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From the President

As we approach the end of another calendar year, it is time to reflect on past activities and to prepare for future events. It is also time to make resolutions that can actually be kept, such as becoming more active in professional organizations by serving as an officer and not letting professional memberships expire.

The fall workshop on student library workers was held on Friday, October 7, 2005, at the Alabama Public Library Service in Montgomery. I would like to thank the presenters and all of the attendees for making the workshop a success. The presentation materials are available on the AACRL Web site at <http://www.samford.edu/groups/aacrl/> under Events/Workshops.

The spring workshop will be held on Monday, February 13, 2006, at Samford University in Birmingham. The workshop will feature Ray English, Director of Libraries at Oberlin College, speaking on the topic of scholarly communication. More information and a registration form are available in this newsletter.

The annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 26, 2006, in conjunction with the Alabama Library Association Convention in Florence. The annual meeting will feature Frances Maloy, AACRL Past President, and dinner at a local restaurant. AACRL will also cosponsor with CUS several best practices sessions during the convention. More information will be available in the next newsletter.

Anyone potentially interested in serving on the AACRL Executive Board next year should contact Debbie Grimes since she is looking for candidates for several officer positions. Serving as a board member is a great way to become more involved in professional organizations and to meet other academic librarians.

December marks the end of the membership year so please be sure to check the mailing label on this newsletter to determine if your membership is about to expire. Also, if you know of any librarians new to the profession or the state, I hope that you will encourage them to join the Alabama Chapter of AACRL.

Jennifer Long, AACRL President

Nominations Sought for AACRL Award

WHO'S SPECIAL? It could be someone on your campus! We need to hear from you! Please nominate someone for the Significant Contribution Award and revitalize this recognition project of AACRL. Tell us about your library 'heroes' by nominating them for this award, which is open to individuals who have contributed something of significance within the state of Alabama in the area of college and research libraries.

We can give this award to anyone, from library school students to paraprofessionals, to librarians — we can even give multiple awards if we like! Please fax or email your one-page nomination to Debbie Grimes at 205-391-3926 or dgrimes@sheltonstate.edu. All nominations will be reviewed by the AACRL Board prior to the Annual Business Meeting in April, during which the recipient(s) will be announced. The deadline is December 31, 2005.

Debbie Grimes, AACRL Past President

Nominations Needed for AACRL Positions

If you or someone you know is interested in serving in a leadership position in AACRL, please contact Debbie Grimes at dgrimes@sheltonstate.edu. Nominations will be needed this year for the following positions: vice president/president-elect, member-at-large, and secretary.

The vice president/president-elect will assume the office of president for the 2007-2008 term and continue on the board as immediate past president for 2008-2009.

A nominating committee will be recruited to help solicit and propose nominations for these positions for the 2005-2006 term. Nominations will be announced in the March AACRL Newsletter and ballots will be distributed and collected in spring 2006 for installation of new officers at the April 2006 business/dinner meeting to be held in Florence. This is your chance to exercise your

leadership skills, build your resume, or enhance your tenure file!

The primary responsibility of the vice president/president-elect is to provide leadership for AACRL. In addition to the usual responsibilities (presiding in lieu of the president, helping prepare budget, etc.), this officer serves as a chapter representative, attending the ACRL Chapters Council. In addition, the VP serves as Program Chair for the annual business meeting and the biennial workshop. After a one-year term, this individual serves as president for one year and then as past president for one more year.

The role of the secretary, who serves for two years, is to record the proceedings of all business meetings, to maintain archival copies of all chapter documents, correspond with ACRL, and perform other duties assigned by the president.

The member-at-large is also elected for a two-year term with the responsibilities for membership and recruitment. These responsibilities include preparing and distributing membership cards, preparing an annual membership report, and performing other duties assigned by the president. More details are available in the by-laws at <http://www.samford.edu/groups/aacrl/bylaw2005.pdf>.

