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From the President ...

As usual, all of your AACRL Executive Board officers have been hard at work.

Vice-President/President Elect Debbie Grimes made arrangements for our upcoming Annual Business/Dinner Meeting on Wednesday, April 21, at the Silver Spoon a la Carte Café in Montgomery. Dr. Fred M. Heath, Vice Provost and director of general libraries at The University of Texas at Austin, will be the keynote speaker. His presentation is entitled "The Academic Library in a Digital World: Problems and Possibilities."

Newsletter Editor Della Darby and Secretary Kim Weatherford coordinated the AACRL "Best Practices" sessions which will again be a part of the Alabama Library Association program.

Past President Marcia Boosinger has recruited an excellent slate of candidates for elections to be held in spring 2004. The new officers will be installed at the annual business meeting in April.

Beth Ashmore has done an outstanding job of maintaining, updating, and just generally staying on top of the AACRL website. Information about upcoming events, as well as an archive of past newsletters, workshops, and minutes are available and easy to reference.

Treasurer Kate Ragsdale is gearing up to take your dinner reservations and membership dues as quickly as you can get them in the post to her. She has also done a lot of work on getting the membership records up to date.

AACRL will again sponsor a Scholarship to attend National Library Legislative Day in Washington in May. Eric Kidwell continues to keep us apprised of the legislative initiatives and issues which continue to affect libraries.

As you can see, all of the AACRL Executive Board officers have worked very hard this year. And all I had to do was write this final column. Thanks to all members of AACRL who have contributed their time and efforts this year, and every year.

Patty Pilkerton

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Robert A. Buchanan

Reference/Physical Sciences Librarian, Auburn University

Mary Ann Putt

Cataloging Librarian, Jones School of Law

Bethany Latham Skaggs

Government Documents/Electronic Resources Librarian, Jacksonville State University

Annual Dinner Meeting and Program

AACRL will hold its annual dinner meeting on Wednesday, April 21, at the Silver Spoon a la Carte Café in Montgomery. In addition to a brief business meeting, Dr. Fred M. Heath, vice provost and director of general libraries at The University of Texas at Austin, will be the keynote speaker. His presentation is entitled "The Academic Library in a Digital World: Problems and Possibilities."

Prior to moving to UTA in 2003, Heath served as dean of libraries at Texas A&M for ten years. Heath, who also was appointed professor in the School of Information at The University of Texas at Austin, holds the Sterling C. Evans Endowed Chair at Texas A&M. He was director of libraries at Texas Christian University from 1987 to 1993 and from 1980-87 was dean of library services at the University of North Alabama.

Heath is president of the Association of Research Libraries and is convener of the Texas A&M University Council of Deans. He was president of the Big 12 Plus Library Consortium in 1998-99 and president of the Texas Council of State University Librarians in 1998-2000.

Heath received his doctor's degree in education at Virginia Polytechnic Insti-

tute and State University, his master's degree in library science from Florida State University, his master of arts degree with emphasis in Russian history from University of Virginia and his bachelor of arts degree from Tulane University. Heath will also be the speaker at the ALLA/CUS breakfast on April 22.

The AACRL dinner meeting will be held at the Silver Spoon a la Carte Café in Montgomery on Wednesday, April 21, at 7:00 p.m. Appetizers and Blossom Tea will be served as guests arrive and mingle at 7:00 p.m., with dinner being served at 7:30 p.m.

According to APT's "Gridiron Gourmet," Leslie Bailey, owner of the Silver Spoon, is Alabama's "five star" chef: "Leslie's cooking style demands for the experience to be simple, delicious, and above all fun. . . ."

Bailey owns Silver Spoon Caterers and the restaurant Silver Spoon a la Carte, both in Montgomery, Alabama. She also hosts a weekly segment entitled What's Cooking with Leslie? on the local NBC affiliate's 5:00 PM newscast. She has also hosted two Alabama Public Television cooking marathons, Desserts Southern Style and Casseroles Southern Style, and has been a Montgomery, Alabama

radio personality for more than 21 years. In 1994, Bailey received a Special Achievement Award from the US Small Business Administration, and in 1993 received an Emerging Award from the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce. That same year, she was named National Small Business of the Year. Bailey also serves on the boards of Montgomery AIDS Outreach, the Janis Capilouto Center for the Deaf, the Alabama Restaurant Association, the Montgomery YMCA, and FAME, the support organization for Booker T. Washington Magnet School for the Performing Arts Board Member. Her numerous community theatre performances include Godspell, Carousel, Showboat and Man of LaMancha.

