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From the President

As I write my final column as president, I am reminded of the saying “out with the old and in with the new.” The old includes the upcoming annual meeting and convention programs and the new includes the election of incoming officers.

The annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 in conjunction with the Alabama Library Association convention in Montgomery. The annual meeting will feature dinner at Sinclair’s restaurant and a presentation on the SELA mentoring program by Margaret Swanson from Delta State University. The business meeting will include approval of proposed bylaws changes and presentation of the significant contribution award. More information is available in this newsletter.

The convention programs will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2013, as part of the Alabama Library Association convention. AACRL will cosponsor with CUS several best practices programs on topics of interest to academic librarians. AACRL will also cosponsor with the government relations committee a special program on library advocacy. More information is available in this newsletter.

Elections will be held for the positions of vice-president/president-elect and treasurer to replace two outgoing officers. More information is available in this newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the executive board for all of their assistance and hard work during the past year. I would also like to thank the membership for their support and participation in chapter activities. It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve as your president.

Jennifer Long, AACRL President

Treasurer’s Report February 18, 2013

The account balance for the last Treasurer’s Report was \$4,749.04. Since then, I have received and deposited three membership renewals for \$30.00 and have written one check for \$200.00 to cover the deposit for a location for our annual meeting. The account balance as of February is \$4,579.04.

It’s time to renew membership. Membership renewal forms were sent out in the last newsletter and an updated form has been placed on the AACRL webpage (<http://www.aacrl.org>). Anyone with questions about the status of their membership can email me at debwest@troy.edu.

*Debbie West
AACRL Treasurer*

Library Advocacy Program at the 2013 ALLA Conference

AACRL is sponsoring an advocacy program at this year's ALLA conference to be held in Montgomery, April 23-26. The program will focus on advocacy specifically as is relevant to academic and research librarians and library workers.

Our program is scheduled for Thursday, April 25, from 10:00-11:00, and is titled "Library Advocacy: Personal Reflections from the Academy." Panelists will include Lori Northrup (Samford University), Rickey Best (Auburn University Montgomery), and Tim Dodge (Auburn University).

Panelists will speak on their personal experiences becoming active library advocates: Why did they choose to become advocates? What obstacles may have prevented earlier involvement and how did the panelists overcome these obstacles? What personal and professional rewards have panelists experienced through their roles as library advocates? What advice would they offer to help others become active in library advocacy?

We hope you are able to join us.

*Eric A. Kidwell
Legislative Liaison
Chair, AACRL Government Relations Committee*

Join AACRL for our annual business meeting and dinner on Wednesday, April 24th, 2013! We'll be meeting at Sinclair's Restaurant East at 7847 Vaughn Road, Montgomery, AL 36116. Head on over after the last ALLA session of the day – dinner will be served at 7pm, but feel free to gather a bit earlier for friendly conversation.

Our speaker will be Margaret Swanson, Instructional Resources Center Librarian/ Assistant Professor of Library Services at Delta State University. She has an MLIS from Valdosta State University, an MA in History from the University of Georgia, and a BA with honors in history from Millsaps College. She is Co-Chair of the SELA Membership & Mentoring committee. She has presented at national, regional, and state conferences, and is interested in social media and learning culture in libraries. Talk description:

Do you sometimes feel you have professional questions to ask and no one to direct them to? Do you find yourself wishing that someone would have been there to teach you all that you now know? Would you like to walk alongside a new librarian as they enter the profession?

If so, then the Southeastern Library Association's mentoring program is for you. Its goal is to pair new librarians, library science students, and library paraprofessionals with experienced librarians, establishing a partnership that allows mentor and mentee to discover and develop the mentee's skills. My talk will highlight the history, benefits, and number of participants. More importantly, I will discuss how the program works and SELA's overall goals for the mentoring program.

