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

The AACRL Annual meeting and dinner will take place April 20, 2011, at 6:30pm at Lester's Restaurant in Orange Beach, AL. All AACRL members are welcome to attend. Please consider attending the annual meeting and dinner. Let's talk about AACRL and how it can help librarians and how librarians can expand AACRL's services.

President-Elect Lori Northrup has done an outstanding job in arranging our annual meeting. If you are not a member, we encourage you to become a member of the organization. Forms can be found at <http://www.aacrl.org/membership/index.html>.

There are also national opportunities for continuing literacy education which can be helpful to the careers of librarians of all fields. You will find a list of numerous online seminars at <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/events/elearning/index.cfm>.

The University of Alabama's Information Services Librarian Lisa Campbell has been awarded a Librarian Scholarship. Congratulations to her and all of the ACRL 2011 scholarship recipients! Next year may be the year that your name will appear on the Scholarship List.

**SAVE THE DATE!** National Library Legislative Day 2011, May 9-10, is at the Liaison Hotel in Washington, D.C.

*Charlcie Pettway Vann  
AACRL President*

**Treasurer's Report  
January 31, 2011**

The account balance as of October 31, 2010 was \$5007.50. Since that date deposits totaling \$270 have been made and 59 cents in interest has accrued.

No disbursements have been made. The account balance as of January 31, 2011 was \$5278.09.

*Muriel K. Wells  
AACRL Treasurer*

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## Legislative News

### Stipend Available for 2011 National Library Legislative Day

AACRL offers two \$500 stipends to assist in sending Alabama academic and research librarians to ALA's National Library Legislative Day. This year's Legislative Day will be held May 9 & 10 in Washington D.C.

Recipients of the stipends will attend Legislative Day as members of the Alabama delegation and will spend time visiting the offices of Alabama's congressional representatives. Upon return, recipients will write a column for the AACRL newsletter sharing their experiences.

If you are interested in being considered for one of the two stipends, please contact Eric A. Kidwell (ekidwell@huntingdon.edu) by Friday, April 8. A brief statement discussing your interest is requested. You can learn more about Legislative Day from ALA's web site: <http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/advocacy/nlld/index.cfm>.

### Legislative News

*The Federal Budget and Libraries:* ALA's LegNet reported on February 17 that due to a grassroots effort by the library community, Amendment 35 to H.R. 1 (the Continuing Resolution to the FY2011 budget) was defeated. U.S. Rep. Scott Garrett (R-NJ-5) had introduced the amendment in an effort to eliminate all funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), which included funding for the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), the primary source of federal dollars to libraries. However, Rep. Garrett communicated to ALA that he would no longer press the amendment for a vote. After passing H.R. 1, the budget moves to the Senate where it may make amendments and then vote on the 2011 budget bill. ALA cautions that vigilance is still needed to ensure adequate funding

for the IMLS and the LSTA, and the library community must remain aware of developments as the Senate addresses the budget bill.

As for the 2012 budget proposed by President Obama, LSTA would see a funding cut of \$20 million and a consolidation of the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries program with other literacy initiatives within the U.S. Department of Education. ALA is encouraging members of the library community to call their congressional representatives and advocate for library funding.

*FISA and Libraries:* ALA has also sought support for an amendment that would "prohibit use of funds for making application under FISA for an order requiring the production of library circulation records, library patron lists, book sales records, or book customer lists." ALA sees the goal of this amendment as protecting individual privacy and reading records from "inappropriate access by law enforcement." This amendment has had bipartisan support. According to THOMAS, H.AMDT.97 to H.R. 1 failed by a recorded vote of 196 – 231. H.R. 514, the FISA Sunsets Extension Act of 2011 was passed and on February 25, was signed by the President.

To keep current on federal legislation that affects libraries, you can check the web site of ALA's Washington Office and use LC's THOMAS web site.

*Eric A. Kidwell  
AACRL Legislative Liaison*

## Legislative Day Stipends

The American Library Association's National Library Legislative Day will be held May 9th and 10th at the Liaison Hotel in Washington, D.C. Tuesday, May 10th, will consist of visits to our legislative delegation on Capitol Hill. For information regarding "Leg Day", and information on registering, check the ALA website at <http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/advocacy/nlld/index.cfm>. The ALA has a block reserved at the Liaison Hotel, and the block is listed under American Library Association 2011. You may make reservations by phone (1-866-AFFINIA) or online (<https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Hotel=19828&Chain=5158&group=AMERL>).