<http://www.silverspooncafe.com/>

Those interested in attending must complete the reservations form in this newsletter or online at <http://www.samford.edu/groups/aacrl/annual.htm> by April 12. The cost of the program will be \$40.00, which will include a five-course gourmet dinner (see menu below). A vegetarian alternative will be provided upon request (on the reservation form).

— Debbie Grimes
Vice President/President Elect

PRIMARY MENU

Toasted ravioli in marinara sauce
Shrimp and corn chowder

Fruited spinach salad with mandarin oranges, strawberries, croutons, and poppy seed dressing
Chicken Extraordinaire (chicken breast stuffed with herbed cream cheese, wrapped in bacon)

Wild rice medley
Southern green beans

Yeast rolls

Chocolate chip pecan pie with Kahlua cream

VEGETARIAN ALTERNATIVE:

Substitute Cheesy vegetable lasagna for Chicken Extraordinaire

Location:

The Silver Spoon is located in a bistro-type facility at 222 North McDonough Street, approximately 0.6 miles from the Embassy Suites Hotel in downtown Montgomery. The Embassy Suites Hotel is the convention hotel for the Alabama Library Association 2004 Convention, which is scheduled for April 20-23.

Directions: From Embassy Suites at 300 Tallapoosa Street, go 0.2 mi. to Commerce Street. Bear right onto West Jefferson Street for 0.1 mi. Continue on East Jefferson Street for 0.2 mi. and turn right onto McDonough Street. The Silver Spoon is located at 222 North McDonough Street.

Legislative Report

First, some good news: As some may have heard, last fall President Bush signed H.R. 13 into law, which is the reauthorization of funding for the Museum and Library Services Act (Public Law 108-81). Providing an authorization level for funding at \$232 million, ALA states that "(i)f funding is achieved at that level, the new formula distribution would take place and the base amount given to each state would double. Since the formula was first set in 1971, this change would help small states, while holding harmless large states."

As part of the President's 2005 fiscal budget proposal, \$220 million has been earmarked for the Library Program at the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS), which if it remains would result in an 11% increase. Included in the \$220 million proposal is \$23 million for the *Librarians for the 21st Century* program, an increase of \$3 million for this program. For information on this program, see the December 9, 2003, issue of ALAWON at: <http://www.ala.org/ala/washoff/washnews/20034/104dec09.htm>.

For those of you involved in distance learning programs at your institutions, ALA in November issued a new statement on fair use and electronic reserves. In reaction to confusion over the Technology, Education and Copyright Harmonization (TEACH) Act of 2002, several library organizations, include ACRL, ARL, SLA, and the law and medial library associations (AALA and MLA) have endorsed this new statement, which can be found at:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/washoff/WOissues/copyrightb/distanceed/majorcopyright.htm>.
Testimony and members' remarks are not yet listed on the page, but as soon as they are released, ALA promises to post them at: [ala.org/patriotfix](http://www.ala.org/patriotfix).

Lastly, in November the Senate Judiciary Committee held a hearing titled "America after 9/11: Freedom Preserved or Freedom Lost?" The USA Patriot Act, as one would expect, was a primary focus of the hearing. For a list of those outside Congress who participated, refer to the November 19, 2003, issue of ALAWON at: <http://www.ala.org/ala/washoff/washnews/20034/98nov19.htm>.

— Eric A. Kidwell
Legislative Liaison



National Library Legislative Day

The 30th Annual National Library Legislative Day is scheduled for May 3 - 4, 2004, in Washington D.C., a week earlier than last year. The official hotel for Legislative Day is the Holiday Inn on the Hill at 415 New Jersey Ave., N.W. (Washington, D.C. 20001 phone: 202-638-1616 or 800-638-1116). Room reservations can now be made and should be made by March 31, to receive the special rate of \$192.00 (single/double occupancy). To receive this special rate, registrants should mention that it is for ALA's National Legislative Day Event.

Traditionally, Legislative Day - or Leg Day as it is commonly known in the library world - has been attended primarily by public and school librarians. ACRL continues its work to increase representation from the academic and research library field. To assist ACRL in this effort, your Alabama chapter of ACRL is offering a stipend to help support an Alabama academic/research librarian in attending the 2004 Legislative Day. To be eligible the librarian chosen must be a member of AACRL and be willing to share his or her experience with the membership through a column in the AACRL newsletter. The amount of the stipend is \$500.