Legislative Issues

The following is news from recent issues of District Dispatch that is distributed by the ALA Washington Office. You can subscribe to these e-mail notices by going to: <http://www.districtdispatch.org/>

GPO

In its Rebooting the Government Printing Office: Keeping America Informed in the Digital Age, the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) makes recommendations (15 in total) that “are designed to position the federal government for the digital age, strengthen GPO’s business model, and continue to build the GPO of the future.” NAPA acknowledges the important role the GPO plays in cataloging, digitizing and preserving government documents and the need to nurture its historical relationship with depository libraries throughout the country. However, it is what NAPA has to say in the section “Government Information Dissemination and Access” (Finding III-5) that is causing concern in the library world.

Finding III-5 provides an overview of the history of the federal depository system and discusses the anticipated costs of sustaining a system that will be up-to-date and usable by the public, and can weather future storms. On the issue of funding, it is suggested that “now might be the time to revisit charging the public for access to FDsys content.” One might respond to this suggestion by asking, “But hasn’t the public via its tax dollars already paid for this information?” The report does state that “free access of government information is an important tenet of a democracy” but then follows with a “however.”

Georgia State University Copyright Case

Recently distributed on the AACRL list by Craig Beard at UAB, is a story from the Techdirt web site (www.techdirt.com) about the latest developments in the copyright legal case involving Georgia State University on one side and Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Sage Publication (and the Copyright Clearing House and the American Association of Publishers) on the other. As you may recall, the conclusion of the initial law suit was mostly in favor of the defendant (Georgia State). The Techdirt article, titled “Former Copyright Registers: We Must Limit Fair Use at Public Universities, For the Poor Publishers Who Are Paying Us to Say This,” shares news that the U.S Justice Department “... at the urging of the Copyright Office, was considering weighing in on the appeal (of the court ruling mostly in favor of Georgia State), potentially siding with the publishers and against the University and its students.” The article goes on to share that two former administrators with the Copyright Office ... “have teamed up to file their own amicus brief that argues in favor of the publishers and against fair use.”

You can read the full Techdirt article at:

<http://www.techdirt.com/articles/20130209/01552221929/former-copyright-registers-we-must-limit-fair-use-public-universities-poor-publishers-who-are-paying-us-to-say-this.shtml>

And you may want to consider contacting your federal representatives and the White House to express your concern over restrictions of fair use in the educational setting.

National Legislative Day

Registration for the 2013 National Legislative Day in Washington, D.C. (May 7-8, though there is a pre-conference on the 6th for first-time attendees) is available at:

<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/advleg/nlld/register>

Here you will find general information about Leg Day, hotel information, and the schedule for this year’s event. People are asked to register by April 26.

And remember that the AACRL Government Relations Committee has published a Library Advocacy LibGuide. It can be found at:

<http://libguides.huntingdon.edu/libraryadvocacy>

*Eric A. Kidwell
Legislative Liaison
Chair, AACRL Government Relations Committee*

Best Practices Program

The Alabama Association of College & Research Libraries, in partnership with the College & University Libraries Section of the Alabama Library Association, is pleased to announce the following “Best Practices” programs which will be held at this year’s ALLA convention in Montgomery, AL.

Thursday, April 25th

8:00 – 9:00am:

John-Bauer Graham, Dean of Library Services, Jacksonville State University, will present “Asking and Answering the Right Questions... Across the Street: Educating Non-Library Administrators and Leveraging to Ensure University Library Collections are Adequate to Support Curriculum Changes.”

9:00 – 10:00am:

Dr. Tony Garrett, Head of Reference and Access Services, Troy University, will present “Liaison 2.0 – Liaisonship Work in a Web 2.0 World.”

10:00 – 11:00am:

Mark Robison, University of Alabama Libraries, will present “The Library as a Partner: Improving Liaison Relationships with Other Academic Units.”

11:00am – 12:00pm:

Dr. Susan Bannon, Greg Schmidt, and Todd Shipman, Auburn University Libraries, will present “A Collection Development Policy for the Juvenile Collection in an Academic Library: Why Have One and What Should It Contain?”

