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From the Editor

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From the Editor

The leaves are changing, the air is crisper, and students are returning to classes – fall is here! The pace quickens just a bit as things settle into their old routines. As I put together this issue of the journal, it just seems like I finished the last. Before becoming editor, I always wondered why it took so long for me (as someone who had submitted an article) to hear anything or see results from the publisher. Now that I'm on the other side of the fence, I understand things more clearly. I thought I would just briefly outline for you, both readers and potential contributors, the process involved for *The Southeastern Librarian*.

First and foremost, remember that each person working on the issue has “another job” which in itself lengthens the process. When an article is submitted, it is forwarded and blindly evaluated by three reviewers. It may take a couple of weeks to find reviewers and then up to a couple of months for the reviews to be completed. Once all the reviews for a particular article are returned, the original and commentary from the reviewers are sent to the Editorial Board for final review and recommendation. Again, this may take a couple of months depending on the schedules of the Board members. If an article is accepted, then the reviewer comments are returned to the author for possible revisions. Completion of this process depends on the schedule of the author. I then review the final manuscripts and the Board decides when the article will be published.

As you can see, a lot of work is involved in this process. I would like to thank my Editorial Board: **Margaret Foote, Tyler Goldberg** and **Catherine Lee** for their support this year. But most of all, I am in deep appreciation to my reviewers. During this past year as of press time, twenty-three reviewers reviewed twenty-eight submissions. The reviewers were:

Paula Barnett-Ellis
Diane Brown,
Bryna Coonin
Tim Dodge
Elizabeth Doolittle
Lisa Ennis
Peggy Flaherty
Marie Garrett

Paul Huschak
Catherine Jannick
Florence Jummonville
Marilyn Lary
Deborah Lee
Camille, McCutcheon Nancy
McKinney
Nicole Mitchell

W. Bede Mitchell
Jodi Poe
Susan Ryan
Jeff Slagel
Brett Spencer
Annabel Stephens
Jane Tuten.

I hope you enjoy the fruits of these labors in this issue.

Perry Bratcher

FORMAT CHANGE

Beginning with the next issue, *The Southeastern Librarian* will split into two publications. An electronic newsletter issue will be published in the winter and summer. A print “scholarly” issue will be published in the spring and fall. The newsletter issue will be retitled and renumbered. The print issue will retain the current title of *The Southeastern Librarian* but will only publish two issues per year.