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From the President...



Wow, this year passed by as a blur for me; it seems only yesterday that I was the incoming AACRL president. As the 10th Doctor famously said as he was beginning to regenerate in Doctor Who, "I don't want to go." There were things I wanted to accomplish that I didn't quite get to finish, mostly regarding continuing education. While the association was not able to provide the opportunities I was hoping we would this year, we did begin the planning stages for an academic writing workshop that I hope Dusty Folds, as incoming president, will be able to see to fruition in 2020-2021.

On Monday, December 9, at the AUM Library Tower, Rickey Best was presented with the Sue O. Medina Significant Contribution Award. The Dean of the Library, Phill Johnson, welcomed members of AACRL and AUM library staff. Eric Kidwell, who made the nomination, spoke about Rickey's professional accomplishments and presented the award. Rickey thanked everyone, and then there was cake. AACRL members present were Eric Kidwell, Jessica Hayes, Tim Dodge, and Megan Bell. In an email to me about this award, Rickey said, "I would like to thank the association for this very special award. I cannot express how much it means to me to have been selected. I am grateful to the members of the Association and the Executive Board, and all of those I've had the privilege to work with over the years." Congratulations, Rickey!

In personal news, on January 11, Jessica Hayes, Past President, and her husband, Steven Hayes, welcomed a baby boy, Landon Hayes. Congratulations to Jessica and Steven!

I'm looking forward to seeing most of you at the annual AACRL Business Meeting & Dinner at Cantina Loreda in Birmingham on Wednesday, April 15. The format for the dinner is going to be different this year, so I can't wait to see what Dusty has planned. You can register for the dinner at <http://aacrl.org/news-events/annual-meetings/>.

The joint AACRL/CUS Best Practices sessions (listed as Lightning Track Sessions on the ALLA program) promise to be interesting with programs designed to appeal to a variety of academic librarians, including sessions on using Python, reimagining technical services, refining the FDLF collection, training tips for new catalogers, reviving a dead journal (about the plans to bring back the *Alabama Librarian*), collaborating with faculty who teach intermediate research courses, integrating information into Canvas, addressing pseudoscience and fringe theory in instruction, providing full services for users with disabilities, and using a database cost-per-use formula. Attend these sessions and you'll hear great advice from our colleagues and perhaps take back ideas to implement in your own libraries.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT CONTINUED...

As I close out my term as President of AACRL, I'd like to thank executive board members Dusty Folds, Jessica Hayes, Tim Dodge, Megan Bell, Anna Mary Williford, Eric Kidwell, Ellen Wilson, and Elizabeth Bradsher for their help during my tenure.

As always, members who wish to help the association by working on committees can volunteer through the form on the AACRL website, or they can contact me. Also, remember that 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. If you have ideas for posts on our Facebook page, contact me.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your 2019-2020 president, and I'll see you in Birmingham!

Treasurer's Report

February 2020

For the last Treasurer's Report the checking account balance was \$3,985.10 and the PayPal account was \$262.45.

The checking account balance as of February 6, 2020 is \$3,765.43 and the PayPal account is \$330.79. We currently have approximately 100 members in good standing.

Megan Bell
AACRL Treasurer

Legislative Update

Mark your calendars!

The American Library Association is excited to announce that National Library Legislative Day (NLLD) 2020 will be held at Georgetown University Conference Center in Washington, D.C., on May 4-5.

For more information, please visit ala.org/NLLD.

*Eric A. Kidwell
AACRL Legislative Liaison*



AACRL Annual Dinner/Business Meeting

As in the past, AACRL will host its annual business meeting during the ALLA convention. This year’s meeting will not have a key-note speaker but rather will be designed around individuals sharing ideas and news from their library. The purpose will be to share innovative approaches to academic librarianship as we learn from each other.

This year’s meeting will also provide an opportunity to relax and socialize with your colleagues from academic libraries throughout the state.

The meeting will be on Wednesday, April 15 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Cantina Loreda. The dinner will be a buffet. The cost for the meal is \$35.00. In order to ensure we have an adequate amount of food, please register by March 20 online at <http://aacrl.org/news-events/annual-meetings/> or by completing the registration form below if you wish to pay by check.

We are anticipating a wonderful event this year, so we hope you are able to attend.

Dusty Folds
AACRL Vice-President / President-Elect
Program Committee Chair

REGISTRATION FORM

Alabama Association of College & Research Libraries
Annual Business Meeting and Dinner
Wednesday, April 15, 2019, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Cantina Loreda
2301-B, Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd N., Birmingham, AL

Dinner will be a buffet.

Please indicate any dietary restrictions/preferences: _____

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Please submit payment of \$35 by March 20th via Paypal or mail this form and a check made out to AACRL to:

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Save the date for the 2020 Annual Convention in
Birmingham, Alabama

April 14-17.

For more information, click the link below:

<https://alla.memberclicks.net/annual-convention>

Membership News

If you have any membership news, please submit them by email to Elizabeth Bradsher at Elizabeth.bradsher@cv.edu.

Quote of the Quarter

“Everything you need for better future and success has already been written. And guess what? All you have to do is go to the library.” —Henri Frederic Amiel

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The next issue of the AACRL Newsletter will appear in July. 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.

Please email the information to elizabeth.bradsher@cv.edu The deadline for submissions will be **June 15, 2020**.