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## From the President . . . .

It is truly hard to believe how quickly a year has passed. First and foremost let me thank all of you for your prayers and concerns during these difficult times in my personal life. The loss of my parents in the same year is a bitter pill to swallow. My faith sustained me during this period in my life. God is good.

It was certainly a busy year, which is probably why it passed in the blink of an eye. To recount, we had several successful changes with our membership structure, dues payment, recruitment, and retention. [Some of these are described in this newsletter.] In my opinion, I think the resurging of a strong membership is important and should be one of our top priorities. Membership is the life blood of any organization. It takes a collective effort to make an organization like ours viable, and I think it is only fair that special thanks go to all the executive committee for all your hard work.

AACRL plays a vital role in our profession, and I hope that each member will find a way to serve the organization that serves us. We need to continue to monitor legislation (funding) that affects our ability to practice our profession. I also hope that we will continue to provide affordable networking and continuing-education opportunities. If you have stepped up in the past, we thank you. If you have not yet, now is the time.

I thank you all – the members of AACRL – for allowing me to serve you as president over the last year. It has been an honor, a joy, and an experience that I will always cherish. I have met many new, interesting colleagues, made many new friends, and enjoyed it to the fullest. I look forward to seeing you at upcoming AACRL events in the fall.

*Tyrone Webb*  
AACRL President

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## AACRL Annual Meeting

This year's annual business meeting for AACRL will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13 at King's Olive Oil located at 618 Broad Street, Gadsden. Our speaker this year will be Dr. Irene M. H. Herold, ACRL's Vice-President / President-Elect. Irene is currently University Librarian at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. Previously, she served as Dean of Mason Library at Keene State College in New Hampshire. Irene will be speaking on the topic "Learning and Literacy: How Academic Libraries Can Demonstrate Value." Irene will be speaking on the Value report and how libraries have been able to use assessment activities for literacy to demonstrate value regarding student retention.

To register for the meeting, please complete the reservation form located at the end of this newsletter and return to Debbie Cobb, AACRL Treasurer, by April 4.

*Rickey Best*  
AACRL Vice-President / President-Elect

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## Treasurer's Report

The account balance for the last Treasurer's Report was \$1,667.25. Since then, I have received and deposited 15 membership renewals for \$272.00 and transferred \$600.00 (37 membership renewals) from the AACRL PayPal account. One check for \$95.40 was written for the AACRL domain.

The account balance as of February 29th is \$2,443.85. As of March 5th, I have received 26 renewals and 26 new members for 2016. We currently have 71 members in good standing.

It is time to renew membership. There are now two ways to sign up for AACRL – Online via PayPal or print form. Both options are available at the [AACRL webpage](#).

*Debbie Cobb*  
AACRL Treasurer

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## AACRL Electronic Membership Registration - LIVE!

(Editor's note: the following was submitted via email to AACRL members on January 26, 2016 from Past President Jessica Hayes.)

Exciting times for the Alabama Association of College & Research Libraries! As of today, our Electronic Membership Registration is live. You can check it out on the [AACRL Membership page](#)!

While visiting our website, consider joining our ListServ or many committees. The AACRL Executive Board is excited about all the potential opportunities for growth and collaboration but none of it is possible without you, our valued members.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

*Jessica Hayes*  
AACRL Past President

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## AACRL Membership Fee

A vote was conducted via email regarding a change to the AACRL membership fees. According to an email from AACRL Past-President Jessica Hayes, the increase would "cover the percentage required for electronic registration and . . . increase overall operating funds." The motion passed with 93.5% of those voting doing so in the affirmative. As a result, the following are the new membership fee amounts:

**Professional** - \$15 (1 year) / \$45 (3 years)

**Paraprofessional** - \$12 (1 year) / \$36 (3 years)

**Student** - \$10 (1 year) / \$30 (3 years)

These new amounts are reflected on the online and mail-in forms. Members may choose to pay for their membership online using a credit card or pay by check using the mail-in form. You can visit the [membership website](#) for more information. If you have any question or concerns about the increase or the vote, please contact Jessica B. Hayes, Past-President (jehayes@southuniversity.edu).

