



Alabama Association of College & Research Libraries

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2018

www.aacrl.org

Executive Board

President: Peggy Kain
Mervyn H. Sterne Library
University of Alabama at Birmingham
917 S 13th Street
Birmingham, AL 35294
(205) 934-6364, pkain@uab.edu

Vice-President/President-Elect:
Jessica Hayes
AUM Library
Auburn University at Montgomery
Box 244023
Montgomery, AL 36124
(334) 244-3814, jhayes11@aum.edu

Past President: Rickey Best
AUM Library
Auburn University at Montgomery
Box 244023
Montgomery, AL 36124
(334) 244-3276, rbest@aum.edu

Secretary: Tim Dodge
Ralph Brown Draughton Library
Auburn University
231 Mell Street
Auburn, AL 36849
(334) 844-1729, dodgeti@auburn.edu

Treasurer: Debbie Cobb
Marx Library
University of South Alabama
5901 USA Drive North
Mobile, AL 36688
(251) 460-7034, dcobb@southalabama.edu

Member-at-Large/ACRL Chapter Liaison:
Tim Bailey
AUM Library
Auburn University at Montgomery
Box 244023
Montgomery, AL 36124
(334) 244-3420, tbailey1@aum.edu

Legislative Liaison: Eric A. Kidwell
Houghton Memorial Library
Huntingdon College
1500 East Fairview Avenue
Montgomery, AL 36106
(334) 833-4420, ekidwell@huntingdon.edu

Webmaster: Ellen Wilson
Marx Library
University of South Alabama
5901 USA Drive North
Mobile, AL 36688
(251) 460-6045, ewilson@southalabama.edu

Newsletter Editor: Dusty Folds
Lawson State Community College
3060 Wilson Road SW
Birmingham, AL 35221
(205) 929-3601, dfolds@lawsonstate.edu

From the President . . .



It is hard to believe that it is almost that time again for our annual meeting and business dinner at the Alabama Library Association annual convention, which will be held in Florence, Alabama this year. The past year has definitely flown by!

It has been a busy year for AACRL officers and committees. Our webmaster Ellen Wilson from the University of South Alabama started the year off for us last fall with a *bang* by building and migrating the AACRL to a new website.

The AACRL Continuing Education & Training Committee, chaired by Jessica Hayes of Auburn University in Montgomery, provided members with some wonderful professional learning opportunities. This past fall, Tim Dodge, our colleague from Auburn University, presented a very informative webinar on the timely topic of Net

Neutrality, thus providing AACRL members with some valuable information and resources on the topic. In February of this year, AACRL hosted a one-day mini-conference entitled *Professional Growth in Academic Librarianship* at Auburn University in Montgomery. Keynote speakers Mary Duffy and Paula Webb from the University of South Alabama shared their research on Southeastern public universities and the ACRL Tenure and Promotion Standards. The findings of their research will be published in the article "Do Southeastern Public Universities Adhere to the ACRL Tenure and Promotion Standards" which may be found in the upcoming issue of the *Journal of Library Administration*. A recording of their keynote presentation can be found on the [AACRL workshops page](http://aacrl.org/news-events/workshops). This in-person event provided conference attendees from across the state the opportunity to network and discuss best practices for professional development and growth.

For more information about AACRL workshops and to view previous webinars, visit the Workshops page of our website at <http://aacrl.org/news-events/workshops>. AACRL wants to thank our colleagues for sharing their time and research with the members. Remember, if you have an idea for a webinar, mini-conference, etc., let us know!

This year Florence, Alabama is hosting the Alabama Library Association annual convention which will kick-off Tuesday, April 10. The AACRL annual meeting and business dinner will be held Wednesday, April 11 at Rigatoni's Italian Grill. Dinner will be a buffet consisting of a salad and three dinner options with a brownie dessert. At the request of AACRL members, the Program Committee, chaired by Jessica Hayes, decided to do something different for this year's program. Attendees will have the opportunity to network with colleagues at *birds of a feather* tables. This very informal activity is designed to encourage networking and collaborative conversations among Alabama academic librarians and library personnel. If you have not already done so, please go to <http://aacrl.org/news-events/annual-meetings/> and register for this fun event. [More information can be found on page 5 of this newsletter.]

Speaking of the Alabama Library Association annual convention, I would like to invite everyone to attend the AACRL/CUS best practices series presentations at the annual convention. These will take place Thursday, April 12 beginning around 10 a.m. These sessions have always provided great information for academic librarians and this year is no exception. [See page 2 for more information.]

Last but definitely not least, I want to once again thank all of the members of the AACRL executive board and committee chairs for their hard work and dedication. Thank you to all of the AACRL members for your support. As always we could not do it without you! As I turn the reins over to Jessica Hayes, I would like to add on a personal note, my deepest thanks to all of my AACRL colleagues for their guidance and help during this past year.

