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From Your (is it spring yet?) Editor:

Moonstone Beach
 We are celebrating the circle,
 cheering for the sphere,
 a cosmic language,
 more than we can grasp,
 more than we can imagine,
 a microcosm, or a macrocosm:
 moonstones in autumn,
 or Sirius in the East, light years removed.

Winter winds, primary dunes,
 we trek upon a forgotten land.
 If we are lucky,
 finding snow capped stones —
 imaginary mushrooms —
 from a December snowstorm.

In Spring,
 waves retreating, sand and stone
 glistening like jewels,
 moonstones in June.
 Morning dew appearing —
 lucid, cohesive drops —
 clinging to
 Beach Grass on land's end —
 celebrating the circle.

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It's spring in Charleston (in the 80s!) but I know that some of you are complaining about snow and ice. Soon, though it will be 90 and 100 degrees in Charleston and y'all will be much cooler. Yin and yang?

This is a great issue of *ATG*. It's guest edited by **Todd Carpenter** and **Sandy Thatcher** and is all about deciding what the real version of a paper is. This has troubled me for some time (maybe it's the cataloger in me?). We have papers by **Todd**, **Carol Anne Meyer**, **Lettie Conrad**, **Stevan Harnad**, **Joseph C. Fineman** and **Sandy Thatcher**.

The **Op Ed** is about library homepages, **Back Talk** is about digital publishing in Hong Kong. We were supposed to have an interview with **Siva Vaidhyathan** (*The Googlization of Everything*) but that will have to wait til June. We do have a small interview with the gor-

geous **Glenda Alvin**. There's lots more in this issue. Let's see — a report from the **ALCTS Collection Development Forum** at **ALA Midwinter** by **Rick Anderson**, **The Future of the Textbook Part II** by **Sara Killingsworth** and **Martin Marlow**, and **Libraries' Strategic Stewardship of the Users** by **Roger Schonfeld**. We have reviews from **Tom Gilson** and **Debbie Vaughn** and others too. **Collecting to the Core** is about **Jane Jacobs** and urban studies, and **Tinker Massey** is thinking about new styles for old problems, while **Lolly Gasaway** answers questions about digital images and digital archives. **Donna Jacobs** has taken a literary safari of Africa and **Steve McKinzie** talks of federal library bucks in his column titled "Confessions of a Reluctant Advocate."

Well, I have to get my sweater out of the cedar chest because they say a cold front is moving in. That means temperatures in the high 60s but that's cold for Charleston. Still, spring is here! Happy, happy! Love, Yr. Ed. 🐾



Letters to the Editor

Send letters to <kstrauch@comcast.net>, phone or fax 843-723-3536, or snail mail: **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:

Addressed to **Anne Doherty**,

This is very nice. And I can personally attest to the importance of **Jane Jacobs' *The Death and Life of American Cities***, which seemed to be on the reading list for every other political science graduate course I took back in the late 60's. It is a classic, and I'm delighted to see this piece on it.

It'll be interesting to see what the list of titles covered in this column looks like after a year or so. Maybe what we're unintentionally compiling here is the *RCL* equivalent of a **CHOICE Outstanding Academic Titles** list...

Regards, **Irving Rockwood** <IRockwood@ala-choice.org> 🐾

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<u>2011 Events</u>	<u>Issue</u>	<u>Ad Reservation</u>	<u>Camera-Ready</u>
ALA Annual	June 2011	04/04/11	04/25/11
Reference Publishing	September 2011	06/27/11	07/18/11
Charleston Conference	November 2011	08/15/11	09/05/11
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 2011/Jan. 2012	10/31/11	11/21/11

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the **University of Leeds**) and they will co-edit the journal from volume 24, 2011. In fact, they have already delivered their first issue (online now). Outgoing co-editor **Dr. Hazel Woodward**, is to become Chair of **UKSG's Publications Subcommittee**. **UKSG** has extended its thanks to outgoing editors the energetic twins **Hazel Woodward** and **Helen Henderson** for their many years of dedication to the development of *Serials*.

<http://www.uksg.org/news/insights11>

Check out the **ATG Article of the Week of April 11, 2011**. It's "**2010 Study of Subscription Prices for Scholarly Journals: Society Journal Pricing Trends and Industry Overview**," by **Mike Peine** (Business Analyst, **Allen Press**), 2010 Supplement #1. 15 pages. <http://allenpress.com/resources/education/jps> This article points to themes in cancellation criteria: elimination of subscription duplications; measuring usage; scrutiny of "big deals"; and use of interlibrary loan.

Moving right along, I attended the wonderful **Conference for Entrepreneurial Librarians** in Winston-Salem March 10 and 11 at **Wake Forest University**. This conference was great! Met so many new people with all sorts of great new ideas. I highly recommend it. Apparently the conference will be held every two years and **McFarland & Company** is publishing a book in 2011 called **The Entrepreneurial Librarian**. <http://cloud.lib.wfu.edu/blog/entrelib/>

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