



# Alabama Association of College & Research Libraries

## NEWSLETTER

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## From the President . . .



Halloween candy and decorations in the stores? Starbucks selling pumpkin spice lattes? College football on Saturdays? Crisp, cool, breezy weather?

Must mean one thing! Fall is here (okay, so maybe not the whole “crisp” weather thing as we are in Alabama)! Nevertheless, it is fall, and for academic librarians that means a start of another busy semester. No matter the department in which you work, every academic librarian knows the hectic energy that the first few weeks of fall semester bring. Please remember that AACRL is here

to serve as a support to you and your colleagues, and if you need anything from the Executive Board, please let us know as we are here to serve you.

Thanks to the hard work of Past President Peggy Kain, AACRL is actively collaborating with the College, University, and Special (CUS) Library division of the Alabama Library Association. She and Kim Westbrooks, CUS chair, successfully organized and facilitated our recent webinar, *Predators, Prey, and OA: Helping Faculty Identify Legitimate Open Access Publishing Opportunities*. Presenting was Stephanie Evers Ard and Kathy Wheeler, both of the University of South Alabama. In the very near future, we will make available a guide on the AACRL website containing further information on predatory publishing and resources that academic librarians can use in assisting their faculty members.

As a continuation of this series, on September 21<sup>st</sup> AACRL and CUS will host Jeff Graveline, Associate Dean for Research & Instructional Services at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) as he presents a webinar on how to have an informed discussion with faculty about author rights and publishing. And yes, like our other webinars, this will be free for all AACRL and/or CUS members!

There will be other training sessions and webinars during this academic year, so please keep a close lookout for those announcements on the listserv.

I hope everyone has a fantastic fall, and please remember that AACRL is here to support you and your institution however we can.

*Jessica Hayes*  
AACRL President

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## Treasurer's Report

For the last Treasurer's Report, the checking balance was \$3,647.96 and the PayPal account was \$101.22.

Since then, we have submitted our Alabama Chapter Reimbursement to ACRL.

The checking account balance as of August 15, 2018, is still \$3,647.96 and the PayPal account is still \$101.22. We currently have 100 members in good standing.

*Debbie Cobb*  
AACRL Treasurer

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## Membership News

Scott Hill joined the faculty of Birmingham Southern College as Electronic Systems & Research Librarian in summer 2018. Previously he was a Data Specialist in the College of Continuing Studies at The University of Alabama. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in History at Athens State University and a Master of Library and Information Science at The University of Alabama.

Lawson State Community College has hired two new employees. Julie Kennedy began as Director of Library and Media Services in July. Previously, she was Head Librarian at Gadsden State Community College. Tracy Simpson was hired in September as Reference and Instruction Librarian. She was previously at Birmingham Public Library.

Dusty Folds has been hired as Librarian for the Jefferson Campus of Jefferson State Community College. He will begin in that position in September. He was previously a librarian at Lawson State Community College.

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# CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The next issue of the AACRL Newsletter will appear in December. With the fall term behind you, this will be a great place to advertise the wonderful accomplishments from your library and your staff (or you). So, please email news about happenings around your library for inclusion in the next issue of the newsletter. Examples of membership news include:

- Retirements, promotions, hirings
- Publications and presentations
- Library events and special programs
- Awards and recognitions

Please email the information (and any corresponding pictures) to **Dusty Folds at [dfolds@jeffersonstate.edu](mailto:dfolds@jeffersonstate.edu)**. (Please note that the email address is different from previous submissions.) The deadline for submissions will be **December 1, 2018**.

## Legislative Update

### NET NEUTRALITY

Below is the text of an email from Don Wood, program officer of the ALA Chapter Relations Office, that was sent out on June 11th:

*“Today (June 11) is the day the repeal of net neutrality rules goes into effect. The good news is, consumers and patrons are unlikely to see changes to the internet service they buy today. The bad news is, there’s now no “cop on the beat,” no enforceable protections that are essential to ensuring open and nondiscriminatory access to online information for all.*

*If Internet Service Providers are allowed to control or manipulate the content of internet communications — to block, throttle and prevent you from accessing the internet any way you want — then the work of modern libraries becomes that much harder. But there are opportunities for relief.*

*First, last month, the Senate voted 52-47 to pass bipartisan legislation under the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to block the FCC’s 2017 rule rollback. As we said at the time: we were pleased to see support from both sides of the aisle to keep the internet free and open. Now, the action has moved to the House. Representatives have the opportunity to put enforceable net neutrality protections in place, by signing the CRA discharge petition and voting to block the FCC’s net neutrality repeal.*

*Around the country, folks have been showing up to in person events with their House representatives to make their feelings on net neutrality known. My personal favorite story is that of Mr. Dave Mantz, the only attendee at Representative Sensenbrenner (R-WI)’s [meeting in Rubicon, WI](#). What did Mr. Mantz want to talk about? Net neutrality.*

*Second, states and localities continue to push their own net neutrality rules, hoping to fill the gap left by the FCC’s repeal. At last count, 29 states are considering net neutrality legislation. Two states, Oregon and Washington, have passed laws, and five governors have signed executive orders that would keep the state from doing business with ISPs that violate net neutrality principles. The California Senate has [passed a bill](#) from state Sen. Scott Wiener (D) that would restore all of the protections from the FCC’s 2015 Open Internet Order and even go a step further by banning most forms of “zero rating,” which is a business arrangement where a mobile ISP would not charge customers data rates to use certain preferred apps or services. The bill will now go to the full state Assembly.*

