



# Alabama Association of College & Research Libraries

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### From the President...



As we look forward to a new year, I would especially like to thank the Executive Board for their hard work and dedication in 2018 as well as welcome the incoming Executive Board: Dusty Folds from Jefferson State Community College (Vice-President/President-Elect), Jessica Hayes from Auburn University Montgomery (Past President), Tim Dodge from Auburn University (Secretary), Megan Bell from the University of Alabama at Birmingham (Treasurer), Anna Mary Williford from the University of Montevallo (Chapters Council Liaison/ Member-at-Large), Elizabeth Bradsher from Chattahoochee Valley Community College (Newsletter Editor) Eric Kidwell from Huntingdon College (Legislative Liaison) and Ellen Wilson from the University of South Alabama (Webmaster). The 2018-2019 year was a successful one for

the Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries because of the work of the officers and the members.

In 2018, we were able to host one really well attended in-person workshop, at the Auburn University Montgomery Library, on professional growth in academic libraries, and we presented two webinars on scholarly publication issues – one on author rights and one on predatory publishing and open access. We also, once again, partnered with the Alabama Library Association's College, University, and Special Libraries Division (CUS) to present nine AACRL/CUS Best Practices sessions at the Association's annual convention in Point Clear. Topics for these sessions ranged from instruction to handling kids at a college library to collaborative space to assessment to enhancing reference services.

In addition, AACRL held its annual Business Meeting and Dinner at The Wash House Restaurant with guest speaker, Ron Leonard, Director of Special Initiatives for the Alabama Commission on Higher Education, who spoke to us about Open Educational Resources and affordable learning initiatives in Alabama and how librarians can contribute to the work currently being done in these areas in the state. In 2019-2020, I would like to see the association continue to offer high quality workshops and other training opportunities for its members.

Over the upcoming year, I would like to ask all AACRL members to think about how they can assist the association in accomplishing its goals. There are several options available to members who wish to contribute:

- Do you have an area of expertise that you'd like to share with our members? Volunteer to present a webinar on it.
- Do you prefer committee work? It's easier than ever to volunteer to serve on a committee; the list of committees can be found at <http://aacrl.org/about/committees/>. To volunteer for one, just choose the *Volunteer for a Committee* option under Membership on the AACRL web site at <http://aacrl.org/>
- Are you a good writer or like to report on issues and events? Provide articles for the AACRL Newsletter, previous issues of which can be found at <http://aacrl.org/news-events/newsletters/>.

In addition to the above activities, all members can subscribe to the AACRL Listserv (send the message SUBSCRIBE AACRL to LISTSERV@LISTSERV.UAB.EDU) and/or like the [AACRL Facebook page](#).

I look forward to working with everyone in the 2019-2020 year. If you have ideas for programs or webinars, want to volunteer for a committee, or just have concerns or ideas, feel free to contact me. Have a good summer!

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## Treasurer's Report

For the last Treasurer's Report the checking account balance was \$4,505.86 and the PayPal account was \$189.03.

Since then I received eight AACRL membership renewals from PayPal for a total of \$172.34. For expenses, one check for \$250.00 was written to Kathy Wheeler for reimbursement for the 2019 Annual AACRL Meeting's restaurant reservation at the Wash House. One check for \$1,757.96 was written to the Wash House for the Annual Meeting/Dinner.

Twenty individuals registered for the 2019 AACRL Annual Meeting/Dinner. Seventeen payments in the amount of \$572.56 were received through PayPal and three checks in the amount of \$105.00 were received and deposited for a total of \$677.56.

\$700.00 was transferred from PayPal to the AACRL checking account. Check #1453 never cleared the bank. After review the President and President-Elect decided to void this check and place the amount of \$637.20 back into the AACRL checking account.

The checking account balance as of April 3, 2019 is \$3,940.10 and the PayPal account is \$233.93.

We currently have approximately 100 members in good standing.

Debbie Cobb  
Past AACRL Treasurer

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## Legislative Update

ALA reported in late April that its FY20 Dear Appropriator letters campaign was a "resounding success," and thanked the library community for "the thousands of calls, emails, and visits made by American Library Association advocates across the county. Thanks to you, support for both letters increased significantly in the House and remained steady in the Senate."