2:00 – 3:00 pm:

Best Practices Mini-Sessions:

- A LibGuide Alternative to the Traditional Student Research Requirement – Eric Kidwell and Dr. Maureen Kendrick Murphy, Huntingdon College
- Best Practices for Managing 3D Printing Services in Libraries – Vincent Scalfani, University of Alabama Libraries
- Best Practices for Turning your “Day Job” into a Presentation or Article – Erin Boyd, Olga Casey, and Ruth Elder, Troy University

*Ellen Wilson
Vice-President/President Elect*

Proposed By-Laws Revisions

The Bylaws Committee worked hard last year to update the bylaws so that they match our current practices, especially regarding committees and terms. In the process, of course, we found a few other areas to tweak. Most changes were approved at the annual business meeting in April 2012; however, we did leave some conflicting language in two sections.

Currently, Article VI, Section 1 reads: “The officers shall be a President, a Vice President/President-Elect, a Past President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Member-at-Large, a Newsletter Editor, a Legislative Liaison, and a Webmaster. Officers must be professional librarians, members of the chapter, and members of ACRL.”

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You will have an opportunity to approve all these bylaws changes at the business meeting in April.

Lori Northrup, AACRL Bylaws Committee Chair

Candidate Biographical Information

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Jessica B. Hayes

Library Director

South University at Montgomery

Education

B.A., History, Samford University

M.L.I.S., University of Alabama

Publications

Barton, Jessica L. *Historic Photos of Birmingham in the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s*, Turner Publishing Company, 2010

Taylor, S. D., Perry, R., Barton, J. L., & Spencer, B. (2010).

“A Follow Up Study of the Factors Shaping the Career Choices of Library School Students at the University of Alabama.” *Reference & User Services Quarterly*, 50(1), 35-47

Presentations

Alabama Library Association Conference, “Why Library Science” – Poster Presentation, (Spring 2009)

Professional Membership/Committees

ALLA 2009-Present

ALLA 2013 Convention Planning Committee

ALLA 2013 Convention Committee, Hospitality Committee

ALLA 2013 Convention Committee, Registration Committee

ALLA 2013 Convention Committee, Co-Chair of Food & Budget Committee

AACRL 2012-Present

ALA 2009 - Present

ACRL 2012-Present

LLAMA 2012-Present

LIRT – 2012-Present

South University Libraries Research Guide Committee

South University Libraries Policy & Procedure Committee

South University Libraries Information Literacy Committee

South University Quality Enhancement Plan Dialogue Committee, Campus Liaison

South University Montgomery Scholarship Committee

South University Montgomery Mentor Program

South University Montgomery National Honor Technical Society Sponsor

Treasurer

Yingqi Tang

Distance Education Librarian/Electronic Resources Manager (Assistant Professor)

Jacksonville State University

Education

MLS, North Carolina Central University

Master of Public Health, Umea University (Umea, Sweden)

Publications/Presentations

Yingqi Tang and Jodi Poe. “Blackboard IM for Virtual Reference Service.” In the Fifteenth Distance Library Services Conference, April 20, 2012, Memphis, Tennessee.

Ballard, Robert and Yingqi Tang. “Distance Education: The Impact of Technology on Higher Education and the Duties of Librarians and Information Officers.” In *The 2nd International Conference on Society and Information Technologies*, edited by Nagib Callaos et al., 27-30, Florida: International Institute of Informatics and Systemic, 2011

Candidate Biographical Information, cont.

Yingqi Tang and Jodi Poe. "The Evolution and Trends of Distance Education Librarianship in the United States: An Overall Analysis Study from Job Announcements." In the Alabama Library Association Annual Convention, April 14, 2010, Huntsville, Alabama.

Tang, Yingqi and Zhiping Xia. "A study of subject service in Chinese academic libraries." *CALA Occasional Paper Series*, No. 7 (November 2010), 1-6.

Wang, Hanrong,, Yingqi Tang, and Carley Knight. 2010. "Contemporary Development of Academic Reference Librarianship in the United States: A 44-Year Content Analysis." *Journal of Academic Librarianship* 36, no. 6: 489-494.

