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From the President

Greetings! I hope that you are enjoying a productive and enjoyable summer. It's a pleasure to be working with you this year. We've gotten off to a great start. Those of you who were unable to attend the annual business meeting in Orange Beach missed a treat. Thank you very much to those of you who attended and helped to make the evening a success. Our speaker, Nadine Cohen, University of Georgia, was engaging and her material thought-provoking. I think all of us in attendance left with a better understanding of the cooperative effort it takes to create a K-16 information literacy policy and to apply it in real-world situations at the local level. While the amount of work can be daunting, this kind of coordinated effort can result in improved and improving information literacy programs across a wide geographical area.

Collaboration and cooperative effort are the ways that we, your executive board, work best too. Welcome to our newest officers – Jennifer Long and Debbie West. We've begun this year with several initiatives in mind:

- Past-president Charlcie Vann and her bylaws committee are working on revisions; you should be able to read about these in upcoming newsletters. These revisions simply record in the bylaws some practices and positions already in place.

- We've also begun to think about next year's convention and programs. President-Elect Jennifer Long is already working with CUS to plan these. Jennifer is also spear-heading our fall workshop planning together with the Network of Alabama Academic Libraries' Continuing Education Committee. This joint workshop promises to be educational, stimulating, and practical. I hope you will make plans to attend.

- Our webmaster, Jason Battles, is working on a proposal to update the website. Perhaps changes to its structure and hosting could result in easier membership and registration options.

- Eric Kidwell, Legislative Liaison, is working to increase legislative awareness and participation and has some excellent ideas for programming and reporting in the state this year.

- Our new Treasurer, Debbie West; Newsletter Editor, Kathy Wheeler; and Secretary, Ellen Wilson, have all done great jobs getting us off to a good start this year. There is work that often happens below the radar, and I want to thank them especially for their efforts and their patience in dealing with the rest of us!

- We are very interested in increasing membership. Yingqi Tang, Member-at-Large, has been working to revitalize our liaison network and has plans to reach out to members and non-members alike. In your own libraries, I hope you will encourage your coworkers to join AACRL.

It's an honor to work with these folks and with each of you this year. One of my goals as your president is to encourage communication and visibility and to improve AACRL based on your feedback. I hope that you will feel free to contact me with your thoughts, complaints, ideas, and suggestions. I look forward to your vocal participation in our workshops and programs.

See you at the fall workshop!

Lor Northrup
AACRL President

AACRL Cooperative Collection Development Workshop

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the AACRL/NAAL/CUS workshop on Cooperative Collection Development. The workshop will be held on Monday, October 10, 2011, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Samford University in Birmingham.

The workshop will feature two guest speakers. Timothy Cherubini, Director of Regional Services for LYRASIS, will speak about issues, potential pitfalls, and planning for cooperative collection development projects. Leslie Button, Associate Director for Library Services at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, will speak about a cooperative collection development project to reduce unnecessary monographic duplication within the Five Colleges Consortium.

The workshop will include a panel session and a brainstorming activity. Panelists from Alabama libraries will speak about cooperative collection development efforts within the state, and attendees will discuss and share ideas for cooperative collection development projects.

Those interested in attending the workshop should return the enclosed registration form. More information is forthcoming and will be posted on the AACRL website.

Jennifer Long
Vice-President/President-Elect

From the Past President about the Collection Development Workshop

It was a pleasure serving as the AACRL President for 2010-2011 term. I am looking forward to the upcoming events under the leadership of Lori Northrup. She and the executive board have hit the ground running with a well

needed AACRL workshop.

We have not had a workshop in approximately two or three years.

I would like to thank all the members of the executive board for organizing this event. All of your work is greatly appreciated.

This workshop will be helpful in contributing to the mission of the ACRL Strategic Plan 2020 <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/about/whatisacrl/strategicplan/index.cfm>.

Charlcie Pettway Vann
AACRL Past President

Treasurer's Report July 26, 2011

The account balance according to the April 29, 2011, bank statement was \$5,634.04. A deposit of \$110.00 was made by the previous Treasurer before handing the account over to me on May 9, 2011. Since then I have made a deposit of \$10.00 and there has been 43 cents in interest accrued.

