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From the President

Greetings to all AACRL members. I would like to thank our outgoing officers: Patty Pilkerton (Past President), Kate Ragsdale (Treasurer), and Della Darby (Newsletter Editor). I would also like to introduce our new and continuing officers: Bob Schrimsher (Vice-President/President Elect), Debbie Grimes (Past President), Carla Waddell (Secretary), Bethany Skaggs (Treasurer), Rosemary Arneson (Member-at-Large/ACRL Chapter Liaison), Eric Kidwell (Legislative Liaison), Jill Grogg (Newsletter Editor), and Beth Ashmore (Webmaster).

AACRL is breaking with tradition and offering two workshops this year. The fall workshop, *Millennials in the Library: Today's Student Library Worker*, will be held on Friday, October 7, 2005, at the Alabama Public Library Service in Montgomery. Presenters from various academic libraries in Alabama will share strategies for recruiting, training, motivating, and retaining student library workers. More information and a registration form are available in this newsletter. The spring workshop will be held on Monday, February 13, 2006, at Samford University in Birmingham and will feature Ray English speaking about scholarly communication. More information will be available in the next AACRL newsletter (November 2005).

AACRL will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, April 26, 2005, in Florence. Vice-President Bob Schrimsher submitted a request on behalf of the Alabama chapter to have an ACRL officer speak at our meeting. I am excited to announce that his request for Frances Maloy (Past President) was selected by ACRL for funding. Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan to attend the fall and spring workshops and the annual meeting. Also, please contact any of the AACRL officers if you have questions, suggestions, comments, or concerns related to ACRL or the Alabama chapter of ACRL.

Jennifer Long
AACRL President

Fall Professional Development Opportunities in Alabama

NAAL Workshop: ProQuest Literature Online (LION)

September 21, 2005 - Alabama Commission on Higher Education, Montgomery

September 22, 2005 - Birmingham Southern College, Birmingham

September 23, 2005 - Alabama A&M University, Huntsville

See <http://www.ache.state.al.us/NAAL/wkshpreg.htm> for more information.

SOLINET Workshop: Marketing Your Virtual Library

September 30, 2005 - Alabama Public Library Service, Montgomery, Alabama

See <http://www.solinet.net/workshops/> for more information.

AACRL Workshop: Millennials in the Library: Today's Student Library Worker

October 7, 2005 - Alabama Public Library Service, Montgomery

See story on page 3 and registration form in this newsletter.

Nominate Your Campus Heroes for Award

I want to hear about academic library staff members who do noteworthy things.

Why? So that we can revitalize our AACRL Significant Contribution Award and once again recognize those who make our libraries and library services special. We have a good start with the recognition in April 2005 of Marcia Boosinger from Auburn University (more about Marcia on page 3).

Marcia has played a leadership role at Auburn University Libraries as well as in AACRL and other professional associations. That's one type of excellence, and there are many others.

We are interested in hearing the stories of library staffers – both professional and paraprofessional – who have done outstanding things at their

own institutions as well as in larger arenas. For example, do you have a paraprofessional who consistently trains work studies, year-after-year, and makes them feel they are special and important contributors to the success of the library?

Do you know an academic librarian who has devoted himself or herself to library instruction and created a really strong program?

Do you know someone who has taken on all of the tough jobs that no one else wanted or someone who succeeded in projects despite major obstacles? That's the person whose story I want to hear.

According to the description of the AACRL Significant Contribution Award, we can even give awards to library school students, "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." We can even give multiple awards if we wish – or none at all! But I'd like to see AACRL start recognizing the good things many of us do in our academic libraries in Alabama.

So, tell me your stories and the Board will consider these as nominations for the award. You can fax your one-page story to me at 205-391-3926 or simply e-mail me at dgrimes@sheltonstate.edu.

Overwhelm me!

Tell me about your campus heroes!

*Debbie Grimes
Immediate Past President*

News from the Membership

Delores Carlito, General Reference Librarian at the Mervyn H. Sterne Library, University of Alabama at Birmingham, has published a book, *Cuban-American Fiction in English: An Annotated Bibliography of Primary and Secondary Sources* (Lanham: Scarecrow Press, 2005, \$24.95).

Katy Ginanni, Training Specialist at EBSCO Information Services, was elected to the NASIG Executive Board as a Member-at-Large for a two year term, 2005/06-2006/07.

Brenda Kerwin, Systems, Periodicals and Non-print Resources Librarian at Huntingdon College has been promoted to the faculty rank of Librarian III (Associate Professor).

Pamela Sawallis has joined the faculty at Birmingham-Southern College as Reference Services Librarian, effective August 1, 2005. Pam has

previously been a reference librarian at Central Michigan University, Florida Gulf Coast University, and the University of Florida.