If you are interested, send your name and contact information (e-mail is fine) to Eric A. Kidwell, AACRL Liaison, at ekidwell@huntingdon.edu. The deadline for expressing your interest is March 12.

For further information about National Legislative Day, including ALA orientation activities, refer to the ALA Washington Office's website at <http://www.ala.org/washoff/legislativeday.html>. You can also read up on the current legislative issues of interest to academic and research librarians by going to the ACRL website "Washington Watch" at <http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlissues/washingtonwatch/washingtonwatch.htm>. ACRL will continue to sponsor a luncheon for academic and research librarians, and attendees are encouraged to contact Shannon Cary at scary@ala.org.



— Eric A. Kidwell
Legislative Liaison

News From the Membership

Beth Ashmore of Samford University Library published an article, with LaDonne Delgado, in *The Serials Librarian* (Vol. 44, no. 3) entitled "Selected List of Periodicals on the Great Plains and Its Culture". Ms. Ashmore is also the incoming chair of the ALA ACRL Instruction Section's Teaching Methods Committee. The committee regularly hosts a brainstorming session on teaching techniques and topics at the Midwinter and Annual meetings. The committee also hosts a website about textbooks on Information Literacy as well as other resources for instruction librarians. <http://www.ala.org/ala/acrlbucket/is/iscommittees/webpages/teachingmethods/teachingmethods.htm>

Tim Dodge of Auburn University Libraries is teaching LS 513 "Introduction to Government Publications" for the School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alabama, during the Spring 2004 semester as an adjunct faculty member via distance education technology. The course is being taught from Auburn University on Tuesday nights with students attending sites located in Auburn, Tuscaloosa and Birmingham.

Sheri Downer, Interim Dean of Auburn University Libraries was elected Chair of the Network of Alabama Academic Libraries (NAAL) at the recent annual meeting held in Montgomery, Alabama.

Jacksonville State University librarians **John-Bauer Graham**, **Jodi Poe**, and **Kimberly Weatherford** published an article in *Technical Services Quarterly* (Vol. 21, no. 2) entitled "Functional by Design: A Comparative Study to Determine the Usability and Functionality of One Library's Web Site". Mr. Graham also published an article in *The Alabama Librarian* (Vol. 54, no. 1) entitled "What's in a Name? Faculty Status, Tenure, and Promotion in Academic Libraries."

Ms. Bethany Skaggs was recently hired as the Electronic Resources/Documents Librarian at Jacksonville State University. She received her B.A. from JSU in 2001 and her M.L.I.S. from the University of Alabama in 2003. She was previously employed as a circulation clerk and reference assistant at Gadsden Public Library and as Government Documents Assistant at Jacksonville State University.

University Libraries at The University of Alabama has opened a leading edge, digital media production center for students on the second floor in Gorgas Library. As an open resource for the University's students at large, the Lillie Florence Jones Sanford Media Resource and Design Center, also known as THE R&D, provides students with collaborative and interdisciplinary learning opportunities.

With the Sanford Center's computers, audio-visual hardware, software, and instruction, students will have the experience of becoming producers and authors of multimedia content. Resources in THE R&D will allow students to work in graphic design, Web design, remote file transfer, page layout, video editing, DVD authoring, audio recording, musical composing, CD authoring, and file format conversions.

For more information about THE R&D, contact Dickie Cox, Media Services Coordinator, at (205) 348-4674 or rccox@bama.ua.edu. Online information is available at <http://www.lib.ua.edu/randd/>.

AACRL at ALLA

AACRL and CUS are sponsoring three Best Practices programs at the Alabama Library Association Annual Convention in Montgomery in April. Please plan to attend these informative programs. The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, April 21

1:00–2:00 "Taking the 'Cat' Out of the Cataloging Department"

Dana M. Caudle; Cataloger, Auburn University

2:00–3:00 "Yes, We Deliver"

Jeff Luzius; Document Delivery Services Librarian; Auburn University

Thursday, April 22

1:00–2:00 "Collection Assessment for Curriculum Development"

Judith F. Burnham, Assistant Director for Administrative and Regional Services, University of South Alabama, Biomedical Library

Dr. Tom Humphrey, Director of Cain Learning Resource Center, Ayers Campus of Gadsden State Community College

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

Sonja McAbee, Head of Library Services, Jacksonville State University

Treasurer's Report

On November 17, 2003 the balance in the AACRL bank account was \$6,418.48.