ALA has asked that we check its letter tracker to see if our members of Congress signed on in support of federal library funding. You can do this by going to [ala.org/FundLibraries](http://ala.org/FundLibraries)

If your legislator did sign, ALA asks that you take a moment to thank them:

Thank your Senators: [bit.ly/TYFundLibrariesSenate](http://bit.ly/TYFundLibrariesSenate)

Thank your Representative: [bit.ly/TYFundLibrariesHouse](http://bit.ly/TYFundLibrariesHouse)

I can go ahead and announce that Sen. Jones and Rep. Sewell were the only Alabama congressional members who signed on to the LSTA and IAL FY20 letters.

If you are planning to attend ALA in D.C. this June, the ALA Scheduler has been released. To find advocacy-related programs slated for D.C. ,you can use the "Subject" search feature and select "Advocacy." Two examples of the many programs being offered are "Amplify Your Voice: Advocacy in the Workplace," and "Confidently Negotiating Political and Financial Support for Your Library."

More information will be shared through AACRL communication channels as it becomes available.

Eric A. Kidwell  
AACRL Legislative Liaison

### AACRL Annual Dinner/Business Meeting

Nineteen people gathered for the AACRL Annual Dinner/Business meeting held the evening of April 4, 2019 at the Wash House Restaurant in Fairhope.

Outgoing President Jessica Hayes announced election results: Dusty Folds (Jefferson State Community College), President-Elect and Megan Bell (University of Alabama at Birmingham), Treasurer. Moving into the following offices are Kathy Wheeler (University of South Alabama), President and Jessica Hayes (Auburn University at Montgomery), Past-President. The following officers are continuing: Tim Dodge (Auburn University), Secretary; Anna Mary Williford (University of Montevallo), Member-at-Large/ACRL Chapter Liaison; Eric Kidwell (Huntingdon College), Legislative Liaison; and Ellen Wilson (University of South Alabama), Webmaster.

Rickey Best (Auburn University at Montgomery) is this year's winner of the Sue O. Medina Significant Contribution Award. The award will be presented to Mr. Best at a future date in Montgomery.

Treasurer Debbie Cobb (University of South Alabama) reported that the current balance of the checking account is \$3940.10 and that of the PayPal account is \$233.93. AACRL has approximately 100 members.

The guest speaker was Ron Leonard, Special Initiatives Coordinator at the Alabama Commission on Higher Education who spoke on "Toward a Statewide Approach to *Open* our Educational Resources." Mr. Leonard, formerly Director of the Network of Alabama Academic Libraries, became very interested in open educational resources (OER) as one way of addressing the student debt crisis. OER is one way of reducing or eliminating the high cost of textbooks borne by college students.

Ron Leonard spoke about working with Vicky Ohlson, Director of Special Projects, at the Alabama Community College System on a collaborative project to replace textbooks with OER. The

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Thank you to all of our sponsors, speakers, and attendees for making the 2019 Alabama Library Association's Annual Convention a success!

Save the date for the 2020 Annual Convention in Birmingham - April 14-17.

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### Quote of the Quarter

"You want weapons? We're in a library! Books! The best weapons in the world! This room's the greatest arsenal we could have—arm yourselves!" —Russell T. Davies (Doctor Who)

## Membership News

Just Published: *Rhythm and Blues Goes Calypso* (Lexington Books) by Tim Dodge (Auburn University).

Starting in 1945 and for the next 20 years, dozens of African American rhythm and blues artists made records that incorporated West Indian calypso. *Rhythm and Blues Goes Calypso* explores this phenomenon starting with a brief history of calypso as it developed first in Trinidad and Tobago, the music's arrival in the United States, a brief history of the development of rhythm and blues., and a detailed analysis of the adaptation of calypso by African American R. & B. artists between 1945 and 1965.

See the publisher's web site for more information: <https://rowman.com/ISBN/9781498530989/Rhythm-and-Blues-Goes-Calypso#> . Tim's previous book, *The School of Arizona Dranes: Gospel Music Pioneer* (Lexington Books, 2013), is also still in print, see: <https://rowman.com/ISBN/9780739167137/The-School-of-Arizona-Dranes-Gospel-Music-Pioneer#> .



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The next issue of the AACRL Newsletter will appear in October. With the summer 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.

Please email the information to [elizabeth.bradsher@cv.edu](mailto:elizabeth.bradsher@cv.edu) The deadline for submissions will be **September 19, 2019**.