I look forward to seeing everyone next month at our AACRL annual meeting and business dinner in Florence!

Peggy Kain
AACRL President

Treasurer's Report

For the last Treasurer's Report, the checking balance was \$3,240.11 and the PayPal account was \$139.40.

Since then, I have received and deposited 9 checks for 5 AACRL membership renewals and 6 new members for a total of \$189.00. From PayPal, I have received 21 payments for AACRL membership renewals and 14 new member payments for a total of \$695.25.

Thirty individuals registered for the AACRL Workshop – Professional Growth in Academic Librarianship. \$501.02 was received through PayPal and \$25.00 by check/cash for a total of \$526.02.

For expenses, 4 checks were written for a total of \$1,213.34. One check for \$75.00 was written to Ricaton's Italian Grill & Dining as a reservation fee for the Annual Meeting in April. For the AACRL Workshop, one check for the amount of \$637.20 was written for the caterers, one check for \$251.30 was written to Mary Duffy (speaker) and one check for \$249.84 was written to Paula Webb (speaker).

In February, \$1,100 was transferred from the PayPal account to the AACRL checking account. The AACRL Tax Exempt Status was renewed on 3/7/2018. The checking account balance as of March 12, 2018 is \$3,340.77 and the PayPal account is \$235.67. We currently have 100 members in good standing.

Now is the time to start to renew your membership. There are now two ways to sign up for or renew your AACRL membership:

- Sign up online via PayPal – <http://aacrl.org/membership/>
- Print out a form and mail your payment. The renewal form is available online <http://aacrl.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/membershipapplicationJan2018.pdf>

Debbie Cobb
AACRL Treasurer

AACRL at the 2018 ALLA Convention

The Alabama Library Association 2018 convention will be in Muscle Shoals on April 10 through April 13. As in previous years, AACRL will join the College, University, and Special Libraries Division (CUS) of ALA to host several best practice sessions. These sessions will occur on Thursday, April 12. Below is a list of this year's sessions:

- 10:00 a.m.—10:50 a.m.: Predator, Prey, and OA: Helping Faculty Identify Legitimate Open Access Publishing Opportunities
 - * Stephanie Evers Ard and Kathy Wheeler
- 11:00 a.m.—11:50 a.m.: Project Management Best Practices: A Review of the Literature
 - * Ellen Wilson
- 2:30 p.m.—3:20 p.m.: Lightning Round Mini-Sessions
- 3:30 p.m.—4:20 p.m.: Breaking Out of Boring Scavenger Hunts: Using an Escape Room to Teach Library Literacy
 - * Derek Malone and Jennifer Page

More information about this year's convention (including the preliminary program) can be found at <http://www.allanet.org/conventionprogram>.

Additionally, AACRL will again host its annual meeting and business dinner. This year's meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on April 11 at Rigatoni's Italian Grill in Florence. Please see "From the President . . ." on page 1 for more information about this session. You can reserve your place online at <http://aacrl.org/news-events/annual-meetings/> or by mailing in the paper application on page 5 of this newsletter.



Montgomery Higher Education (Library) Consortium

The Montgomery Higher Education (Library) Consortium held its third annual academic library research forum on December 12, 2017. This year's topic was "Academic Libraries: Current Practices and Future Perspectives." The Forum was held at the library of Alabama State University.

Presenters were: Blake Denton (Huntingdon College), Jina Duvernay (Alabama State University), Kent Snowden (Troy University Montgomery), Inga Moten (Alabama State University), Cassandra Cavness (Alabama State University), Edna Foxhall (Alabama State University), Monica Hodge (Alabama State University), Timothy Vasser (Alabama State University), Samantha McNeilly (Auburn University Montgomery), Kelly Hatcher (Faulkner University), and Madhu Kadiyala (Alabama State University).

The Planning Committee was co-chaired by Alyssa Martin (Troy University Montgomery) and Madhu Kadiyala (Alabama State University) and included Deidre Herring-Cole (Faulkner University), Nordis Smith (Huntingdon College), Kent Snowden (Troy University Montgomery), and Amanda Scott (Auburn University Montgomery).

Eric Kidwell
AACRL Legislative Liaison

Legislative Updates

WHCLIST Nominations

The 2018 WHCLIST award is now accepting nominations! If you have a library advocate who would like to participate in NLLD for the first time in May, you are encouraged to nominate them. As a note, this funding opportunity is only open to non-librarian advocates, such as friends and trustees. The WHCLIST winner will receive a free two-night stay at the Liaison Hotel in D.C., and a \$300 stipend to help cover travel expenses. Nominations are due by April 2nd and should be sent to Lisa Lindle at ALA's Washington Office (llindle@alawash.org). More information is available on [District Dispatch](#).