Registration for Advocacy Day (a nominal fee) remains and the official state coordinator will work to schedule appointments with congressional offices. Therefore, it is important for us to know who among Alabama's academic and research libraries will be attending. The hope by ALA is that holding "Leg Day" in conjunction with Annual Conference will increase the number of library advocates participating.

Certainly, it is the hope of ACRL that this will increase the number of advocates from academic/research libraries, as this segment of the profession has historically been underrepresented. To this end our state chapter of ACRL will fund two stipends of \$500 to assist an AACRL member in attending Legislative Day.

To apply one must be an ACRL Legislative Advocate (if you are not currently an Advocate, you can apply to become one and at the same time apply for a travel grant). Check the ACRL web site at <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/issues/washingtonwatch/nlldtravelgrants.cfm> for information. Applications should be made before the end of March as notification of awards will be made on April 15th.

If you are interested in applying for our state chapter stipend, please contact Eric Kidwell (ekidwell@huntingdon.edu) by April 8. If you plan to attend Advocacy Day, regardless of the stipend, we would like to know by this date as well so we can provide our Alabama state coordinator with a list. When planning visits to congressional offices, it makes a difference if your state delegation numbers at 4 or 34.

*Rickey Best  
AACRL Past-  
President*

*Eric Kidwell  
AACRL Legislative  
Liaison*

## Annual Business Meeting Information

Join us for our annual business meeting and dinner, Wednesday, April 20, 2011! We'll be meeting at 6:30 p.m. for dinner and conversation at Lester's Restaurant, 24821 Canal Road, Orange Beach, AL 36561.

I asked Alan Bryant at Lester's to tell us a little about the restaurant: "Lester's is family owned and operated and has been an Orange Beach favorite since 2003. Our specialties include hand cut steaks, creamy, flavorful pastas and of course...seafood. The choices from the Gulf are many, so no matter your seafood preference; we have you covered. Additional options for the land lovers range from slow cooked baby back ribs to chicken prepared any way you like." Since we're enjoying a buffet, we'll be unable to sample all of Lester's specialties, but we'll get a good variety and enjoy some great hospitality.

Our speaker will be University of Georgia librarian Nadine Cohen. She will be speaking about the K-16 information literacy efforts in her state. Ms. Cohen has been a librarian for 17 years, all of it spent at the University of Georgia as the reference and instruction librarian for the College of Education. Her undergraduate degree is in Political Science; her Masters degrees are in African Studies and in Library and Information Science, both from UCLA. For the last six years she has had the pleasure of collaborating on various information literacy projects with K-12 media specialists and public librarians in the greater Athens area, and she looks forward to sharing the highs and lows of those experiences with AACRL. She says, "The road to K-16 information literacy is long and sometimes bumpy, but well worth the trip."

*Lori Northrup  
Vice-President /President Elect  
AACRL*

## AACRL and CUS Announce Convention Programs

In partnering with the College & University Libraries Section of the Alabama Library Association, the Alabama Association of College & Research Libraries is pleased to announce the following "Best Practices" programs which will take place at this year's convention in Orange Beach, Alabama.

### Wednesday, April 20.

AACRL and CUS will present the Best Practices Program:

2:15pm - 3:15pm: "Weeding the Reference Collection is not for Cowards." Tony Garrett, Head of Reference for the Troy University Library.

### Thursday, April 21.

AACRL and CUS will present the following Best Practices programs:

8:30am - 9:30 am: Rickey Best, Collection Development Librarian at Auburn University at Montgomery will present a session on "Using WorldCat Collection Analysis in a Consortial Environment."

10:00 am -11:00 am: Erin Boyd, Cataloging Librarian (Troy University Montgomery), Ruth Elder, Cataloging Librarian (Troy University), Olga Knyaz, Technical Services Librarian (Troy University Dothan), and Jana Slay, Head of Technical Services (Troy University), will present a session on "Best Practices for Collaboration in Technical Services and How to Encourage Collaboration Throughout the Library."

