**Rumors**

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Blackwell has acquired Everett’s Library Services and more recently Houtschild Library Booksellers in The Hague. [www.blackwell.com](http://www.blackwell.com/)

The incomparable Sandra Hughes has been named Director of the Library at *Charleston Southern University*! Sandra began her new duties September 1. She has been with the CSU Library since 1991, formerly serving as Head of Reference from 1994-2006, then Head of Public Services from 2006-2008. This recognition couldn’t have happened to a more capable, deserving, and charming person! Congratulations, Sandra! [www.csunv.edu](http://www.csunv.edu/)

And, more about CSU (above), David Mash has resigned as Director of the CSU Library but will continue working there until the end of December 2008, when he will move to Lander University in Greenwood, South Carolina, as Library Director. [www.lander.edu](http://www.lander.edu)

The awesome Gloria A. Kelley (Winthrop University) has been appointed director of CPCC — Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte, NC. Mark Herring tells me he tried to keep Gloria but she is fully vested so she could retire from South Carolina. Gloria has been working part-time (nights and weekends) for CPCC for several years so she decided to accept the director’s position effective November 1. Congratulations, Gloria! We will miss you in South Carolina! [http://www1.cpcc.edu/](http://www1.cpcc.edu/)

The Charleston County Board of Directors has appointed Cynthia Bledsoe as interim director of the Charleston County Library. Cynthia has served as the Main Library’s manager since 1999. She earned a master’s degree in library information science from the University of Tennessee in 1991. She has worked in public libraries for 35 years, including seven years at the Dorchester County Public Library, where she twice served as interim director.

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