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From the President ...

Congratulations to Vice President/President Elect Marcia Boosinger and her committee for the success of the AACRL Workshop "Active Learning as a Pedagogical Approach for Information Literacy" held in January at Samford University. Randy Hensley did a masterful job in leading the workshop, both in the material presented and in engaging attendees in participation (see page 2 for a review).

I anticipate an equally stimulating annual meeting with Mary Reichel, ACRL President, in conjunction with the Alabama Library Association Convention, Wednesday, April 10, 2002

in Huntsville. Dr. Reichel is an enthusiastic spokesperson for libraries. I hope you will plan to attend the annual program and business meeting. (see page 2 for details)

In addition to the annual dinner/program/business meeting, AACRL is sponsoring six best practices sessions from your Alabama Colleagues as part of the ALLA convention. (see below for details).

I have enjoyed serving as your president this year.

Jean Thomason
President

AACRL at ALLA Convention

We received an excellent response to the call for Best Practices to be presented at the Alabama Library Association annual convention. The presentations will take place throughout the day on Tuesday and Wednesday. The preliminary program is online at <http://allaonline.home.mindspring.com/convprog.htm>. The presentations cover a wide variety of topics:

Dr. Joseph S. Freedman, Alabama State University, presenting "Thinking Outside the Box: Some Ways to Actively Engage Students in Library Research Instruction"

Robert McDonald and Catherine Janik, Auburn University Libraries, presenting "Utilizing Descriptive Metadata & XML to Create a Subject Based Cross-Institutional Research Portal"

Jodi Poe and Kim Weatherford, Jacksonville State University, and Della Darby, Samford University, presenting "Adding Electronic Journal Titles to Your Online Catalog"

Audrey Powers, University of Montevallo, presenting "Database Evaluations: A Collaborative Approach"

Kathy Barone, University of Montevallo, Carla Waddell and Heather Watters, Samford University, Bret Heim, Spring Hill College, presenting "What We Learned, What We Implemented, and What Worked Best: A Follow-up to the AACRL Active Learning Workshop by Randy Hensley"

Sue Medina, NAAL, presenting "Group Licensing of Information Content Databases"

— Della Darby

Annual Dinner

The 2002 AACRL dinner and business meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 10, at the Wild-Flour Bistro, located at the corner of Holmes and Jordan Lane in Huntsville, close to the UAH campus. This is a locally owned and operated restaurant with outstanding food. To quote (excerpts) from a Huntsville Times restaurant review: "Sometimes you can go to a restaurant expecting to be impressed. And sometimes you can be disappointed. Not so at WildFlour bistro. Go expecting the best, and you're not likely to be wrong. The bistro blends a formal-yet-casual ambience. It is an upscale eatery with an emphasis on fine dining. Presentation of the food is impeccable. Delectable dishes look as good as they taste. WildFlour bistro uses only the freshest ingredients. The soup, bread and desserts are all house-made daily, which makes eating at WildFlour a true dining experience."

An informal reception, sponsored by the UAH Salmon Library, will be held at the Library prior to the dinner. Attendees may car-pool from the Library to the Wild-Flour Bistro – a necessity because the restaurant has extremely limited parking. The reception will be from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 6:30.

Dinner attendees will be able to select from a short menu at the restaurant. Entree choices will include tilapia (a white fish), beef ribeye steak, cappellini pasta with or without Italian sausage (diner's choice), and a vegetarian plate, plus soup or mixed green salad. Dessert will feature a variety of mini-cheesecakes. Three choices of wine will be available. The dinner will cost \$35 per person.

– Susan Herring, UAH

Program and Meeting

The speaker at the annual dinner will be 2001-2002 ACRL President, Mary Reichel, University Librarian and Carol Grotnes Belk Distinguished Professor at Appalachian State University (Boone, NC). Dr. Reichel has been an active member of ALA and ACRL since 1977. She has served on the ACRL Board and has chaired the Instruction Section, the Appointments and Nominations Committee and the President's Program Planning Committee. She also has served on the Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET) Board.

Prior to going to Appalachian State University in 1992, Dr. Reichel held positions at the University of Arizona (Tucson), Georgia State University (Atlanta), the State University of New York at Buffalo and the University of Nebraska at Omaha. She holds a Ph.D. in Higher Education from Georgia State University, an M.A. in Library Science from the University of Denver, and a B.A. in History from Grinnell College.

Dr. Reichel was awarded the Miriam Dudley Instruction Librarian Award from the Instruction Section of ACRL in 1999. Her ACRL Presidential theme is "ACRL: the Learning Community for Excellence in Academic Libraries." Her topic for our program will be "Scholarly Communication: Academic Libraries and the Web."