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## Legislative Issues

By the time you receive this latest issue of the AACRL newsletter, National Library Legislative Day will not be far away. For those of you not familiar with NLLD, this is the time each year when librarians, library workers, and library supporters from across the country gather in Washington, D.C. to visit their congressional legislators and advocate for our nation's libraries and the people they serve.

The 2016 NLLD will be May 2 & 3, and there is a way for you to be involved without traveling to D.C. – Virtual Legislative Day.

<http://www.ala.org/united/advocacy/virtuallegday>

Without leaving the comfort of work or home, you can call or e-mail – or tweet – your advocacy message to your Alabama congressional legislators (ALA's Washington Office has stated that Twitter is becoming the communication method of choice for contacting your legislators ... i.e. their staffers, who are really the ones you want to engage). ALA's web page for Virtual Legislative Day has the resources you need to be an effective participant, including what legislative issues related to libraries are currently working their way through Congress (look for "2016 Issue Briefs"). As the web page states:

"Library advocates who cannot make it to Capitol Hill for the event can be a part of the effort by calling and/or emailing their elected officials on May 3, or any time the week of May 2-6. Visit this web page in late April for talking points to include when writing or calling your legislators."

So, put Virtual Legislative Day on your calendar and plan to add your voice to those stomping the Hill on May 3. You can also look for advocacy tips (including how to get a brief but effective message across to legislators) by using the Advocacy LibGuide the AACRL Government Relations Committee maintains:

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

*Eric A. Kidwell  
AACRL Legislative Liaison  
NLLD State Coordinator for Alabama*

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## AACRL Committee Call for Participation

Get involved! Get connected! Serving on AACRL committees is a great way to expand your professional network and contribute to our organization. Committee members do vital work to help our organization be effective.

To volunteer to serve on an AACRL committee, please complete this form: <http://goo.gl/forms/3MYVggLQo2>

The Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries is one of 42 state and regional chapters of the Association of College and Research Libraries, itself a division of the American Library Association. AACRL is a professional association of academic librarians and others interested in improving the ability of academic librarians and information professionals to serve the information needs of the higher education community and to improve learning, teaching and research.

Benefits of volunteering:

1. Build relationships with academic librarians from across the state
2. Enhance your leadership skills through project management
3. Advance the work of our organization and our profession

Requirements for serving:

1. Be a member of AACRL at the time of appointment
2. Be willing to contribute to the work of our committees by carrying out assignments in a timely manner

*Sara Maurice Whitver  
AACRL Member-at-Large  
ACRL Chapter Liaison*

## Dr. Annabel K. Stephens Receives 2016 Beta Phi Mu Award

Dr. Annabel K. Stephens, associate professor emerita of the School of Library and Information Science at The University of Alabama, has been selected as the recipient of the American Library Association's 2016 Beta Phi Mu Award. This annual award, consisting of \$1,000 and a 24k gold-framed citation of achievement, which is given to a library school faculty member or to an individual for distinguished service to education for librarianship, is sponsored by the Beta Phi Mu International Library Science Honorary Society.

Stephens received a B.A. from Mississippi State College for Women, an M.L.S. from the George Peabody College and a D.L.S. from Columbia University. She held professional positions at the Union County Library System in New Albany, Mississippi, the Memphis and Shelby County Public Library system and the Muscle Shoals Regional Library in North Alabama before joining the faculty at The University of Alabama in 1984, through her retirement in 2007 and subsequent appointment as an adjunct faculty member.

The recipient of numerous and distinguished honors, Stephens was inducted into the 2015 University of Alabama College of Communication & Information Sciences Hall of Fame. In 2007, the same body awarded her its Knox Hagood Award. The award is given annually to those who go beyond typical responsibilities of their positions and contribute to the development of the College's academic and professional image in an outstanding manner.

In 2006, Stephens was awarded the annual Eminent Librarian award and an award for Lifetime Achievement from the Alabama Library Association. The Eminent Librarian award is given annually to someone who has made an exceptional and enduring contribution toward the development of library service within Alabama. The Lifetime Achievement award is given only on rare occasions where it is evident an individual has made significant contributions to library studies during a career.