Since that time checks for \$77.42 (newsletter) and \$100.00 (deposit to Silver Spoon Caterers & Café, annual AACRL dinner) have been issued. Total expenses were \$177.42.

Deposits of \$40.00 (workshop registration), \$270.00 (membership dues), and \$1.67 (interest) were made to the account. Deposits totaled \$311.67.

As of February 15, 2004 the balance in the AACRL bank account is \$6,556.73.

— Kate W. Ragsdale
February 15, 2004

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Jennifer M. Long

Reference Librarian for Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Mervyn H. Sterne Library, University of Alabama at Birmingham, 1997 –

Education:

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B.S. in Computer Science, Bowling Green State University

Professional Memberships/Activities:

American Library Association; Alabama Library Association; Rho Chapter of Beta Phi Mu.

Association of College and Research Libraries: Science and Technology Section, 2005 Program Planning Committee, 2004-2005; College Libraries Section, Membership Committee, 2003-2005

Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries: Secretary, 2000-2002; Program Planning Committee, 1999-2000

Brenda G. Turner

Director of Libraries, Faulkner University, 1993 –

Education:

M.L.S., Indiana University; B.S., Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Rio Grande; Doctoral Candidate, Florida State University.

Professional Memberships:

American Library Association; Association of College and Research Libraries; Library Administration and Management; Alabama Library Association (ALLA); Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries (AACRL); Association of Christian Librarians; Christian College Librarians (CCL).

Professional Activities:

ALLA: Chair, Public Relations, 1998-2000; Centennial Committee, 1999-2001; CUS Publications Committee, 1999-2004; CUS Public Relations, 1997-1999; Chair, Public Relations Planning Committee, 1995. AACRL: Secretary and Newsletter Editor, 1995-1997. CCL: President-Elect, 2000-2002; President, 2002-2004.

Secretary

Bob Buchanan

Physical Sciences Reference Librarian, Ralph Brown Draughton Library, Auburn University, 2003 –

Education:

B.S. in Chemistry, University of Washington; Ph.D. in Chemistry, University of Wisconsin Madison; M.L.S., State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo.

Professional Memberships/Activities: American Library Association; Association of College and Research Libraries.

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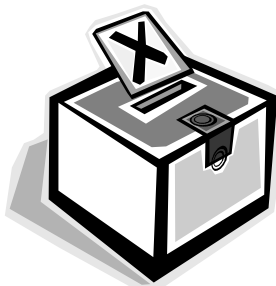
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Professional Memberships/Activities: American Library Association; Association of College and Research Libraries; Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries.

Alabama Library Association: College, University, and Special Libraries Division: Member-at-Large for Projects 2001-2003; Member-at-Large for Programs 2003-2005; Ad-Hoc Centennial Papers Committee



Read the candidates' complete curriculum vitae on the AACRL website: <http://www.samford.edu/groups/aacrl/aacrl.htm>

Member at Large/ACRL Liaison

Rosemary Arneson

Director of Libraries, University of Montevallo, 1999 – present

Education:

MLn, Emory University; ABJ in Television, University of Georgia; ACRL/Harvard Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians

Professional Memberships/Activities: American Library Association: ALA Awards Committee 1990-94, Intern 1989-90, Scholarship Subcommittee Chair 1992-93.

Association of College and Research Libraries 1985–, Poster Session Selection Committee 2003, College Library Section Communications Committee 1998–2002, Task Force on the Status of College Librarians and Staff, Chair 2001–2002.

Library Administration and Management Association 1986-1994, Membership Committee 1988-92, Coordinator of Mentorship Program 1990-91, Orientation Committee 1992-94, Chair 1993-94, Mentor Program Review Task Force Chair 1993-94.

Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries 1999– Alabama Library Association 1999–, Awards and Citations Committee 2003–2004, Chair 2004–2005.

Network of Alabama Academic Libraries Serials Committee Chair 2001-2003.

Jeanette Barnes Lessels

Access Services Librarian, Auburn University at Montgomery, 2002–

Education:

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Network of Alabama Academic Librarians: Resource Sharing Committee.

Is the date on your label 12/03? Renew with your annual meeting registration. Use the form at <http://www.samford.edu/groups/aacrl/memb.htm>



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