Nominees must be current members of AACRL and the ACRL Division of the American Library Association. Self nominations are encouraged. Send all nominations to: Debbie Grimes, Shelton State Community College, 9500 Old Greensboro Road, Tuscaloosa, AL 35405, dgrimes@sheltonstate.edu. No phone nominations please. The deadline is December 31, 2005.

Debbie Grimes, AACRL Past President

Distance Ed Program Welcomes First Students at UA SLIS

On August 22-24, 2005, the University Alabama School of Information and Library Studies welcomed its "Pioneer Class" of 40 distance education students for an on-campus orientation to its new online Master of Library and Information Studies (MLIS) program.

This course of study has been custom designed by the Library School and the UA College of Continuing Studies to accommodate today's busy and disciplined students desiring to enter the information studies professions. Students will complete 36-semester hours in a virtual-learning environment using web-based technology. For their virtual classes, students will attend live, real-time lectures; ask questions online; chat with classmates; and discuss issues with their instructors and classmates.

The virtual classroom also supports application sharing and content display. Students will be able to view and display presentations as well as collaborate on projects and presentations with instructors and fellow students. Students may take two online

courses each semester and complete the program in as few as six semesters.

Several students in the Pioneer Class are from within the NAAL membership: Athens State University, Auburn University (2), Lister Hill Library at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and the University of South Alabama. The largest number of stu-

(and academic medical) library positions.

This fall the students are offered two foundation classes taught by Dr. Elizabeth Aversa and Dr. Stephen McCall. A graduate student serves as a teaching assistant for each course. Both graduate students have great technical skills — and will help students with technology issues as well as assist "their" professors with course management.

Library directors in the NAAL membership have offered their assistance to the Library School faculty to assure that the Pioneer Class students experience an outstanding learning opportunity. Students are encouraged to call upon NAAL librarians for advice and mentoring as they engage in school projects or explore career options. They may even request use of a NAAL library for a project site, or seek assistance for an independent study for credit.

*SLIS welcomed its
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education students*

dents appear to be from Alabama and Georgia — but students attend from as far away as Oregon (1) and Montana (1). The class has a breadth of backgrounds ranging from an attorney (1) and an engineer (1) to a 19 year old college graduate (who was a Math major!)

The class includes several k-12 teachers as well as people working in a variety of school, public, academic and

*Dr. Sue Medina, Director
Network of Alabama Academic
Libraries*

Register for Spring AACRL Workshop

The AACRL 2006 spring workshop will be held at Samford University, Divinity Hall N101, Beeson School of Divinity, on February 13, 2006. The workshop will focus on scholarly communications and will be presented by Dr. Ray English, currently the library director at Oberlin College.

The workshop will be divided into four parts. The first part will focus on issues and dysfunctions in the scholarly communications system, and more specifically, on the high cost of scholarly journals, the effect of costs on library budgets, issues related to electronic journal licenses, economic problems of university presses, etc. The second part will focus on various strategies for fostering reform in the system of scholarly communication, including creating competitive journals, editorial board control, collective buying, open access journals, author control of copyright, and author self-archiving. The third and fourth parts of the workshop will address specific actions that librarians and faculty can take to foster change in the system of scholarly communication and a discussion of how librarians are helping to develop a campus plan for scholarly communication.

Dr. English has been Director of Libraries at Oberlin College since 1990. He administers one of the nation's largest liberal arts college library systems with collections totaling 2.2 million items, 50 FTE regular staff, and an annual budget of approximately \$5.5 million. In 2002 Oberlin won ACRL's Excellence in Academic Libraries Award in the college library division.

Dr. English has led the Scholarly Communication Initiative of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) since its inception. He currently chairs the ACRL Scholarly Communications Committee and is a frequent speaker and writer on scholarly communications issues.

He has served on numerous boards and steering committees, including SPARC (the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition) and the OhioLINK Digital Resources Commons, a developing statewide institutional repository for all higher education institutions in Ohio.