An editor and author, Stephens has published two books and has written and contributed to numerous articles and other publications focused on public library services and collections, particularly citizen and staff participation in planning, and the history and development of Alabama public libraries. Stephens has also provided consultation to directors of Alabama's small public libraries and to the state library agency and served on advisory boards and committees of state and national professional organizations.

In selecting her for the award, the jury was impressed with Stephens' commitment to public library service and equity throughout the Southeast region. Her devotion to teaching generations of librarians has made Stephens a prominent leader in the field.

Members of the 2016 Beta Phi Mu Award Jury are: Roberto C. Delgadillo, Chair, University of California, Davis; Dr. Roberta Brody, Queens College CUNY; Jane Lofton, Mira Costa High School; Susan H. Polos, Mount Kisco Elementary School Library Media Center; and Neely Tang, Cornell University.

The ALA Beta Phi Mu award will be presented on Sunday, June 26 at the ALA Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida.

More information about the [Beta Phi Mu Award](#) including how to submit a nomination is available on the ALA website.

### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Do you have any great news you would like to share with the membership of AACRL?  
A new job? A new publication? A recent presentation?

*Let us know!*

Submit your recent accomplishments to Dusty Folds at [dfolds@montevallo.edu](mailto:dfolds@montevallo.edu) so they can be included in the next newsletter. The AACRL Newsletter is published in the Fall, Winter, and Spring.

Current and past issues may be found at [www.aacrl.org/newsletters](http://www.aacrl.org/newsletters).

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## Membership News

### Promotions / Tenure

Auburn University's library has had five promotions / tenures that will take effect October 1. Congratulations to the following:

- Jaena Alabi, Reference Librarian and Subject Specialist in Africana Studies, English Language and Literature, and Psychology: tenured and promoted to Librarian III (Associate Professor)
- Nadine Ellero, Head of Technical Services: tenured and promoted to Librarian III (Associate Professor)
- Kasia Leousis, Head of the Library of Architecture, Design, and Construction and Subject Specialist in Architecture, Art, Building Science, Community Planning, and Industrial Design: tenured and promoted to Librarian III (Associate Professor)
- Todd Shipman, Reference Librarian and Subject Specialist in Education and Foreign Languages: tenured and promoted to Librarian III (Associate Professor)
- Tim Dodge, Reference Librarian and Subject Specialist in History and Political Science: promoted to Librarian IV (Professor)

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## In Memoriam: Jason Kneip



Jason Kneip, Web Services and Emerging Technologies Librarian at Auburn University at Montgomery, passed away on February 24, 2016, after a short illness. The following message was posted to the [AUM Library Blog](#):

“He will be missed by all of his family here at the library and AUM. Rest in peace, dear one.”

## AACRL Candidate Biographical Information

AACRL has members running for three elected positions this year--Vice President / President-Elect, Secretary, and Member-at-Large. Below are biographies of the candidates. Information about the election will be forthcoming.

### Vice-President / President-Elect

#### **Peggy Kain**

Reference Librarian for Education  
University of Alabama at Birmingham

#### **Education**

B.S., Political Science / Criminal Justice, Auburn University, Montgomery  
M.L.S., University of Alabama

#### **Publications**

Article, Discovery, a New Way of Searching (Thinking): the Challenges, Trials and Tribulations, Charleston Library Conference Proceedings, 2014

#### **Presentations**

Presentation, To ERMS or Not to ERMS, that is the question, Alabama Library Association, 2015

Presentation, Discovery, a New Way of Searching (Thinking): the challenges, trials and tribulations, Charleston Library Conference, 2014

Presentation Participation, Interview of Kathleen Keane, Director John Hopkins Press, Lyasis: Talks between Librarians and Publishers Series/Presentation at Charleston Conference, 2011

Presentation, UAB's Experience with WorldCat Local Quick Start, Association of Southeastern Research Libraries [ASERL] Next Gen Discovery Tools Series, ASERL Webinar, 2011

Presentation, Cooperative Purchasing [and Licensing] of Electronic Resources, AACRL/NAAL/CUS Cooperative Collection Development Workshop [State workshop], October 2011