Tang, Yingqi, 2009. "Placing Theory into Practice: An Exploration of Library Services to Distance Learners at Jacksonville State University." *Journal of Library & Information Services in Distance Learning* 3, no. 3/4: 173-181.

Professional Membership/Activities

Member of Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries (Since 2009). Activities include Member-at-Large, Membership Committee Chair, Nominating Committee, Awards Committee, Continuing Education & Training Committee, and Program Committee.

Member of Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) (Since 2009). Activities include Chapter Membership officer, Membership Committee, Awards Committee, and 40th Anniversary Celebration Ad-Hoc Committee

Member of Alabama Library Association (2009-2012). Activities include Research Committee, and Technical Service and System Roundtable

Kent Snowden

Director, The Rosa Parks Library

Troy University

Work Experience

Library Director, Troy University - Montgomery Campus, 10/05-present

Head, Access Services Dept, University of Northern Iowa, 6/99-10/05

Media Services Coordinator, Harry M Ayers State Technical College (now Ayers Campus of Gadsden State Community College), 9/96-5/99

Audio Visual Technician, Jacksonville State University, 8/89-8/96

Publications

Co-author: "Inventory of a Small Academic Library: Cooperation and Communication Through the Units" in "Something's Gotta Give!": Charleston Conference Proceedings, 2011, p 312-316, with colleagues Erin E. Boyd, Amy Smith, and Debbie West. Published by Purdue University Press, October 2012.

Co-author: "Are you ready for "the cloud"?: Implications and uses of cloud computing for libraries" Brick & Click Libraries: Proceedings of an Academic Library Symposium (2009) with colleagues Alyssa Martin, and Debbie West on November 6, 2009 at Northwest Missouri State University. Published by NWMSU, Maryville, MO; (2009), p 64-72.

Co-author: "Create a culture of mentoring @ your library" *Southeastern Librarian* Vol. 57, no. 1 (Spring 2009), p 29-38, with colleagues Alyssa Martin, Hal Mendelsohn, John Bauer-Graham, Amanda Stone, and Elizabeth M. Doolittle.

Candidate Biographical Information, cont.

Presentations

Panel session: "Mentoring New Librarians." At the Alabama Library Association 2011 Annual Conference, Orange Beach, AL, April 21, 2011. Co-presented with John-Bauer Graham, Melissa Koener, Hal Mendelsohn.

Poster Session: "The Academic Librarian Job Search: Strategies for Search Committees and Job Seekers." American Library Association 2010 Annual Conference, Washington, DC, June 26, 2010. Co-presented with Erin Boyd, and Debbie West.

Poster Session: "Job Search Strategies for Librarians: The Sky is NOT the Limit." Alabama Library Association 2010 Annual Conference, Huntsville, AL, April 14, 2010. Co-presented with Erin Boyd, and Debbie West.

Professional Memberships/Associations

American Library Association (ALA), 2000-present
 ALA/ACRL, 2000-present
 ALA/LAMA, 2000-present

Southeastern Library Association (SELA), 2006-present
 SELA Membership and Marketing Committee, 01/2008-present
 SELA Mentoring Program Participant, 9/2008-present
 SELA Editorial Board, 2011-present.
 Alabama Library Association (ALLA), 2006-present
 ALLA Member-at-Large: South Region, 2012present
 ALLA College, University & Special Library (CUS) Subdivision:
 Chair-elect 2009-10; Chair 2010-11; Past Chair 2011-12.
 Alabama ACRL (AACRL), 2006-present
 Iowa Library Association (ILA), 06/1999-10/2005
 ILA /ACRL Subdivision, 1999-2005
 ILA/ACRL Awards Committee, 2004-2005
 ILA/ACRL Membership Committee, 2001-2003
 ILA/ACRL Nominations Committee, 2001-2003
 ILA/LAMA Subdivision, 2000-2005, Secretary 2003; Chair 2004
 ILA/LAMA Nominations Committee, 2002 & 2005

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