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From the President



Hope everyone has had an exciting fall semester. We are in the last stretch now, heading towards the end of the semester push, but we still have a few miles to go before many of us leave on well-deserved holiday breaks.

AACRL committees have been hard at work this fall. The AACRL Continuing Education & Training Committee, chaired by Jessica Hayes of Auburn University in Montgomery, put together a great program about Net Neutrality with a presentation by Tim Dodge, our colleague from Auburn University. If you were not able to attend, this webinar

was recorded and is available for viewing at <http://aacrl.org/news-events/workshops/>. As librarians, we know this important topic will have a significant impact on all users. At the time of this writing, during the week of Thanksgiving the FCC Chairman announced his plan to do away with the network neutrality protections. ALA is calling on members to contact their Congressional representatives and make their opinion heard. While members of Congress do not serve on the FCC, they do play an important role as members of committees that oversee the FCC. A vote by the FCC on this plan is scheduled for December 14.

A big thank you goes to the AACRL webmaster Ellen Wilson from the University of South Alabama for the great job of building the AACRL new website. If you have not had a chance to check it out, it is very user-friendly. The website contains, among other things, recordings of all past webinars sponsored by AACRL, current member listings of all committees, and newsletters.

The AACRL Continuing Education & Training Committee and ALLA College, University & Special Libraries (CUS) Division is working hard to obtain speakers for the AACRL/CUS best practices series presentations at the annual convention in 2018. We need your help as AACRL and CUS continue to look for a few good librarians to share with colleagues across the state information about the wonderful work that is being done at their institutions. Please consider submitting a presentation proposal or encourage a colleague to submit a proposal for the best practices series. Click [here](#) to submit a presentation proposal.

As this calendar year draws to a close, I want to thank all of the members of the executive board and committee chairs for all of their hard work and dedication. Also, I want to thank all AACRL members for your support; without you we would not be able to do it! If you are interested in joining a committee or being more active in the AACRL in 2018 or if you have an idea for a webinar, please let us know. Look for an exciting and innovative new year for AACRL.

Wishing you happy and safe Holidays!

*Peggy Kain
AACRL President*

Treasurer's Report

For the last Treasurer's Report, the checking account balance was \$3,224.51 and the PayPal account was \$52.62.

Since then, we have received and deposited a reimbursement of \$135.00 from ALA for AACRL's 2017 ALLA convention. From PayPal, we received two AACRL membership renewals for a total of \$86.78.

For expenses, one check for \$119.40 was written for the AACRL domain.

As of November 30, 2017, the checking account balance is \$3,240.11 and the PayPal account is \$139.40. We currently have 100 members in good standing.

Now is the time to renew your membership! Information about membership renewal can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.

Debbie Cobb
AACRL Treasurer

Call for Presentation Proposals: AACRL/CUS Best Practices

The 2018 Alabama Library Association Convention will be in Florence, Alabama, April 10-13 at the Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa. The Alabama Association of College & Research Libraries (AACRL) along with the Alabama Library Association College, University, and Special Library (CUS) Division are asking for presentation proposals for their annual Best Practices Sessions!

We are looking for proposals on anything that impacts Alabama academic libraries! Some possible topics include but are definitely not limited to the following:

- Cross-University Collaboration
- Reviewing and Revising Academic Library Assessment
- Enhancing the Liaison Relationship
- Implementing Emerging Technologies for Academic Library Use
- Academic Library Administration and Management Techniques
- Reassessing User Service Staffing Models
- RDA and new cataloging practices
- AND many more...

Submit your presentation proposal online today at

<https://goo.gl/forms/4V0HEndY3KoePVN13>.

[Editor's Note: More information about the ALLA Annual Convention may be found on the ALLA website at <https://alla.memberclicks.net/annual-convention>.]



Jessica Hayes
AACRL Vice-President / President-Elect

Membership News

The University of Alabama at Huntsville is proud to make the following announcements:

- Drew Adan joined the faculty of UAH as Archivist in spring 2017. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in History and Spanish from Sewanee: The University of the South, and a Master in Library Science from Simmons Graduate School of Library and Information Science. He most recently served as Faculty Services Assistant at the Yale Law School Lillian Goldman Law Library and also worked at Yale University's Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.
- Laura Slavin joined the faculty of UAH as Electronic Services Librarian in spring 2017. Previously, she worked in university libraries at Lincoln Memorial University in East Tennessee and Troy University. Slavin joins UAH after working in the Huntsville Public Library System. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from Millsaps College, a Master of Arts in Library Science from the University of South Florida, and a Master of Business Administration from Lincoln Memorial University.
- Rebecca Brothers joined the faculty of UAH as Scholarly Communications Librarian in fall of 2017. She was previously a Media & E-Resources/Periodicals Librarian at Oakwood University. She holds a Bachelors of Arts degree from Walla Walla University and a Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Washington.
- Reagan Grimsley, Head of Special Collections and Archives, is currently serving as the President of the Society of Alabama Archivists in 2017-2018.

Call for Proposals: CUS EBSCO Award for Research Excellence

The College, University, and Special Libraries (CUS) 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 2018 Alabama Library Association Convention in Florence. A research paper will be chosen for the award and the top three authors will have the opportunity to present at the 2018 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! The criteria and deadlines for submitting abstracts and papers are 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 résumé, 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 CUS and EBSCO, Inc.

Important Dates:

January 10, 2018

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, 2018

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.

For information or to submit abstracts and brief vita, feel free to contact:

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AACRL / Dr. Sue O. Medina Significant Contribution Award

The Alabama Association of College & Research Libraries seeks nominations for the Dr. Sue O. Medina significant contribution award. The award is to recognize individuals for their achievements and significant contributions to librarianship for college and research libraries.

Information concerning the award is provided below. If you know of colleagues who have made significant contributions to the profession, please submit your letter of nomination and support by January 15, 2018, to Rickey Best, AACRL Past-President (rbest@aum.edu), AUM Library, P.O. Box 244023, Montgomery, AL 36124-4023.

Sponsor: Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries

Award Title: AACRL Significant Contribution Award

Purpose: To recognize the achievements and significant contributions in the area of college and research libraries on the local, state, regional, national, or international level.

Frequency: This award will be presented annually during the yearly dinner/business meeting of AACRL. While it is anticipated that only one award will be presented in any given year, multiple awards may be made if the AACRL Board determines such action is warranted.

Eligibility: The award is open to all librarians, library faculty, paraprofessionals, other information professionals, or students enrolled in graduate library programs who work or reside in Alabama and who are associated with college, university, or research libraries. Additionally, this award may be presented to organizations, groups, vendors, or other individuals who have contributed something of significance within the state of Alabama in the area of college and research libraries.

Judging: Recipients will be determined by majority vote of the AACRL Board and from submitted nominations.

Nominations: Nominations must be submitted by January 15th to be considered for that year's award. An announcement with guidelines for nominations will be included in the AACRL chapter newsletter. Nominations may be held over from a previous year and reconsidered for awarding. The Past President will receive and organize nominations to present to the Board. Guidelines for nomination will be listed. No application or nomination form will be used to allow for flexibility in the nomination process.

Qualifications: For individuals, must be residents of Alabama. Accomplishment for which being nominated must have occurred during residency.

*Rickey Best
AACRL Past President*



Now is the time for membership renewals! There are two ways to sign up for AACRL membership:

1. Sign up online via PayPal at <http://aacrl.org/membership/>
2. Print out a form and mail your payment. The renewal form is available online at <http://aacrl.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/membershipapplication.pdf>

If you have questions about the status of your membership, email AACRL treasurer Debbie Cobb at dcobb@southalabama.edu.