*Third, the court challenges continue. On March 28, 2018, a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit granted an unopposed motion filed by the petitioners—which include public interest groups and the trade association representing major technology companies—to transfer consolidated appeals of the Restoring Internet Freedom Order to the D.C. Circuit.*

*The D.C. Circuit court has principal jurisdiction over FCC decisions and has heard the two previous appeals of FCC net neutrality actions; of the 2011 Open Internet Order,*

*which it overturned, and the 2015 Open Internet Order, which it upheld. The ALA plans to file as an amicus, or friend of the court, as we did in previous legal cases.*

You can help by:

1. Continuing to tell your members of Congress (or thanking them!) that net neutrality is critical to the modern library and our communities through our [action alert](#).
2. If your plans and means allow, joining a #DayofAction for net neutrality allies in Washington, D.C. on June 26 sponsored by our allies. Here is [a link to register](#).
3. Initiating or joining in-district events when your members of Congress are home for recess. Invite them to a library, talk about what an open internet means for your patrons and community—be like Dave Mantz!
4. Tell your ISP (and your local media and your patrons) that you are watching and expect them to [respect their commitments](#) to an open internet. In fact, you’d like them to [put it in writing](#).”

### NOW FOR SOME GOOD NEWS

The House and Senate Appropriations Committees have passed funding bills for FY2019 that would give level funding for LSAT (Library Services & Technology Act) and IAL (Innovative Approaches to Literacy). The next step will be a vote by the full House and Senate. Alabama has representation on both Appropriations Committees: Martha Roby in the House and Richard Shelby in the Senate. Alabama librarians who have been active in library advocacy have expressed a “thank you” to both Rep. Roby and Sen. Shelby for the support of their committees. Consider doing the same if you haven’t already done so, with a call, an email, a tweet.

Martha Roby: @RepMarthaRoby, <https://roby.house.gov/>  
Richard Shelby: @SenShelby, <https://www.shelby.senate.gov/public/>

### TIPS FOR INVITING YOUR LEGISLATOR TO YOUR LIBRARY (A GOOD IDEA)

And here is some advice on inviting your legislator to your library from Lisa Lindle of ALA’s Washington Office:

*“I saw this tip from the [Congressional Management Foundation](#) and I thought it might be useful for those of you interested in inviting members of Congress to visit your libraries in the coming months! This information comes from a recent survey of congressional staffers by CMF.*

*They asked: “For each of the following activities (site visits), how many weeks in advance should the request be made for the Member to personally participate?”*

*Based on the staffers responses, they learned that advocates should submit their requests for site visits (aka a visit to your library or other location or event) between **3-6 weeks prior** to the event or date you’d like to host a visit.*

*As always, if you would like to plan a site visit at your library and are in need of advice or additional information, please don’t hesitate to reach out!”*

Eric A. Kidwell  
AACRL Legislative Liaison

## Alabama Library Association, College, University, and Special Libraries Division (CUS) EBSCO Award for Research Excellence

### 2019 Call for Proposals

The College, University, and Special Libraries Division of the Alabama Library Association is interested in your research, and we want to reward you! As we do annually, the Research Committee of CUS will be awarding the EBSCO Award for Research Excellence at the 2019 Alabama Library Association Convention in Point Clear, April 2-5. A research paper will be chosen for the award and the top three authors will have the opportunity to present at the 2019 CUS Research Forum. All presenters are awarded a certificate from the CUS Research Committee for presenting at the CUS Research Forum. The Forum provides opportunities to present, as well as to receive feedback about your research.

Please do not pass up this chance to share your research with librarians across the state! I have included the criteria and deadlines for submitting abstracts and papers below. Please let your coworkers or other individuals who might be interested know about this opportunity.

Students in the SLIS program are especially encouraged to submit their research. Presenting at the CUS Research Forum is an honor to put on your resume, it will give you presentation experience, and it will provide you with ideas on how to fine tune your research for scholarly publication.

**Benefits of submission:** As well as receiving a monetary award from EBSCO, the winner of the EBSCO Award for Research Excellence will have the opportunity to work with the editorial committee of the *Southeastern Librarian* to have his/her paper published in the peer-reviewed journal of the Southeastern Library Association.

**Criteria for Submission:** Papers submitted for consideration for the CUS Award for Research Excellence must not have been previously published or submitted for publication elsewhere. They should also not be in the pre-publication process nor should they be in consideration for publication elsewhere.

**Eligibility:** Any member of the Alabama Library Association (including student members).

**Sponsored by:** Research Committee of the College, University and Special Libraries Division (CUS), Alabama Library Association and EBSCO, Inc.

#### Important Dates:

January 9, 2019

Abstracts of the papers are due (about 500 words). The author's name should not appear on the abstract. Send with a one-page vita of the researcher as a separate document.

February 28, 2019

Complete papers are due from researchers who are selected to submit papers following the review of abstracts. Format instructions will be sent with notification of acceptance

Selection criteria used by CUS Research Committee:

- Potential significance of the research to college, university, or special libraries
- Validity of the methodology and analysis
- Originality and innovation
- Clarity and completeness of the abstract

The Award for Research Excellence is generously sponsored by EBSCO, Inc.

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