Bob Schrimsher, Pharmacy Librarian and Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice, Samford University, has been awarded Senior Member status in the Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP) by the credentialing Committee of the Medical Library Association. Members of the academy are credentialed as health information professionals by demonstrating their academic preparation, professional experience, and professional accomplishments.

The titles may have changed but the faces stay the same. Samford University Library experienced some changes this past Spring, and we wanted to let you know about them.

Della Darby, former Reference Coordinator and **Beth Ashmore**, former

Reference Librarian, have moved into Technical Services as the Cataloging Coordinator and Cataloging Librarian respectively. The changes don't end there; the Reference department has reorganized with **Lori Northrop** as the new Reference Coordinator, **Carla Waddell** as the new Reference/Government Documents Librarian, and **Cheryl Cecil** as the new Reference/Instruction Librarian. Cheryl's name may look familiar as she was our former Interlibrary Loan assistant who received her MLS from University of Alabama in August 2004.

Welcome New Members

Donna Chow, Library Director,
South University

Courtney Bruch, Reference/ILL
Librarian, South University

Boosinger Wins Award



AACRL revived its practice of recognizing outstanding contributions to academic librarianship by presenting the AACRL Significant Contribution Award to Marcia Boosinger at the annual dinner/business meeting in April 2005. The purpose of the award is to recognize the achievements and significant contributions in the area of college and research libraries on the local, state, regional, national, or international level.

Boosinger holds an MLS from the University of Alabama in addition to an MS in Library, Media, and Instructional Development from Purdue University. She is the Chair of the Reference Department at the Ralph Brown Draughon Library at Auburn University, where she has provided leadership in the library and around campus since 1984. Another significant part of her job at AU is to serve as the Faculty Athletic Representative and Chair of the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics.

Boosinger has been particularly active in professional library associations and is a charter member of AACRL, serving as treasurer, board member and

as President in 2002-2003. She has served in various capacities in the Alabama Library Association (ALLA), from the Alabama Library Instruction Round Table to Convention Co-Chair to Handbook Committee to her current role on the Executive Council. At the national level, Boosinger presently serves as the ALA Chapter Councilor and is a member of the Academic/Eligibility Compliance Cabinet and Continuing Education Eligibility Committee.

She has also worked on the Chapter Relations Committee, Membership Committee, Coordinator of the LAMA Mentor Program, LITA Desktop Publishing Committee, and the New Members Round Table, to name a few of her committee assignments.

Boosinger has published several articles, including a number of reviews for the *Journal of Academic Librarianship*. She has been a frequent presenter at library conferences, notably in the field of library instruction. This is by no means a full list of her service to the profession; a complete resume has been added to the minutes of the AACRL Board to document Boosinger's record of achievement.

AACRL is not the only organization to honor Boosinger. She is the recipient of the Blackwell North America Award for Research Promise in Librarianship and a Graduate Research Council Fellowship with the University of Alabama. She is also a member of Beta Phi Mu (including charter membership in the Purdue chapter). AACRL made a good choice in Marcia Boosinger for the recipient of its 2005 "Significant Contribution Award."

*Debbie Grimes
Immediate Past President*

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AACRL Upcoming Workshops

FALL 2005

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the AACRL fall workshop on *Millennials in the Library: Today's Student Library Worker*. The workshop will be held on Friday, October 7, 2005, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Main Conference Room of the Alabama Public Library Service in Montgomery.

Presenters from various academic libraries in Alabama will describe the millennial generation and share tips and techniques for recruiting, training, motivating, and retaining today's student library workers. The presenters include Joyce Brannan (University of West Alabama), Eric Kidwell (Huntingdon College), Margaret Kinney (Huntingdon College), Mangala Krishnamurthy (University of Alabama), Kathleen Lowe (University of Montevallo), and Lisa Vardaman (Troy University).

Those interested in attending should return the enclosed registration form by Wednesday, September 28, 2005. More information is available on the AACRL website at <http://www.samford.edu/groups/aacrl/workshop/index.htm>.

*Jennifer Long
AACRL President*

SPRING 2006

The AACRL 2006 spring workshop will be held at Samford University, at Divinity Hall N101, located in the Andrew Gerow Hodges Chapel, on February 13, 2006. The theme of the workshop will be scholarly communication and will be presented by Ray English, currently the library director at Oberlin College. Mr. English has made considerable presentations/workshops on this subject. Mark the date on your calendar. More information about the workshop will come in the November 2005 newsletters and on the AACRL website.