Registration Reminder

At this time, ALA has just over 100 people registered for NLLD. Please be aware that space is likely to fill up quickly this year, and ALA will not be able to offer overflow space for attendees due to a change in the hotel contract. The registration form is available at on the [NLLD page](#). As a reminder, the registration fee this year is \$75.

Hotel Reminder

As with registration, the hotel room block is limited (The Liaison Hotel on Capitol Hill). The discount code for this year is ALAMAY, under the group name National Library Legislative Day 2018. Hotel information can be found on the [webpage as well](#).



Attendance

If you are able to attend NLLD in Washington, please let me know when you register. There will also once again be a Virtual Library Legislative Day opportunity. Registration is open for Virtual LLD at <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/advleg/nlld>.

Further information about NLLD and VLLD, as well as the important legislative issues for this year, will be shared on the AACRL listserv as it becomes available. ALA does a good job creating "Issue Briefs" for library advocates. I'll share these once I receive them.

Eric Kidwell
AACRL Legislative Liaison
NLLD State Coordinator

Nominations for AACRL Election

AACRL will hold elections for the offices of Vice-President/President-Elect, Secretary, and Member-at-Large this year. Below are biographies for nominees for these positions. More information about the election will be forthcoming. If you have questions, please contact Nominee Committee Chair and Past President Rickey Best (contact information can be found on the first page of this newsletter).

Vice-President/President-Elect



Kathy Wheeler is the Head of Reference and Instruction at the University of South Alabama. She has been active in both AACRL and CUS, having been the editor of the AACRL newsletter from 2008-2010, and serving as 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.

Secretary



Tim Dodge is employed as a reference librarian and subject specialist in History and Political Science at the Ralph Brown Draughon Library, Auburn University. He has served in several AACRL positions including most recently as Secretary (2016-2018) and President (2008-2009 and 2000-2001). Tim has also served in a variety of positions for the Alabama Library Association including as President (2004-2005) and is currently serving as Southeastern Library Association President-Elect (2017-2018). Educational background: Ph.D. in History from the University of New Hampshire (1992); M.A. in History from the University of New Hampshire (1982); M.L.S. from Columbia University (1980); and a B.A. in History from Swarthmore College (1979). Tim has been employed at Auburn University since 1992 and has been a member of AACRL since 1992.

Member-at-Large/ACRL Chapter Liaison



Anna Mary Williford is a Reference & Instruction Librarian / Assistant Professor in Carmichael Library at the University of Montevallo. Prior to moving to Alabama in February 2017, Anna Mary was an Instruction/Public Services Librarian for seven years at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg. She was very active in the Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia Chapter of ACRL, serving for several years on the Executive Committee and for four years as Treasurer. She is also active in ACRL at the national level, having served for five years on the Instruction Section's Awards Committee, and currently is a member of the Instruction Section's 2018 ALA Annual Conference Program Planning Committee. Anna Mary is eager to become more involved with the profession on a local level and would welcome the opportunity to serve as a Member-at-Large for the Executive Board of the AACRL.

Jacksonville State University in the Aftermath of a Tornado

On Monday, March 13, an EF-3 tornado hit the campus of Jacksonville State University, damaging several buildings, including the Houston Cole Library. Fortunately, the university was on Spring Break. No serious injuries or fatalities were reported in the aftermath of the storm. JSU President John Beehler and Vice President for Student Affairs Timothy King announced that students will have options as to how they can complete the remainder of the semester.

According to Jodi Poe, Head of Technical Services at JSU, most of the damage to the library was concentrated in the lobby and on the library's 11th and 12th floors as well as the roof.

Our thoughts go out to our colleagues at JSU and all those who were affected by these storms.





Alabama Association of College & Research Libraries

2018 Business Meeting & Dinner
Wednesday, April 11, 2018
6:00 – 8:00 pm

Ricatoni's Italian Grill
107 N. Court St.
Florence, AL 35620

The menu will consist of the following dinner buffet:

Salad

Cheese Ravioli, Lasagna (with meat), and Chicken Alfredo

gluten-free ravioli available for those indicating special need on the registration form

Brownie Dessert

Non-alcoholic Beverage

This year attendees will have the opportunity to network with others at "Birds of a Feather" tables. At each group, there will be structured questions related to topics in academic librarianship. This will be a very informal activity that will encourage collaborative conversations among Alabama academic librarians and library personnel.

Name:

Institution:

Phone:

Email:

Special dietary requests:

Please submit payment of \$25 by April 6th via Paypal at <http://aacrl.org/news-events/annual-meetings/> or mail a check to:

Debbie Cobb, AACRL Treasurer
Marx Library, University of South Alabama
5901 USA Drive North
Mobile, AL 36688