Additional programs which may be of interest to AACRL members include the *CUS Research Forum* from 5:30 pm until 6:30 pm Wednesday, April 20th, and the *CUS Breakfast meeting* from 8:00 am until 10:00 am Thursday, April 21st.

Last, but not least, don't forget the AACRL Annual Business Meeting. The meeting will be held at Lester's Restaurant, 24821 Canal Road, Orange Beach, AL 36561. The phone number for Lester's is (251) 974-2525.

The members of the Executive Board of AACRL look forward to greeting and meeting with you in Orange Beach.

*Rickey Best  
AACRL Past -President*

## Sue O. Medina Significant Contributions Award

The 2011 Sue O. Medina Significant Contributions Award will be presented at the annual Business Meeting and Dinner on April 20 in Orange Beach to Glenn Anderson, Assistant Dean for Collection Development (retired), Auburn University Libraries. Glenn will not be able to attend, so the award will be presented in absentia.

*Rickey Best  
AACRL Past-President*

# Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries

**Annual Business Meeting and Dinner Registration**  
**April 20, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.**

*Lester's Restaurant*  
*24821 Canal Road*  
*Orange Beach, AL 36561*  
*(251) 974-2525*

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

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## Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State

\_\_\_\_\_  
ZIP

Cost for the dinner is \$25.00. To register for the meeting and dinner, please complete this form and return with a check (payable to AACRL) to MURIEL WELLS, AACRL TREASURER, NATIONAL CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER, 210 PRATT AVE., HUNTSVILLE, AL 35801. **Checks need to be received no later than APRIL 4, 2011.**

Dinner will be a buffet, including a vegetarian entrée. Specific choices have yet to be decided, but these are likely options:

Chips and Salsa/Spinach and Crab Dip  
Marinated Greek Style Tenders  
Hurricane Shrimp and Grits  
Pasta Primavera  
Creole Roasted Potatoes  
Green Beans Almandine  
Key Lime Tarts.

Soft drinks, coffee, and tea are also included.

## Chapters Council Update

Chapter's Council met during the Mid-winter meeting in San Diego, California. Chair Mark Lenker reported on the efforts of the Online Communications Committee to identify usable technologies that will permit the sharing of information and programs between local chapters.

Steven Bell, candidate for ACRL President, spoke to the Council and discussed his candidacy and his vision for strengthening ACRL and connecting with members at the local level through the Open Innovation Project. Lisa Hinchliffe, ACRL President, shared the following with the attendees: The Value [of Academic Libraries] Report is an important part of ACRL's current focus. A membership survey said that this is the main thing they need help going forward with at the moment. ACRL is currently drafting a new strategic plan--The Plan for Excellence. The value of academic libraries, research and scholarly communication, and student learning are the three areas focused on in the new plan.

The spring ballot will include items for bylaws for which the Board of Directors is encouraging a vote of yes. Currently a dues increase requires a vote of the full membership. In a more viable model as found in other professional associations, the Board of Directors would have the authority to make an annual adjustment in dues no greater

than the change in the Higher Education Price Index.

Lenker next asked for feedback regarding the ACRL Plan for Excellence. Information on the Plan is located at [http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/about/whatisacrl/strategic-plan/ACRL\\_draft\\_SP\\_Dec10.pdf](http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/about/whatisacrl/strategic-plan/ACRL_draft_SP_Dec10.pdf).

Feedback at Council included the following: Commendation was provided for the brevity of the draft strategic plan. It was asked if anyone knows what methods are to be used for assessment of the success or failure of the plan.

Objective 3 on the Value of Academic Libraries should also mention the values at the state and local levels rather than just nationally in order to emphasize ACRL support at the local levels. It was also suggested that ACRL should develop a best practices link for documenting the value of academic libraries. It was suggested that ACRL needs to have a consistent process throughout higher education in order to document what each institution is doing to promote and accomplish the goals of the strategic plan.

It was suggested that Student Learning Objective 4 should not necessarily just focus on graduate students. It was

pointed out that many future educators are not necessarily graduate students, therefore the objective should be focused on future educators and not specify graduate students.

