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From Your Editor

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From Your (grieving) Editor:

I love Spring. It’s such a wonderful time with flowers and birds and summer in the air, trips to the beach, tomato sandwiches, walks in the park. This Spring was different for me, though, because from now on Spring will remind me of my 92-year-old dad, who passed away on May 17. It’s a good thing that I had to keep my mind focused on something else.

This issue is guest edited by yours truly and includes articles by Gail Yokote, J. Mitchell Homan and Jean P. Shipman, Mary M. Somerville, John D. Riley and Bob Schatz on, respectively, The Chicago Collaborative, The SAGE White Paper on Discoverability, Offsite Book Depositories, and Institutional Repositories. Our Op Ed is about the potential illegal copying of eBooks by Bob Holley and Tony Ferguson in his Back Talk urges us to focus not on the latest trend but on our end users. We have several remembrances from Bob Schatz and Barry Fast about the wonderful Mike Arnold. Our interviews are with Tim Coates, Mary Ann Liebert, Fred Gullette, and Sven Fund and Michiel Klein Swormink.

In Legally Speaking, Bill Hannay writes about book theft in the library, in Biz of Acq Cynthia Nyirenda talks about promoting eBooks, From a University Press by Leila Salisbury talks about downloaing eBooks, Booklover from Donna Jacobs is about rescuing a withdrawn book, @Brunning is about Wal-Mart, big data, etc. And there’s more and more. And They Were There has reports about the SPARC meeting, IUG, and reports from the 31st Charleston Conference. Collecting to the Core takes on late twentieth century educational reform by Nancy P. O’Brien, Mark Herring still thinks the library is relevant despite the Internet, and Bob Nardini is talking about his GPS among other things. Rick Lugg talks about archiving shared print monographs, Rita Ricketts continues her delightful stories of The Blackwell’s, and Craig Ferguson returns to tell us about Pinterest. Todd Carpenter has a different form of ESPRESSO, and Amy Slowik knows a lot about cloud storage. And that’s just some of what’s in this issue!

But it’s time for me to sign off. It’s Memorial Day and my father was part of the WWII generation. It’s time for a big Memorial Day Celebration. Much love, Yr. Ed.

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