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he PTBs (powers that be) say that
cocolate is good for you. Dark
cocolate. Of course I love milk
ocolate. But milk chocolate must be bet-
ter for you than, say, fried chicken or French
ries. While eating chocolate, a group of us
have been working on Against the Grain.
This issue is guest edited by the amazing
Xan Arch who has collected articles from
Robert Johnson, Jason Price, Peter Spitz-
form, Michael Levine-Clark,
Rick Anderson and Sandy
Thatcher, Emily McElroy and
Susan Hinken, and Rebecca
Seger and Lenny Allen. We
are lucky enough with this issue
to have interviews with Phoebe
Ayers, and Deborah Kahn.
Tony Ferguson is still giving us
words of wisdom in Back Talk.
Meanwhile Michael Pelikan
takes on “mobile,” Bob Nardini
talks about competition, Jesse
Holden discovers apps, Donna
Jacobs discovers cheese and In-
dependent People, Bryan Carson
straightens us out on Righthaven, William Rieders
looks beyond eTextbooks, Bob Holley
mourns the death of the journal, and Scott Smith
considers much ado about PDA. Lolly Gasaway has
been asked about film snippets and yearbooks,
while Steven Douglas and Michelle Flinch-
baugh address issues in establishing digital
repositories. And, of course this is just the tip
of the iceberg! Happy Reading!

Plus, I have to tell you, that
a lot of what we didn’t have
room to print is in the online
ATG, located at www.against-
the-grain.com/.

Guess I will take a break
now and have some chocolate
ice cream. And, for those
of you who may happen by,
I have a cache of all kinds
of chocolates in my office.
Meantime, have a great sum-
er!

Much Love, Yr. Ed.

Letters to the Editor

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Against the Grain, MSC 98, The Citadel, Charleston, SC 29409. You can also send
a letter to the editor from the ATG Homepage at http://www.against-the-grain.com.

Dear Editor:

I’m writing to correct an error in Mark V. Herring’s piece, “Can Open Access Save Us?”
from the Dec. 2010-Jan. 2011 issue. Herring makes the point in passing that “by definition,
open-access archives and/or journals do not provide scholarly vetting (peer review). . . .”

This is not at all what open access is, by definition or in practice. Herring quotes Peter Suber,
but he should have dug deeper. As Suber writes, “OA is compatible with peer review, and all
the major OA initiatives for scientific and scholarly literature insist on its importance.” There are now hundreds (thousands?) of peer-
reviewed OA journals. As one example, librarian and scholar
Heather Morrison found that PLoS One, an OA journal from
the Public Library of Science, published more peer-reviewed
articles than any other scholarly journal in 2010.

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From Your (chocolate loving) Editor:

the International Association of Scientific,
Technical & Medical Publishers (STM).
In it, STM sets out five guiding principles it
believes should be applied in any consideration
of document delivery use and services. STM
publishers welcome constructive discussion on
these principles, and seek participation in wider
debates on document delivery.

www.stm-assoc.org
http://www.against-the-grain.com/2011/06/
stm-press-release-on-document-delivery/
http://blogs.library.duke.edu/schol-
comm/2011/06/09/a-second-front/

I guess that it is true after all that all good
things come to an end. After 12 years of working
with Libraries Unlimited, Ron Maas will
be leaving the company due to a reorganization.
Ron says he has mixed feelings. He has enjoyed
his time working with us as wonderful partners,
and he hopes we will cross paths somewhere
farther down the road. In the meantime, if you
have questions about your work with Libraries
Unlimited, be sure to check in with Barbara
Ittner <bittner@abc-clio.com> who has been
at LU longer than Ron (she started with the
company when Ron was 12), and Ron says
we are in good hands with her and LU will
continue to be a force for positive change in the
markets that we all serve. Ron can be reached
at <Rommaas99@gmail.com>, or at his home
phone 203-373-9597. If you are on LinkedIn,
send Ron a connection, and say something nice.
He is way too young to retire!

Just back from a fabulous trip! We had the
13th Fiesole Collection Development Retreat
in St. Petersburg, Russia. St. Petersburg is an
incredibly historic city. We arrived by train
from Helsinki, Finland, to the
Finland Station
where Lenin arrived in a sealed train to begin
the Russian Revolution. We were greeted at
the train station by Fred Lynden (once head
of technical services and scholarly commu-
nications at Brown and frequent attendee at the
Charleston Conference) and his lovely and
vivacious wife Irina, who is Deputy Director
General of the National Library of Russia.
A cruise on the Neva River gave us a look at
many famous landmarks and elegant palaces,
and I had to pinch myself when we attended a
Russian ballet (Ondine) at the Marlinsky The-
ater. Fred looks great! He could be a poster
child for retirement. And so does Irina who
could be a poster child for working! Hmmm
Oh! Almost forgot! The Retreat! There
were many excellent papers given by a host
of international librarians, publishers, and
vendors. The current Charleston Report
has some of my favorite quotes from the Retreat
(see www.charlestonco.com/) but you need a
subscription to look at them. Will see what
I can do about that! The Casalini Website
has many of the papers loaded there for your
perusal. Next year’s Retreat is planned for
Fiesole, Italy April 12-14, 2012.
http://www.casalini.it/retreat/
http://www.theconferencecircuit.com/2011/05/
04/fiesole-retreat-may-11-13/
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