Reservations are due by April 1, 2002. Mail the enclosed form, with your check, to Mary Alice Fields.

– Marcia Boosinger
Vice President/President-Elect

Active Learning Workshop

Samford University Library hosted the AACRL / CUS workshop, "Active Learning as a Pedagogical Approach for Information Literacy" on January 23.

The 2002 Miriam Dudley Instruction Librarian of the Year, Randy Hensley, who hails from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, led the workshop, teaching new approaches to library instruction and inspiring creativity in the library classroom. Randy challenged us to think of teaching in a new light. He demonstrated effective active learning by having us draw on our own positive personal experience with active learning. In the same way, by engaging a student's personal experience, you can capture their interest and then use active learning to teach them information literacy. Beyond teaching, we learned ways for students to practice what was taught and how to evaluate if the students learned the objective. Participants evaluated their own instruction approaches, identified weaknesses, and developed changes in their approach. As small groups, we designed an instructional session that incorporated active learning and presented it to all participants. Collaboration is another part of the active learning process, so observers critiqued each group's design. Randy's charismatic presentation led us to use our own creativity to reach our library patrons through active learning.

To hear more about this workshop and how you can use active learning, attend the panel discussion, "What We Learned, What We Implemented, and What Worked Best," on Wednesday, April 10, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. during the ALLA convention in Huntsville.

– Heather Watters, Samford

Welcome to New Members

Delores Carlito
Reference Librarian
Mervyn Sterne Library
University of Alabama at Birmingham

Barbara Hedges
Reference Librarian
Rodgers Library for Science/
Engineering, University of Alabama

Genne Johnston
Circulation Librarian
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Jeff Luzius
Reference Librarian
Ralph Brown Draughon Library
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Pharmacy Librarian
School of Pharmacy
Samford University

Martha Shirley
Information Technology Librarian
Julia Tutwiler Library
University of West Alabama

Phyllis R. Tanner
Reference/ILL/Documents Librarian
Enterprise State Junior College

Linda Vaughan
Reference Librarian
Salmon Library
University of Alabama at Huntsville

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Reference Librarian
Houston Cole Library
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Reference/Documents Librarian
Samford University Library

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Samford University Library

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Reference Librarian
Ralph Brown Draughon Library
Auburn University

Rodney B. Wooten
Public Services Librarian
Gus Nichols Library
Faulkner University

ABA Finds Problems with UCITA

As some of you may have heard, the American Bar Association has recently announced their grave misgivings about the Uniform Computer Information Transaction Act, better known as UCITA.

In an article on the *ComputerWorld* web site (<http://www.computerworld.com>), it's reported that the ABA has found UCITA to be "extremely difficult to understand" and opponents of UCITA are seeing this latest report by the ABA as some of their strongest support to date - "This report validates the beliefs of the opposition that UCITA is still unworkable in its current form."

The need for a uniform law on licensing isn't at question by the ABA report, rather it's the current law as stated in UCITA that is the problem. The ABA committee that was charged with this latest review stated they found UCITA to be "a very complex statute that is daunting for even knowledgeable lawyers to understand and apply." As expected, supporters of UCITA disagree.

UCITA has been adopted in two states: Maryland and Virginia. Attempts have been made to adopt the law in other states, but have thus far failed. It has been recognized by one member of the ABA review committee that "... the ABA opposition will make passage of the law by other state legislatures impossible."

Miriam Nisbet, who serves as legislative counsel for ALA is quoted as stating that the ABA statement is a "'pretty good assessment' of UCITA's possible fate."

— Eric A. Kidwell
Legislative Liaison

News from the Membership

Dr. Stella Bentley, Dean, Auburn University Libraries, has accepted an appointment as Dean of Libraries, University of Kansas.

Delores Carlito, Reference Librarian, Sterne Library, University of Alabama at Birmingham, was appointed by the Network of Alabama Academic Libraries to edit a new version of its out-of-print Collection Assessment Manual (ED 290-462). Ms. Carlito will work with NAAL collection development and electronic resources librarians to update the manual with a special emphasis on incorporating electronic resources in a collection assessment.

Thanks to a grant from the J.L. Bedsole Foundation written by **Amy Prendergast**, **Kathy Jones**, and **Jim Norman**, the University of South Alabama University Library can now provide adaptive technologies to assist disabled library users to do research requiring internet access. **Tiffany Harris**, University Library Management Systems Specialist, and her assistant, **William Weaver**, set up the system.