Presentation, Cutting the [Non] Fat Carefully, a Collection [Retrenchment] Model, Charleston Conference, 2009

Presentation, Achieving a Superb SFX Menu without Changing the Ex Libris Code, Ex Libris User Group of North America [ELUNA] Annual Conference, 2008

#### **Professional memberships (past and present) and associated service activities**

Member, American Library Association  
Member, Association of College and Research Libraries

Member, Alabama Library Association (Chair, Bylaws Committee, 2015-present and Moderator-elect, TSSRT, 2015-present; Moderator, CDMRT, 2010, 2011)  
Member of SELA (Vice Chair, Electronic Resources Roundtable, 2015-present; Southeast Library Awards Committee 2010-present; Rothrock Awards Committee 2013-present)  
Member, International Coalition of Library Consortia [ICOLC] Committee to develop statement on standards for e-books, 2007-2008  
Member, Network of Alabama Academic Libraries [NAAL] Online Content Committee, 2006-2015/08  
Member, Association Southeast Research Libraries Collection Development Committee, 2006-2015/08  
Member, Alabama Virtual Library [AVL] Committee to evaluate of e-resources for purchase by the Alabama Virtual Library/State of Alabama, 2012, 2013  
Member, Network of Alabama Academic Libraries [NAAL] Online Content Committee 2006-2015/08  
Member, Alabama Association of College and Research Librarian, 1995-present

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### Secretary

#### **Tim Dodge**

History and Political Science Subject Specialist  
Reference Department  
Auburn University

#### **Education**

B.A., History, Swarthmore College  
M.L.S., Columbia University  
M.A., History, University of New Hampshire  
Ph.D., History, University of New Hampshire

#### **Biography**

Previous positions include Special Collections Librarian and Archivist at the University of New Hampshire and Serials and Reference Librarian at Barry University (Miami, Fla.).

Tim has been an AACRL member since 1992 and has served in the following offices: President in 2008-2009 and 2000-2001; Program Committee member 1996-1997; Government Relations Committee member 2011 onward; and AACRL Liaison to Auburn University 2011 onward.

Tim has been active in other library associations. A partial list of offices includes President of the Alabama Library Association (2004-2005), ALLA Secretary 2008-2009 and

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2000-2001; Chair of the CUS division of ALLA 2014-2015 and 1998-1999; Legislative Development Committee Chair 2005-2010 and 2012 onward; Chair of the Southeastern Library Association University and College Libraries Section 2009-2011; Chair of the SELA Intellectual Freedom Committee 2007-2008 and 2015-2016; and Coordinator of the Federal Documents Task Force of the Government Documents Roundtable of the American Library Association (2014-2015).

In addition to his professional work, Tim has served as a disk jockey on four radio stations since Fall 1975. Most recently, he has been broadcasting the Golden Oldies program under the name Dr. Hepcat on WEGE – Auburn, Ala. since May 1998.

### Alyssa Martin

Reference & Instruction Librarian  
Troy University

#### Education

B.A., Communication, University of Alabama  
M.S.W., University of Alabama  
M.L.I.S., University of Alabama

#### Biography

Ms. Martin has been active in the American Library Association's Instruction Section (ACRL-IS). Over the years, she has served twice as Secretary on the Alabama Library Association (ALLA) Executive Council and has also been Member-at-Large of AACRL. Ms. Martin has just finished writing a book chapter about her experience writing and implementing library grants.

### Rachel Mitchell

Reference Librarian  
South University at Montgomery

#### Education

B.A., English, University of Alabama  
Blount Undergraduate Initiative, University of Alabama  
M.L.I.S., University of Alabama

#### Publications

Chenault, R. (2014). Review of Link+ and Prospector. *Technical Services Quarterly*, 31(2), 202-203. doi: 10.1080/07317131.2014.875397

#### Professional Membership/Committees

ALLA 2004 - Present  
ALLA 2013 Convention Planning Committee  
ALLA 2013 Convention Committee, Chair of Registration Committee  
ALA 2006 - Present  
ACRL 2013-Present

### Kathy Wheeler

Head of Reference & Instruction Department  
University of South Alabama

#### Education

M.A., English, University of South Carolina  
M.L.I.S., Louisiana State University

#### Biography

Kathy has been active in both AACRL and CUS, having been the editor of the AACRL newsletter from 2008-2010, and serving as the current chair of the CUS Research Committee. She has presented at ALLA on implementing EDS and on cataloging ebooks. Kathy was also invited by JSTOR to present with them at a series of workshops on acquiring, cataloging, and using ebooks. These presentations grew into a larger presentation on working with vendors that Kathy gave at the AMIGOS' online conference on ebooks in 2015.