Dr. English is the editor of the scholarly communications column for *College & Research Library News* and also a member of the editorial board of *Portal: Libraries and the Academy*.

He has been active in various professional contexts, including the American Library Association, the Oberlin Group of Liberal Arts College Libraries, and the Five Colleges of Ohio consortium.

A registration form is within this newsletter. Please return the registration form and fee (\$30) by February 6, 2006. A lunch is included with the registration fee. Further information and details will be posted on the AACRL Web site (<http://www.samford.edu/groups/aacrl/>) under Events/Workshops, regarding directions, parking, etc.

Robert Schrimsher, AACRL Vice-President/President Elect

AACRL Annual Meeting in Florence

The AACRL 2006 annual business meeting will be on Apr 26, 2006, 6 p.m., in the Florence, AL, vicinity. The exact dinner location is to be determined. Our guest speaker this year will be Ms. Frances Maloy, past president of the Association of College and Research Libraries (2004-2005). Maloy is currently at Emory University General Libraries, Atlanta, GA.

It has been a few years since the state chapter has had an elected official from ACRL come and speak. I have asked Ms. Maloy to address current ACRL issues and also those that might effect us locally. More specific announcements will be in the spring AACRL Newsletter.

The Alabama Library Association meeting will be at The Shoals Hotel, Conference Center and Spa, Florence, AL, April 25-28, 2006.

News from the Membership

After 5 years in the Training Resources department at EBSCO's international headquarters in Birmingham, **Katy Ginanni** recently moved to Johannesburg, South Africa, to be the Sales Manager for the regional EBSCO Information Services office. Ginanni notes that it's not a long-term move, as the SA government won't give her a work permit for more than 4 years. Ginanni will be coming back to the U.S. three times per year to attend the NASIG Board meetings, including the 2006 ALA Midwinter Meeting. She hopes to see some Alabama friends in San Antonio!

Eric Kidwell has been nominated for vice-chair/chair-elect of the Arts Section of ACRL. Kidwell has also been appointed program coordinator for the core curriculum at Huntingdon College, in addition to his regular responsibilities as library director. Additionally, Kidwell presented at the fall 2005 AACRL workshop, "Millennials in the Library: Today's Student Library Worker," as did **Margaret Kinney**, head of circulation at Huntingdon College.

Steve Laughlin, recently retired from Sterne Library at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, has joined the library faculty at Birmingham-Southern College on a one-year appointment. Laughlin will be working in the Reference Department.

John-Bauer Graham, Bethany Latham Skaggs, and Kimberly Weatherford Stevens have published the following article: "Digitizing a Gap: A Case Study in the History of a Statewide Repository Project," *Reference Services Review* 3, no. 33 (March 2005): 337-345.

E-Rate, Funding, and More: the Legislative Report

Following is a description of national legislative activity in recent months:

E-rate

In October 2005 (the 18th to be exact) the U.S. House accepted a report from the House Energy & Commerce Committee on the issue of E-rate abuse. The report, titled "Waste, Fraud, and Abuse, Concerns with the E-rate Program," while highlighting abuse, fraud and waste, more than anything else demonstrates the overall success and need of the program. Waste, fraud and abuse have been very, very limited. The E-rate program is still much needed by schools and libraries; the vast majority of which administer the program in the manner in which it was intended.

Emergency Funding for Gulf State Libraries

On October 14, 2005, the FCC issued a formal order that disburses \$132 million to schools and libraries in the Gulf States affected by Hurricane Katrina. This disbursement is to be accomplished through an Emergency Service Plan.

As quoted from ALAWON, ALA's Washington Office newswire, these funds "... will be disbursed to those schools and libraries that universal service funds. The FCC will accomplish the disbursement through a funding shift that will re-open the application window for the 2005 funding year, and extend the application window for FY 2006, and give hurricane-related applications a higher priority. An estimated 600 schools and libraries will be eligible under the funding shift."