The workstation has Dragon Naturally Speaking voice recognition software, a touch screen monitor, Zoomtext text enlargement and screen reader and Open Book print text reader software, a scanner, large key keyboard, and a track-ball mouse. It is available to students, faculty, and members of the community.

Mary Reichel, ACRL president, will speak at a luncheon sponsored by the College, University and Special Libraries Division of ALLA at the annual convention in Huntsville. Her topic will be "Academic Libraries as Learning Communities."

Report from ACRL Chapters Council

I attended the ACRL Meeting in New Orleans representing the Alabama Chapter. The Chapters Council heard reports from Mary Reichel, ACRL President, Helen H. Spalding, ACRL President-Elect, Mary Ellen Davis, ACRL Executive Director and Shannon Cary, ACRL Director of Re-

search and Special Initiatives. Mary Jane Petrowski, the new Senior Associate Executive Director was introduced. Reports centered on the changing role and responsibilities of libraries.

Lynne Bradley, Director, Office of Government Relations encouraged

attendance at the ACRL Legislative Luncheon May 6, 2002. (see <http://www.ala.org/washoff/legday.html>)

An invitation was extended to the 11th National Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina, April 10-13 with the theme "Learning to Make a Difference."

— Jean Thomason, President

Tax-Exempt Status Assured; Incorporation Complete

On November 9, 2001 an employee of the Alabama Department of Revenue sent AACRL Past-President Tim Dodge an e-mail message stating, "You are automatically exempt if you are exempt for Federal." Since the Internal Revenue Service had officially recognized AACRL as a tax-exempt Section 501 (c) (6) organization on September 17, the lengthy process of incorporation was now complete.

For a more detailed history of the incorporation of AACRL, I suggest readers consult issues of the *Newsletter* from 1998 onward. I will briefly summarize key events here. Several years ago the (national) ACRL decided to require all 42 state and regional chapters to either merge with their state library association or incorporate separately. The reason for this was ultimately to protect ACRL from any potential lawsuits incurred by a state or regional chapter. Starting in 1998, AACRL Past-President Katy Ginanni and President Craig Beard began to investigate the issue and survey the membership as to which course of action should be

taken. The membership attending the April 1999 annual business meeting voted in favor of incorporation and thus remaining an independent association not affiliated with the Alabama Library Association.

Later that year, the membership was solicited to vote again on incorporation because it was determined that the AACRL Executive Board had no real authority to offer affiliation (i. e., merging) with the Alabama Library Association and that the Alabama Library Association's CUS (College, University, and Special Libraries) division more or less made another similar division redundant. The membership was now given the choice of voting for the incorporation or the dissolution of AACRL. The vote was for incorporation. At this stage, Past-President Craig Beard formed a committee to investigate the actual process of incorporation.

With the deadline of December 31, 2000 set by the national ACRL, the process of incorporation coincided with the term of AACRL President Tim Dodge. This task was accomplished with the aid of a committee and

AACRL met the national deadline by being incorporated as a non-profit organization with the State of Alabama on October 23, 2000. Again, with the aid of a committee, Past-President Tim Dodge was able to register AACRL as a tax-exempt organization, first with the IRS (September 17, 2001) and then with the Alabama Department of Revenue (November 9, 2001).

The above account is a simplified version of the events. The names of many helpful committee members and others in AACRL who assisted with this process have not been listed here but I would like to thank them all. Just a few of the people who deserve special thanks include Past-Presidents Katy Ginanni, Craig Beard, and Pat Henderson; President Jean Thomason, and Past-Treasurer Susan Herring. While my name has been prominently associated with the incorporation of AACRL over the past couple of years, I would not have been able to do all of this work on my own. I am glad it is over.

— Tim Dodge
Past-President

28th Annual National Library Legislative Day, May 6 & 7, 2002

ALA's National Library Legislative Day will be held in Washington D. C. on May 6 & 7 this year. May 6 will be a briefing day used to prepare participants for visiting their legislative representatives on the 7th. A reception will close out the two-day event the evening of the 7th. A pre-conference is also scheduled this year (May 4 & 5) and will be held at the Winterthur estate in Delaware.

Further information on Legisla-

tive Day, the pre-conference, hotel and registration information can be found on the ALA Washington Office's web page at <http://www.ala.org/washoff/legislativeDay.html>. In recent years, national ACRL has encouraged a greater presence at Legislative Day by academic and research librarians. It's recognized that while certain issues cut across all types of libraries, there are issues which directly impact academic and research

libraries, and who better to speak to these issues with congressional representatives and their staffs than academic and research librarians.

If you plan to attend Legislative Day this year, please notify AACRL's legislative liaison, Eric A. Kidwell, so ACRL can be notified of your presence at this year's event. In the past, ACRL has hosted a special luncheon for academic/research librarians.