*Bob Schrimsher
Vice-President/President-Elect*

AACRL Represented at National Legislative Day

On May 3-4, 2005, I was present for National Legislative Day in Washington, D.C. While generally thought of as an ALA event, it is actually sponsored by ALA, the Special Libraries Association and the District of Columbia Library Association. I joined Jaunita Owes, director of the Montgomery City – County Public Library, and Rebecca Mitchell, director of the Alabama Public Library Service (accompanied by her husband Derick who presented a library user perspective), to form the Alabama delegation. We were a small group, certainly compared to some other states; however, we found that this worked in our favor as we each were able to attend all our meetings at congressional offices and have the opportunity to speak on legislative matters related to libraries. Primarily, I addressed those matters that most concerned academic and research libraries and Jaunita and Rebecca addressed those most pertaining to public and school libraries.

We were fortunate to have the opportunity, thanks to Rebecca's scheduling, to meet with all but one office, that of Sen. Jeff Sessions. It is quite the norm that on such visits one meets exclusively with congressional staffers, which is fine since these are the men and women whom representatives and senators rely heavily upon when making policy decisions. We were again fortunate in that during our visits this day we had the opportunity to meet and sit briefly with several of Alabama's U.S. Representatives: Robert Aderholt, Mike Rogers and Spencer Bachus.

Legislative Day began with a full briefing day on May 3 led by members of ALA's Washington Office and others. Topics covered included copyright, E-rate, the Patriot Act, and legislation concerning the preservation and dissemination of government information. There were also concurrent sessions in the after-

noon to help prepare delegates for meeting with their congressional representatives (and/or staffers) and making the most of the short period of time that would be spent in each office. On this day AACRL sponsored a luncheon for academic librarians who were attending Legislative Day (approximately 45 attended this luncheon) where Stephanie Vance of AdVAnCED Consulting spoke. Vance is the author of *Government by the People: How to Communicate with Congress*, and is herself a former congressional legislative aide.

Day two of Leg Day was spent visiting Capitol Hill. There is a reason they call it Capitol Hill, and one soon discovers this reason after a day of traversing it, going from building to building, office to office in not so sensible shoes. If you've never had the experience of visiting congressional offices, you may be surprised to learn that the majority of staffers are in their twenties (Vance in her presentation at the AACRL luncheon referenced this using a personal experience, when in her early thirties she was looked upon as the experienced elder of her office). Staffers (or Legislative Assistants or Aides) have specific areas assigned to them and primarily we met with those who were the education liaisons for their elected member of Congress.

As I mentioned earlier, for our Alabama visits each of us in our delegation focused upon one or two pieces of current legislation, knowing our time per office visit was only fifteen to twenty minutes.

Jaunita and Rebecca talked about E-rate, increased LSTA funding (\$221.3 million as proposed by the president) and the \$100 million funding proposed for the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries, which would allow more effective implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act as it would provide school libraries with the necessary funding to purchase the required

materials to support the classroom literacy initiative.

I spoke on behalf of H.R. 1201 and H.R. 1157. H.R. 1201 is a fair use bill called the Digital Media Consumers Rights Act of 2005, which among other things would allow libraries to circumvent access control mechanisms imbedded in DVDs and CD-ROMs for the purposes of preservation and archives, and is a response to the Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998. H.R. 1157 is the Freedom to Read Protection Act and would amend the USA Patriot Act. If passed it would reinstate certain pre-Patriot Act standards the FBI must meet to obtain FISA (Foreign Intelligence Security Act) court orders and warrants for gaining access to library and bookstore user records.

We covered many of the same legislative topics when meeting with Goodloe Sutton of Sen. Shelby's office and were very pleased to find much common ground. I specifically addressed continuing concerns with Section 215 of the Patriot Act and spoke on behalf of passage of S. 317 – the Library, Bookseller, and Personal Privacy Act. Additional senate bills mentioned were S. 622 – the "Restore FOIA" Act, S. 392 – "Openness Promotes Effectiveness in our National Government" Act of 2005, and S. 589 "Faster FOIA" Act of 2005. What is found when looking at many of these pieces of legislation is that there is bi-partisan support for them – certainly a factor that should strengthen the message.

Attending Legislative Day is a very worthwhile experience and I would encourage anyone with even a remote interest in legislative matters to attend. Certainly there are the additional security measures one must tolerate flying in and out of Washington as well as gaining access to the buildings of Capitol Hill and many of the museums and other points of interest, but the opportunity

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to sit down with your members of Congress or their staff truly does make one feel a part of the democratic process. It is very easy to become cynical of the wheels of government. What I found was that those we met with gave us their attention and appeared to truly listen to our concerns.

One recommendation I brought back to our AACRL Board was an idea I shared with Mary Ellen Davis, executive director of ACRL, at the Legislative Day wrap-up session: I would like to see states consider including a student as part of their delegation.