U.S. Patriot Act

On October 24, 2005, ALA issued a "thank you" to all who had contacted their U.S. Senate and House representatives asking that they support the Senate's version of the reauthorization bill for the U.S. Patriot Act. Twenty-five (25) Senators and one hundred sixty-three (163) House Members signed the "Dear Conferee" letters supporting the

Senate's version. Neither of Alabama's Senators were among the twenty-five Senators who signed on in support. However, ALA reports in the November 4, issue of ALAWON, that "Today, House-Senate negotiators dropped language that would restrict searches of library and bookstore records under the USA PATRIOT Act from the \$57.9 billion FY06 Commerce-Justice-Science spending bill.

Rep. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) had added the language protecting library records as an amendment to the House Science-State-Justice Subcommittee (SSJC) appropriations bill earlier this year. The Sanders amendment passed the House in June in a stunning 238-187 victory. The appropriations bill funds the Justice Department and

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Sanders' amendment proposed to bar the Department from using any of the appropriated money to search library and bookstore records under Section 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act. The bill had drawn a veto threat from the White House."

Continuing news on the Patriot Act, ALAWON reports in the November 8, issue that in the Sunday, November 6, Washington Post, an article written by Hope Yen "... shed(s) new light on provisions in the PATRIOT Act that authorize FBI agents to issue, with no judicial approval, demands for sensitive records. The power to issue National Security Letters was not included in the sunset clause of the PATRIOT Act and therefore ha(s) received limited attention so far from Members of Congress."

The Washington Post states that "... the FBI has been issuing 'more than 30,000 national security letters a year - a hundredfold increase over historic norms'" and "...that the FBI no longer destroys data collected through such sweeps, even if it is irrelevant to the investigation at hand. Instead ... the FBI has been ordered to keep the data, even when it is clear it is on innocent Americans." Additionally, the FBI has been ordered "...to develop 'data mining' technology to probe for hidden links among the people in its growing cache of electronic files."

ALA urged members to contact their representatives asking them "... to sunset National Security Letters until they can be brought under control." It is asking for a "sunset" recognizing that time likely does not now provide the means to craft the necessary stronger standards that would appropriately limit the frequent and broad use of NSLs. ALAWON explains that a National Security Letter (NSL) is "... literally a piece of paper signed by an FBI field supervisor ordering a bank, a credit agency, a telephone company or an ISP (i.e., a library that provides public access to the Internet) to turn over financial records, credit reports and Internet and telephone transactional records about anyone, even about people suspected of no wrongdoing. The FBI agent does not need to get approval from a judge, prosecutor or grand jury, and the recipient is permanently 'gagged' from telling its customers or anyone else about the government's snooping. Citizens never know that their personal information has been disclosed to the government."

In the November 10, issue of ALAWON, ALA provides the names of both Senate and House conferees who will come together to discuss and reconcile the differences between the Senate and House versions of the U.S. Patriot Act reauthorization legislation. Unlike the Senate version, the House version does not include reader privacy provisions. Alabama has two members

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of Congress involved in this process: Rep. Bachus and Sen. Sessions.

FCC Wiretapping Rule

As reported on several state listservs by Tim Dodge, AlaLA Legislative Development Committee Co-Chair, the American Council on Education and the American Library Association, plus a coalition of a number of other groups, have joined forces and filed an appeal in federal court to halt the implementation of new FCC regulations that could have significant and adverse financial impact on colleges, universities and libraries.

These regulations, it is felt, also raise serious privacy issues. On LibraryJournal.com, dated October 31, 2005, the latest news on this case is provided:

“The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) wants to extend

new regulations to universities and libraries that would force them to redesign their networks by July 2007 to enable law enforcement agencies to have remote access to their systems. In turn, the American Council on Education, representing universities, and the American Library Association (ALA), representing libraries, have gone to court. ALA joined a coalition of public interest and business groups, led by the Center for Democracy and Technology (CDT) asking a federal appeals court to overturn the FCC ruling. According to a CDT statement, ‘The civil liberties, privacy and high-tech industry advocates opposing the FCC ruling warn that it extends the wiretapping rules to technologies it was never intended to cover, imposes a burdensome government mandate on innovators and threatens the privacy rights of individuals who use the Internet and other new communications

technologies.’”

