

WORD WAYS TO GO ENTIRELY ONLINE IN 2018

The current 50th volume of *Word Ways* will be completed with the November 2017 issue. After that issue the Journal will continue online only with no paper copies. Butler University will offer the entire run of all issues for free through Digital Commons at <http://digitalcommons.butler.edu/wordways>.

No more monies will be accepted for *Word Ways* which will be updated in the usual months of February, May, August and November. Printed readership has gone down over the years to about 100 including libraries. A Fall 2016 summary of online downloads follows:

- **Word Ways: The Journal of Recreational Linguistics**, edited by Jeremiah and Karen Farrell is the cornerstone of Digital Commons. The journal publishes word play of all kinds: puzzles, novel poems, palindromes games, magic, unusual lists, etc. Since 1968 *Word Ways* has published original articles (non-fiction, fiction or poetry) relating to recreational logology. Digital Commons features every issue since the journal's inception.
- The journal enjoys remarkable worldwide readership with 102,194 downloads in the past 12 months alone.
- The largest country for readership outside the U.S. was the **U.K.** followed closely by **China**.
- The readership is truly global with readers hailing from **Barrow, Alaska** and **Hobart, Tasmania** and everywhere in between.
- The most popular article in the past 12 months was "Words With Two Pairs of Like Letters", by Darryl Francis, originally published in 1973. It was downloaded 5,049 times. That article has been downloaded over **30,000 times alone** since it was originally archived in 2009.
- Since 2009, articles in *Word Ways* have been downloaded 660,705 times!

Update: The year January 2016 to January 2017 had 107,583 downloads with 10,022 in December alone.

Authors will still be able to submit articles preferably online to wordways@butler.edu .