Rickey Best next called for volunteers to run for the offices of Chair-elect and Secretary. Best also asked for volunteers to work on a resolution regarding an increase in funding from National ACRL to the local chapters.

Chapters Council will continue to work on improving communications amongst the local chapters and seek ways of making available best practices established by the chapters.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

*Rickey Best  
Past-President  
AACRL*



## **AACRL Official Ballot**

### **Vice-President/President-Elect**

\_\_\_\_\_ Eric Kidwell  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jennifer Long

### **Treasurer**

\_\_\_\_\_ Debra West

Return ballot by **April 13** to:

Rickey Best, AACRL Past-President  
Collection Development Librarian  
Auburn University Montgomery Library  
P.O. Box 244023  
Montgomery, AL 36124-4023

**Alabama Association of  
College & Research Libraries**

## Candidate Biographical Information

### Vice-President/President-Elect

#### *Eric Kidwell*

##### *Director of the Library*

Huntingdon College, Montgomery

#### **Education:**

MLS - Vanderbilt University

B.S. - University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

B.A. - Huntingdon College

#### **Professional Memberships/Activities:**

Member: ALA, ACRL, ALLA,

AACRL

ACRL, Arts Section, Membership & Outreach Committee, member

ACRL, Arts Section, Conference

Program Planning Committee for 2010

ALA, co-chair, "How We Memorialize: the Art & Politics of Public Memorialization"

ACRL, Distance Learning Section, Instruction Committee, incoming member

ACRL, College Libraries Section,

Leadership Committee, member

AACRL, Legislative Liaison

#### **Publications/Presentations:**

ACRL CLS/ULS (2011) ALA conference program, "Academic Librarian Lightning Round: Innovative New Roles," panelist

ACRL 14th National Conference (2009): co-presenter, panel on cultural leadership

20th International Conference on the First-Year Experience (2007), presenter, "The Evolution of a First-Year Experience Program: Balancing Academic Need with Fiscal Reality"

"A First-Year Early Communication Program: Connecting First-Year Students and Families to the College Community." E-Source: College Transitions, v. 6, no. 1, September 2008, co-authored with Maureen K. Murphy and Terrence M. Conkle.

#### *Jennifer Long*

##### *Reference Librarian for Natural Sciences & Mathematics*

Mervyn H. Sterne Library

University of Alabama at Birmingham

#### **Education:**

M.L.S., Kent State University.

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

#### **Professional Memberships/Activities:**

AACRL: Vice-President, President, Past President, 2004-2007; Secretary, 2000-2002; Program Planning Committee Member, 1999-2000; Member, 1998-present.

ACRL: Chapters Council Member (Alabama Chapter Representative), 2004-2007; Science and Technology Section Conference Program Planning Committee Member, 2003-2005; College Libraries Section Membership Committee Member, 2003-2007; Member, 1998-present.

#### **Publications:**

"Science Librarians in the 21st Century." College and Research Libraries News, September 2005, 66(8), 573-574.

### Treasurer

#### *Debra J. West*

##### *Collection Development/Reference Librarian*

Troy University

#### **Education:**

MLS, University of Alabama

#### **Professional Memberships/Activities:**

ALLA 2002-present; ALA, ACRL, Alabama Library Association (1994-1998, 2009 - present)

Author Award Committee (2010 - present)

Collection Development and Management Roundtable (2009 - present)

College, University & Special Division (2009 - present)

Scholarship Fund Board (2009 - present)

Technical Services and Systems Roundtable (2009 - present)

Moderator Elect (2010)

Alabama Association of College & Research Libraries (AACRL) (2009 - present)

American Library Association (2009 - present)

Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) (2009 - present)

Anthropology and Sociology (ANSS)

University Libraries (ULS)

Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS) (2010 - present)

CMDS Policy and Planning Committee (2010 - present)

American Indian Library Association (AILA) (1995 - present)

Colorado Library Association/Colorado Association of Libraries (1998 - 2007)

Mountain Plains Library Association (2006 - 2007)

#### **Selected Publications/Presentations:**

Best Practices Mini-Session.

Google Docs: A Collaborative

## Candidate Biographical Information (continued from page 5)

Alyssa Martin at the Alabama Library Association Annual Conference in Auburn, Alabama on April 18, 2009.