From ALA’s Office for Information Technology Policy (OITP), director Rick Weingarten shares that there is doubt as to whether the FCC even has the authority to implement such a rule. He’s quoted as saying that this is “... an unfunded mandate, basically a blank check, and it could cost a lot. The potential benefits are very little, so the public interest doesn’t support it.” There is concern that this could impact library consortial networks and require “... reengineer(ing) their entire network(s).”

Weingarten further states that, “(t)his is a major change in policy that, if executed, should be done legislatively, with hearings and all issues vetted in the political process, rather than by some regulatory agency.”

*Eric A. Kidwell
AACRL Legislative Liaison*

Welcome New Members!

Joël Godfrey, Administrative Assistant to the Director of the Library, Huntingdon College

Barbara Hightower, Library Instruction Coordinator, Auburn University Montgomery

Jean Epps, Library Media Specialist, Shelton State Community College

Sandra L. Henderson, Director of Library & Media Services, Lawson State Community College

Jim Blansett, Information Resources Librarian, University of Alabama Libraries (McClure Education Library)

Lanie Williamson, Serials Librarian, Samford University

Leigh Thompson, Instructional Services, University of North Alabama

Treasurer’s Report

On July 21, 2005, the balance in the AACRL bank account was \$5,276.47. Checks in the amount of \$76.38 (newsletter printing and postage), \$5.00 (workshop registration refund) and \$404.50 (Millenials workshop caterer bill) were issued for the period of July-October. Withdrawals total \$485.88.

Deposits of \$132.00 (dues) and \$960.00 (Millenials workshop) were made for the period of July-October. Deposits total \$1,092.00. The Millenials workshop expenses totaled \$404.50 and the workshop brought in \$960.00, for a profit of \$555.50. As of October 31, 2005, the balance in the AACRL bank account was \$5,862.95

Bethany Skaggs, AACRL Treasurer

A few reminders ...

If you haven’t already done so, **subscribe to the AACRL listserv**. It’s easy and simple to do. Just send the following message:

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to listserv@uabdpo.dpo.uab.edu. The listserv is a great way to keep abreast of current happenings with AACRL. It is also a useful current awareness tool as subscribers post items of interest to librarians.

Take a look at the enclosed **AACRL liaison list**. If you have any questions, contact Rosemary Arneson at arnesonr@montevallo.edu.

Remember to **check the date** above your name on the address label; this indicates when your **membership expires**.

The AACRL Web site is chock full of information, including links to relevant forms, awards, history, calendars, newsletters, minutes, bylaws and more. Go to: <http://www.samford.edu/groups/aacrl/>.

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SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOP
by
Dr. Ray English, Director of Libraries, Oberlin College

REGISTRATION FORM

****Sponsored by Alabama Association of College & Research Libraries (AACRL)****

**Monday, February 13, 2006
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
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Samford University
Birmingham, Alabama 35229**

Name: _____

Institution/Library: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Registration Fee: \$30

Amount Enclosed: _____

A lunch is included with the registration fee. Please indicate selection and any special instructions below. **Choose one of the following:**

_____ **Spinach Veggie Wrap** (homemade guacamole, spinach, sprouts, fresh mushrooms, baked Lays chips) **OR**

_____ **Turkey Wrap** (fat free turkey breast, homemade guacamole, diced tomatoes, sprouts, ranch dressing, baked Lays chips) **OR**

_____ **Philly Chick Wrap** (marinated chicken breast, sauteed onions, bell peppers, baked Lays chips)

Return registration form and check payable to AACRL by **February 6, 2006** to:

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Events/Workshops for more specifics, current information, online registration form, directions/map, etc.