### Lauren M. Young

Instruction Coordinator / Reference and Research Services Librarian  
Samford University

#### Education

B.A., English, University of Mississippi  
M.A., English, University of Mississippi  
M.L.I.S., University of Southern Mississippi

#### Biography

A newcomer to Alabama, Lauren was previously Head of Serials and Electronic Resources at the University of Mississippi Medical Center's Rowland Medical Library. Her 14-year library career has seen equal time spent in academic technical services and public services roles, and she specializes in serving the information needs of health sciences programs and patrons.

In addition to her library career, Lauren taught online English composition and literature courses for the Mississippi Virtual Community College for ten years. She has training

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## AACRL Candidate Biographical Information (continued)

and experience in institutional assessment and was a 2014-2015 Cohort Member of the ACRL Assessment in Action program.

An active member in state, regional, and national associations, Lauren is currently the Chair of the Medical Library Association's Books Panel, and the Associate Editor for Social Media Dissemination for the peer-reviewed Journal of the Medical Library Association. She is a senior member of MLA's Academy of Health Information Professionals and serves as an AHIP mentor to provisional members in the Academy. She has been active in the Mississippi Library Association, and maintains current memberships in MLA, the Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association, ALLA and AACRL, and serves on the Planning Committee for ALLA-CUS.

### **Member-at-Large**

#### **Tim Bailey**

Systems Librarian  
Auburn University at Montgomery

#### **Education**

B.A., English, University of Alabama  
M.L.I.S., University of Alabama

#### **Biography**

Tim's first professional librarian job was at Troy State University at Montgomery (now Troy University Montgomery). He joined the library faculty at Auburn University at Montgomery in 2000 as the Interlibrary Loan Librarian. Since 2002 he has served as the Systems Librarian at AUM. He has been a member of the Alabama Library Association, where he has served as Moderator-Elect/Moderator/Past Moderator of the Technical Services and Systems Roundtable and as Treasurer.

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## AACRL at ALLA in Gadsden

AACRL will have several events at the Alabama Library Association convention in Gadsden, Alabama, April 12 through 15. As mentioned by Vice-President / President-Elect Rickey Best, AACRL will host its annual business meeting and dinner on April 13 (see "AACRL Annual Meeting" on page 1 of this newsletter). Complete the form on the following page and submit to Debbie Cobb, AACRL Treasurer, by April 4.

Additionally, AACRL and the College, University, and Special Libraries Division of ALLA will host four mini-sessions at the convention. A list of these sessions can be found in the [Winter 2015 AACRL Newsletter](#) or in the [preliminary program on ALLA's website](#).



Alabama Association of College & Research Libraries

Annual Meeting Reservation Form

April 13, 2016

This year's annual business meeting of the AACRL will be held at King's Olive Oil in Gadsden, Alabama, 618 Broad Street. A specially catered dinner is available, with a menu of

*Mixed Green Salad*

*Toasted Pecans and Seasonal Fruit*

*Grilled Chicken Breast*

*Orzo Pasta Salad*

*Strawberry Shortcake*

*Balsamic Fruit and Whipped Cream*

*Tea and Water*

*Note: Beer and Wine will be available for purchase*

The cost for the meal will be \$25. Payment may be made by using PayPal or sending the form in with a check. If you use PayPal, please complete form below and send it in. If paying by check, please complete the form and send in with a check. Deadline for reservations is April 4th, 2016.

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Please return the form to Debbie Cobb, AACRL Treasurer, Marx Library, University of South Alabama, 5901 USA Drive North, Mobile, AL 36688.

\_\_\_\_\_ Reservation for the AACRL Annual Business Meeting, April 13, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

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City, State, Zip Code