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***From the President . . . .***

The ACRL 2011 National Conference theme, "A Declaration of Interdependence," reflects the idea that successful libraries must cooperate with each other and interconnect with their communities. This is also true for library organizations. In order to grow in membership and marketing, our AACRL executive board members have been proactively updating membership information. We appreciate Ms. Yingqi Tang, our Member-at-Large officer, for initiating a push to update membership. We would also like to thank Ms. Muriel Wells and Mr. Jason Battles for providing current membership material and updating the AACRL webpage. Without your participation, accurate information would not be available via our webpage.

I would also like to thank Ms. Lori Northrup and the Program Committee for working on our annual dinner and meeting which will take place during the week of April 19-22, 2011, in Orange Beach, Alabama. Detailed information will be available in our next newsletter. Organizing this event is not an easy task and all of your efforts are recognized and valuable in making this an informative, productive, and, most of all, fun, evening.

If you are a current member of the AACRL and would like to actively serve on a committee and you are not listed on the 2010 current roster, please email me at cvann@jsu.edu to be added. We would appreciate your support.

*Charlcie Pettway Vann  
AACRL President*

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**Join AACRL Today!**

Are you interested in promoting and serving academic libraries in Alabama? Are you seeking opportunities for professional engagement through involvement on the board? Do you want to be a member of a professional organization with low annual membership fees? Then Alabama ACRL is the best thing for you! AACRL membership is only \$10.00 a year or \$30.00 for three years.

AACRL offers workshops around the state and sessions at the annual Alabama Library Association Conference. Each year, AACRL sponsors a dinner meeting with a speaker during ALLA. In addition, AACRL publishes a quarterly newsletter and maintains a listserv to enhance communication between members.

Don't wait! Renew or join now and start receiving valuable member benefits. Membership forms and brochures can be found on the AACRL web site at <http://www.aacrl.org/membership/index.html>

*Yingqi Tang  
Member-at-Large/ACRL Chapter Liaison*

## Run for Office!

AACRL is seeking nominations for the positions of Vice-President / President-Elect and Treasurer. The term as Vice-President / President-Elect covers three years, one year as Vice-President, one year as President, and one year as Past-President. Duties of the Vice President/President-Elect are as follows:

The Vice-President / President-Elect shall serve as a chapter representative and attend the AACRL Chapters Council; in consultation with the President, prepare and report to the Executive Board of the local chapter proposed budgets of the upcoming year (the term as President); serve as Chair of the Program Committee; serve as Chair of the Continuing Education and Training Committee; preside, in the absence of the President, at all meetings of the chapter; and perform other duties as assigned by the President.

The term as Treasurer is two years and the duties include reporting to the chapter membership, at least annually, on the financial status of the chapter; maintaining necessary accounts with an accounting of all chapter monies; maintaining an active membership list; sending membership applications and renewals to the Member-at-Large; submitting end-of-year reimbursement reports to AACRL in accordance with its guidelines; filing necessary non-profit organization tax forms with the IRS; and performing other duties as assigned by the President.

If you are interested in serving in either of these positions, or know someone who is, please contact the chair of the nominating committee:

Rickey Best  
rbest@aum.edu

*Rickey Best  
AACRL Past President*

## AACRL Dinner at ALLA

Mark your calendars!

We'll see you at the beach for the AACRL annual business meeting and dinner!

April 20, 2011  
Orange Beach, AL

## Sue O. Medina Significant Contributions Award

AACRL is asking for nominations for the Sue O. Medina Significant Contributions Award. The award is open to all librarians, library faculty, paraprofessionals, other information professionals, or students enrolled in graduate library programs who work or reside in Alabama and who are associated with college, university, or research libraries. Additionally, this award may be presented to organizations, groups, vendors, or other individuals who have contributed something of significance within the state of Alabama in the area of college and research libraries. Individuals must be residents of Alabama. Accomplishment for which the person is being nominated must have occurred during residency.

Nominations should be submitted by January 15th to Rickey Best, Past-President (rbest@aum.edu). Please include a description of the accomplishments of the individual(s) you wish to nominate.

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## Project Accessible Libraries for All (ALFA)

Applications are now being accepted for Fall 2011 admission to The University of Alabama School of Library and Information Studies for eight full, competitive scholarships available for students interested in focusing their studies in the area of universal access.

The Project ALFA (Accessible Libraries for All) scholarships are made available through an IMLS grant awarded to Assistant Professor, Dr. Laurie Bonnici, to prepare students for working with clients facing physical access barriers. Universal access extends considerations of physical access beyond the ADA definition to include aging populations and persons with mild to moderate or temporary physical disabilities.

In addition to full tuition, ALFA Scholars will receive a laptop computer to support their studies as well as limited funds to travel to grant-related meetings and conferences. For more information and how to apply for an ALFA Scholarship you may visit <http://www.projectalfa.slis.ua.edu> or contact Project Manager, Muriel K. Wells, MLIS, at [mkwells@crimson.ua.edu](mailto:mkwells@crimson.ua.edu).

For more information on Project ALFA, see <http://www.projectalfa.slis.ua.edu> or check the QR Code below.

*Muriel Wells*




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### Treasurer's Report October 31, 2010

The account balance as of June 30, 2010 stood at \$5565.71. Since that time a deposit of \$30 has been made and 79 cents in interest has accrued. Disbursements of \$500 for the Legislative Day stipend and \$89 for the website hosting fee have been made. The account balance as of October 31, 2010 was \$5007.50.

*Muriel Wells*  
*AACRL Treasurer*

## News From the Membership

**Nancy Gray**, United States Sports Academy, retired December 17, 2010. She had been the librarian at USSA since 1997.

**Greg Tyler**, MLIS from the University of Alabama, has been hired to replace Nancy Gray at the Sports Academy. He is a former lawyer with a master's degree in public administration. In addition to his duties as the librarian, Greg will also be the editor of the *Sport Digest*. His email is [gtyler@ussa.edu](mailto:gtyler@ussa.edu)

**Ellen Wilson's** article, co-authored with Jeffrey Blankenship, was published in *The Southeastern Librarian*. Wilson, Ellen K., and Jeffrey M. Blankenship. "Integrating Information Literacy in an Upper-Division Writing Intensive Class." *The Southeastern Librarian* 58.3 (2010): 22-27.

**Ellen Wilson** was the 2010 recipient of the University of South Alabama University Library's Excellence in Librarianship Award for her superior work on the job and in the profession.

**Elizabeth Rugan**, MLIS from Louisiana State University, has recently joined the Reference Staff at the University of South Alabama University Library as Instruction and Reference Librarian. She is a former educator and holds an M.A. in English from Louisiana State University. In addition to her reference duties, Elizabeth will co-design and implement the information literacy instruction at the university.

Is the date on your label 12/10?  
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