Letters to the Editor

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What a beautiful spring it has been! No hot weather, just cool breezes. Excited to be visited by my son for spring. That’s very unusual since he is in the Army! A wonderful treat!

This issue of ATG is guest edited by Bob Holley of Wayne State University! Bob has collected many interesting articles about approaches to self-publishing from self-publishing experts like Walt Crawford, John Riley, Don Beagle, Julia Glassman, Rory Litwin, Joseph B. Grobelyn, and Matt Pacer. Bob Nardini and Janice Schell talk about author services and library vendors. We also have a new column by Myer Kutz who self-published his novel and tells about his experiences. As many of us know, getting fiction published by a traditional publisher is not as easy as it once appeared to be.

The Op Ed in this issue is by Steve McKinnzie and discusses the common practice we call “weeding.” Tony Ferguson is talking about China in his Back Talk (couldn’t stay away). We have interviews with Eric Calalucia and Richard Haight. Greg Tananbaum also interviews the SIPS team. Our book reviews are about grant writing and encyclopedias. Winifred Metz talks about media-centered documentary films and Alex Holzman and Leila Salisbury discuss university presses from different perspectives. Biz of Acq is about gathering data. Tom Leonardt is enjoying Reed College and book collecting, and much more. We even have a crossword puzzle this time! Let us know what you think of it. Do you want more or not?

We have another installation from Rita Ricketts in her series on Blackwellian tales and the third installment of conference reports from the 2012 Charleston Conference compiled by Ramune Kubilius. Donald Hawkins brings us his conference notes as well — this time from the 55th NFAIS Annual Conference and An NFAIS Workshop on A&I services.

Dennis Brunning is keeping us on the edge with people and technology while Michael Pelikan is asking “What’s in a Name?” Of course, there is much more, so please read on!

Well, y’all, I am going to have to leave to go downtown with my son! Happy Spring! Love, Yr. Ed.

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RE: ATG Op-Ed on my article

To give credit where credit is due, Rebecca Kornegay said in her Op-Ed that I “wrote an article most welcome,” and she quoted me as using the term “brute force searching.” Yes, I wrote the article and used that term, but the entire article was a report on what others had said at a conference, so the term was not original with me.

It’s a minor point, perhaps, and it probably does not require any clarification in a Letter to the Editor unless somebody objects. I just thought I should mention this for possible future reference.

Donald Hawkins <dhawkins@verizon.net>

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ProQuest with Ms. Paulson in the role of Vice President and General Manager of the combined ebrary and EBL eBook business unit. Reporting to Kevin Sayar, Senior Vice President of Workflow Solutions, Kari will lead the planning efforts to combine the strongest features of ebrary and EBL into one optimized eBook platform that has the most flexible selection of business models. The company will be actively soliciting customer feedback throughout the integration in order to provide libraries with an even better eBook solution. ProQuest does not anticipate disruption for EBL or ebrary customers over the estimated 18-month integration timeframe. Customers and partners should continue to work with their current EBL and/or ProQuest representatives. And hooray for Kari! The last time I saw her she was hobbling around on crutches because of a skiing accident! http://www.proquest.com/en-US/aboutus/pressroom/13/20130514.shtml

BTW — ATG has an interview with Kari Paulson in the works and we would love to hear any question suggestions that any of you might have. Please send them to Tom Gilson <gilson@cofc.edu>. Thanks.

Another interview in the works! The awesome Liz Chapman (Director of Library Services Library, London School of Economics and Political Science <E.Chapman@lse.ac.uk>), Liz is out of the office and in the USA for a few weeks, but we hope to have her interview in the September issue!

And still on changes in the business, etc. Was interested to learn that the EBSCO Publishing and EBSCO Information Services businesses will merge on 1 July 2013 and will operate as a single business under the name EBSCO Information Services (EBSCO). Dixon Brooke, EBSCO Industries CEO, said, “While the two businesses have worked closely together for the past three decades, they have been pulled even closer together in recent years due to our need for more integrated solutions. For example, we are in the process of integrating our popular A-to-Z with LinkSource service, previously operated by EIS, with our industry leading EBSCOhost and EBSCO Discovery Service solutions, operated by EP, for the benefit of librarians and their end users. We believe this merger of divisions will bring many future tangible benefits to our customers.” Tim Collins will serve as President of the combined entity. Allen Powell, President of the subscription services division of EIS, will now report to Collins. All of EBSCO’s subscription services offices and operations will continue to report to Powell. Hmmm… change, change, change!

Moving right along. Was excited to learn that Charleston Conference 2013 registration opened on Monday, June 3. Don’t forget to register! www.katina.info/conference

Speaking of which, so far we have a fantastic line up of speakers and it’s only continued on page 14