Specifically, I think an undergraduate student, who could speak on behalf of users of school, public and academic libraries; could make a unique impression on our elected officials and their staffs. Mary Ellen Davis was supportive of the concept and suggested starting with a pilot project. Our AACRL Board has given support to pursue this to see if we can identify a student who could attend the 2006 Leg Day and what funding would be available to assist with the costs. I will be contacting some of our other library organizations in Alabama to further discuss this idea.

Eric A. Kidwell
AACRL Legislative Liaison

Treasurer's Report

On June 30, 2005, the balance in the AACRL bank account was \$5,004.93. Since that time, no checks have been issued. Withdrawals total \$0.00. Deposits of \$157.54 (reimbursement check from ACRL) and \$114.00 (membership dues) were made to the account. Deposits total \$271.54. As of July 21, 2005, the balance in the AACRL bank account is \$5,276.47.

Bethany Skaggs,
AACRL Treasurer

AACRL Chapters Council Report

The ACRL Chapters Council met on Sunday, June 26, 2005, during the American Library Association Annual Conference in Chicago. Elections were held for the officer positions of Vice-Chair and Secretary. The Chapters Council officers for 2005/2006 are: Chair, Mark Emmons, University of New Mexico; Vice-Chair, Nora Quinlan, Nova Southeastern University; Past-Chair, Vibiana Bowman, Rutgers University; Secretary, Ann Watson, Denison University; and Editor of Chapter Topics, Doreen Kopycinski, Ursinus College.

The meeting began with an overview of the ACRL Chapters Council. The council is composed of the President and Vice-President of each ACRL chapter or a delegate who is a member of the executive board. Its mission is to serve as the central means of communication among the chapters and between the chapters and ACRL. Its goals are to provide a forum for the exchange of information and ideas, promote the organization and development of chapters, offer orientation and support for chapter officers, and forward chapter concerns and needs to the ACRL Board. The mission and goals are achieved through meetings at the

ALA Midwinter and Annual Conferences, the *Chapter Topics* newsletter, and the electronic mailing list.

Following the overview of the Chapters Council, there was a discussion about the relationship between ACRL and its forty-two chapters. ACRL is a national organization responsible for fostering the profession of academic/research librarianship, and its chapters are separate organizations with an interest in academic/research librarianship that request affiliation. ACRL chapters are responsible for supporting the goals and initiatives of ACRL, providing a local presence for ACRL, building membership in ACRL at the national and local levels, and promoting excellence in academic and research libraries through programming and professional development opportunities and legislative advocacy. To support its chapters, ACRL provides funding for ACRL officers to travel and speak at chapter meetings and gives chapters \$1.00 for each ACRL personal member living in the geographic region. The meeting concluded with brief reports from several ACRL officers.

Jennifer Long
AACRL President

AACRL Holds Annual Meeting in April

The annual meeting was held on Wednesday, April 20, 2005, in conjunction with the 2005 Alabama Library Association Annual Convention in Birmingham. Approximately fifty people gathered at Mauby's Restaurant to enjoy a delicious dinner, listen to an informative program, and participate in a short business meeting. Dr. Bill Nelson, Library Director at Augusta State University in Georgia, was the featured speaker. His presentation topic was "How Should Academic Libraries Address the Requirements of the SACS Principles of Accreditation?" He

explained why the new SACS document is a challenge for academic libraries, suggested a strategy for compliance, and addressed opportunities for library contributions to student learning outcomes.

The business meeting included officer reports, approval of proposed changes to the bylaws, presentation of the reinstated AACRL significant contribution award to Marcia Boosinger, recognition of outgoing officers, and installation of new officers.

Jennifer Long
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New Information on AACRL Website

If you haven't been to the AACRL website lately, here's what you've been missing:

Previous winners of the AACRL Significant Contributions Award have been added to the Awards page. This page also includes instructions on how to nominate an individual or organization to receive this award.

The Annual Meeting page has had a bit of a face lift and with it comes a wealth of historical information about the meetings and programs sponsored by AACRL for the past four years. Can't remember that excellent Best Practices program you went to in 2003? Check the website for Programs Titles, Date and Presenters.

Got an idea for something you would like to see on the AACRL website? Let us know about it! Contact Beth Ashmore, AACRL webmaster, at beashmor@samford.edu or any member of the AACRL board to suggest improvements for the AACRL website.

From the New Editor

I want to thank **Della Darby** for her invaluable assistance as I assume editorship duties. Della has been willing to answer numerous questions and has made the transition an easy one. I also want to thank **Beth Ashmore** for her assistance with my first newsletter; she deserves all the credit for the printing and distribution of this newsletter. If you have questions, contributions, or suggestions, please feel free to send them to Jill Grogg at jgrogg@bama.ua.edu.

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