

Editorial

Invisible Sphere of Influence

Among the many fine articles in this issue, the topic of mentorship strikes a chord. Jeremy Denk in a recent *New Yorker* recalls several of his piano teachers. During one of his recitals, he played some unintended notes. He heard his former teacher's voice in his head, telling him not to be a perfectionist. How many of us conjure up the ghosts of former mentors or teachers while we are struggling, trying to make sense?

At an advisory meeting of our local library school, a faculty member asked about the importance of offering a cataloging course, and the impact it would have on graduates finding jobs. I couldn't help but hear C. Donald Cook, my cataloging professor at the University of Toronto, weighing in on the debate. He would emphasize the core of cataloging saying that organizing information no matter what it is called is essential to what we do; who we are. Professor Cook knew that cataloging is the road map, guide, infrastructure, and cornerstone to accessing information.

At this time of my career, I think of those who had a profound influence upon me from Professors Cook, Fasick, England, and Neale from the U of T to the librarians with whom I worked at the

Chicago Municipal Reference Library in the 1980s. Their voices ring through my head. No, I do not have multiple personalities. To all of you mentors out there, realize that your generosity is appreciated, and enduring.

On another note, I came across a lovely, little book, *Glaciers* by Alexis Smith. The main character works in preservation in a library. This smart young and thoughtful woman loves books, their feel, smell, and mystery. This is definitely a title you need to add to your list of novels in which libraries figures prominently.

If you haven't seen it already, Pew just issued a new report, [Parents, Children, Libraries, and Reading](#). The consensus is that reading, libraries, and children are intertwined. We know that!

I would like to welcome Kim Bloedel as book review editor. Please contact Kim (kimberly-bloedel@uiowa.edu) directly to request books.

Enjoy this issue of *Education Libraries*. And do send education.libraries@gmail.com comments, questions, submissions and the like.

From the Chair of the SLA Education Division

Here's the schedule of DEDU events at the SLA 2013 conference in San Diego!

Saturday, June 8: Board meeting 3-5pm

Sunday, June 9: Serving international populations (with MaH div.) 3:30-5pm (Sponsored by SAGE)

Monday, June 10: DEDU Breakfast AND Business/Membership meeting 8-9:30am (Sponsored by SAGE)

Monday, June 10: Research Poster session (with 3 other div.) 4-5:30pm

Tuesday, June 11: Collaboration (Academic is lead, but DEDU is cosponsor) 10-11:30am

Tuesday, June 11: Building community through DBs (with MaH div.) 2-3:30pm (sponsored by ERIC)

Tuesday, June 11: THE LAST WAVE no-host dinner for DEDU and friends