Poster Session: Using Your Special Collection to Invite, Involve, Inform & Inspire. Co-presented with Jana Slay and Kent Snowden at the Alabama Library Association Annual Conference in Auburn, Alabama on April 18, 2009.

Poster Session: Job Search Strategies for Librarians: The Sky is NOT the Limit. Co-presented with Erin Boyd and Kent Snowden at Alabama Library Association Annual Conference in Huntsville, Alabama on April 14, 2010.

Currently have a poster session submitted for the 2011 Alabama Library Association Conference in Orange Beach, Alabama entitled Does a Cover Make a Difference?: A Collection of Catalog Covers.

Poster Session: The Academic Librarian Job Search: Strategies for Search Committees and Job Seekers Co-presented with Erin Boyd and Kent Snowden at the American Library Association Annual Conference in Washington D.C. on June 26, 2010.

Presentation and Proceedings: Are You Ready for "The Cloud"? Implications and Uses of Cloud Computing for Libraries. Co-presented with Alyssa Martin and Kent Snowden at the Brick & Click Symposium on November 6, 2009, in Maryville, Missouri.

Georgia Council of Media Organizations (COMO) Convention: Presentation: Staffing a Tradition Reference Desk in the Internet Age. Co-presented with Jana Slay and Kent Snowden at the Georgia COMO on October 8, 2009, in Columbus, Georgia.

Mississippi Library Association Annual Conference:

Poster Session: What to do with a Special Collection that Isn't "Really" Special. Co-presented with Jana Slay and Kent Snowden at the MLA Annual Conference on October 22, 2009, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

### News from the Membership

The **Troy Dothan Library** received a grant from the Alabama Humanities Foundation to host a Black History Month Lecture Series. An expert on black cowboys spoke on the Dothan campus once and on the Troy campus twice -- once to university students, and once to elementary students. The Library also hosted a prison guard who is a poet as well. She visited two classes on the Dothan campus and gave a poetry reading Feb. 17. For more information on Cowboy Mike, see: <http://www.montgomeryadvertiser.com/article/20110208/NEWS02/102080312/-Cowboy-Mike-challenges-kids-ideas-about-past>

**Kathy Wheeler** and **Elizabeth Ruggan**, Reference Department, University of South Alabama, conducted a workshop for Baldwin County high school librarians at Fairhope High School Library on preparing high school students for college-level research. Topics included information literacy, plagiarism, citing sources, the Alabama Virtual Library, understanding the limitations of Google for serious research, the problems with using Wikipedia (and the ways in which Wikipedia can be useful), web page evaluation, and teaching students to be responsible users of information.

A portion of the Harvie Jones collection held in the **UA Huntsville M. Louis Salmon Library's** archives was featured in a program by Ralph Jones, Preservation Officer for Marshall Space Flight Center, at the Huntsville Public Library, January - March. In 2002, the Salmon Library received the architectural collection of Harvie P. Jones, F.A.I.A. Jones (1930-1998), a graduate of Georgia Tech, formed the company Jones & Herrin in Huntsville. He became interested in historic preservation and created the Constitution Hall Village to commemorate the site of Alabama's Constitution Convention in 1819. In addition to the Architectural Collection of Harvie P. Jones, F.A.I.A., the UA Huntsville Library Archives has a space history collection, which serves researchers, both national and international.

**Paula Webb**, Government Documents Department, University of South Alabama, has been named as a Community Builder among the 2011 *Library Journal* Movers and Shakers for her work on the USA Government Documents Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill web site. (The University of South Alabama Government Documents Department was also a Federal Depository Spotlight Library because of Webb's work on this oil spill site: <http://www.fdlp.gov/outreach/spotlight/748-univofsouthalabama>.) Her contributions to the committee that raised funds and brought a branch of the Mobile Public Library to Semmes, AL, were also commended. For the complete story, see *Library Journal* at <http://www.libraryjournal.com/csp/cms/sites/LJ/LJInPrint/MoversAndShakers/profiles2011/moversandshakersWebb.csp>



Don't forget to vote for your  
AACRL officers by April 13!

See the enclosed ballot.

Also online at

<http://www.aacrl.org/>



**Alabama Association of  
College & Research Libraries**

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