— Eric A. Kidwell
Legislative Liaison

AACRL Candidate Biographical Information

Vice-President/President Elect

Rosemary H. Arneson

Director of Carmichael Library, University of Montevallo, 1999—

Education:

A.B.J., University of Georgia; MLn., Emory University

Professional Memberships:

ALA Activities: ALA Awards Committee, 1990-1994; Chair of Scholarship Subcommittee, 1992-1993; JMRT, 1982-1990. Chaired Committee on Governance, Scholarship Committee, and Handbook Committee, and coordinated name change to NMRT.

ALA Divisions: ACRL, College Libraries Section, Co-Chair of Ad Hoc Committee on Status of College Librarians and Staff, 2001-2003; Communications Committee, 1998-2002. LAMA, Membership Committee, 1988-1992; Orientation Committee, 1992-1994, Chair, 1993-1994; Mentorship Program Review Task Force chair, 1993-1994.

Network of Alabama Academic Libraries, Planning and Budget Committee, 2000-2002; Serials Committee Chair, 2000-2002; Nominating Committee, 2001-2002. Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries.

Patty A. Pilkerton

Authorities Librarian, Mervyn H. Sterne Library, University of Alabama at Birmingham, 1988—

Education: BS in Education, University of Montevallo; MS in Education, UAB; MLS, University of Alabama.

Professional Memberships:

Alabama Library Association: President, Scholarship and Loan Board, Inc. and Member, Continuing Education Committee.

Southeastern Library Association: Chair, Preservation Roundtable and Member, Southern Books Competition Committee.

Network of Alabama Academic Libraries: Member, Digitizing Content Task Force.

Secretary

Nancy Noe

Reference Librarian, and English and Women's Studies Liaison, Ralph Brown Draughon Library, Auburn University, 2000—

Education: BA in History, University of Louisville; MSLS, University of Kentucky

Professional Memberships:

Alabama Library Association: ACRL Women's Studies Section, Instruction Committee and ACRL Literatures in English Section; Southeastern Library Association: Reference and Adult Services Section, Secretary/Treasurer; Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries; Alabama Library Association: Reference and Adult Services Roundtable, Moderator

Kim Weatherford

Senior Catalog Librarian, Assistant Professor, Houston Cole Library, Jacksonville State University, 1998—

Education: BA, Auburn University; MSLS, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Professional Memberships:

Current: Alabama Library Association: CUS Division, Secretary, 2001-2002; TSSRT, Treasurer, 2001-2002; Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries.

Member-at-Large/ ACRL Chapter Liaison

Kathy Barone

Reference and Instruction Librarian, Carmichael Library, University of Montevallo, 1992—

Education: BA, Ohio State University; MLS, University of Alabama

Professional Memberships:

Association of College and Research Libraries: attended first ACRL Information Literacy Immersion Program (1999)

Alabama Library Association: Chair of CUS Division; Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries.

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Librarian III, Associate Professor, Reference, Bibliographic Instruction & Interlibrary Loan Services, Houghton Memorial Library, Huntingdon College, 1989—

Education: BS, English, University of Wisconsin - Madison; MLS, University of Wisconsin - Madison

Professional Memberships:

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Are You Overdue?

Look at the upper right hand corner of the mailing label on this newsletter – if it reads EX: 12/01 or EX: 12/02, your membership in AACRL either has already expired or will expire at the end of this year. This is a good time to send in your renewal. Use the membership form on the AACRL web site:

<http://www.samford.edu/groups/aacrl/memb.pdf> to update your membership data. To save time and effort, renew for three years!

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AACRL Annual Dinner and Business Meeting

Wednesday, April 10, 2002

Speaker: ACRL President, Mary Reichel, University Librarian
and Carol Grotnes Belk Distinguished Professor at Appalachian State University (Boone, NC).

Special Reception at M. Louis Salmon Library, University of Alabama in Huntsville
301 Sparkman Drive NW Huntsville, AL (see the star on the map)
5:00 to 6:00 PM

Directions to the Library from downtown: From University Dr., Hwy 72

From the east (Signs on road to mark entrance to UAH) : On University, past Jordan and then Henderson, turn left at Putman Dr. Stay in the left lane as the road becomes one way. Follow the left lane into a turn past Morton Hall (building with columns). Move to the center or right lane, and park in the lot on the left or right. Facing the University Center (white building), the library is the large red brick building to the left of the UC. Walk to the south side for entrance.

Dinner at the **WildFlour Bistro**, on the corner of Holmes and Jordan (See the X on the map)