Disbursements of \$598.15 for conference expenses and \$34.88 for new checks have been made.

The account balance as of July 26, 2011, is \$5,121.44.

Debbie West
AACRL Treasurer

The Sue O. Medina Significant Contribution Award

The Sue O. Medina Significant Contribution Award recognizes the achievements of college and research libraries on the local, state, regional, national, or international level. All Alabama librarians, library faculty, paraprofessionals, or students enrolled in graduate library programs who are associated with college, university, or research libraries in the state of Alabama are welcomed for nomination.

The award may be given to organizations, groups, or other individuals who have contributed significantly to college and research libraries. The contribution(s) must have been accomplished while the person or group was a resident of Alabama. (Nominees must be residents of Alabama). The Award will be presented at the annual Dinner/Business meeting to be held in Birmingham, AL, in April 2012.

Please submit nominations by e-mail by the DEADLINE of January 30, 2012 to:

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Legislative Information

The Government Relations Committee has new members and is working on meeting to discuss our work for the upcoming year. I have also touched base with the legislative committee of the Alabama Library Association to see how our two committees can effectively work together.

Eric Kidwell
Legislative Liaison

Membership Drive

The Membership Committee would like to take the opportunity to thank the following members who are willing to continue serving as membership liaisons for the Alabama Chapter of the Association of College & Research Libraries (AACRL).

Institution	Liaison
Athens State University	Robert Burkhardt
Auburn University Montgomery	Ricky Best
Calhoun Community College	Lucinda Beddow
Chattahoochee Valley St. Community College	Xueying Chen
Lawson State Community College	Sandra Henderson
Shelton State Community College	Debbie Grimes
Snead State Community College	John Miller
Southeastern Bible College	Paul Roberts
Troy University	Henry Stewart
University of Alabama Birmingham	Delores Carlito
University of Mobile	Jeff Calametti
University of North Alabama	Doris McDaniel
Wallace Community College, Selma	Minne Carstarphen

We are seeking more membership liaison volunteers now. Our goal is to establish a network from each library or institution in the state. The membership liaison's duties are to promote and explain the benefits of AACRL to professionals and paraprofessionals at your workplace, help to maintain members and promote chapter activities.

If you don't see your institution represented, and if you are interested in serving, please contact Yingqi Tang at tang@jsu.edu.

*AACRL Membership Committee
Yingqi Tang
Donna Chow*

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AACRL/NAAL/CUSWorkshop
Cooperative Collection Development

Monday, October 10, 2011
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Beeson School of Divinity - Divinity Hall Room N101
Samford University
800 Lakeshore Drive
Birmingham, Alabama 35229

Registration Form

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____
Institution/Street

City State Zip Code

Cost for the workshop is \$15.00. To register for the workshop, please complete this form and return with a check (payable to AACRL) to DEBBIE WEST, AACRL TREASURER, ROSA PARKS LIBRARY, TROY UNIVERSITY - MONTGOMERY, 252 MONTGOMERY STREET, MONTGOMERY, AL 36104. Registration forms and checks need to be received no later than October 1, 2011.

NAAL is sponsoring one (1) librarian from each NAAL member institution. To be considered for a FREE registration, identify your institution: _____

If you are the first person to register from your NAAL member institution, your check will be voided or returned to you during the workshop.

A boxed lunch is included in the registration fee. Please indicate selections below.

Sandwich or Salad Choice (select one option):

- _____ Turkey (turkey, provolone, whole grain bread, honey mustard, pickle, pasta salad, cookie)
- _____ Roast Beef (roast beef, cheddar, whole wheat sub roll, lettuce, tomato, horseradish, pickle, potato chips, cookie)
- _____ Chicken Salad Sandwich (chicken mixed with pecans/light mayonnaise, croissant, fruit salad, baked chips)
- _____ Grilled Veggie Wrap (vegetables, spinach, tomato tortilla wrap, low fat dressing, fruit salad, baked chips)
- _____ Cobb Salad (mixed greens, diced turkey, tomato, bacon, cheddar/blue cheeses, avocado, balsamic vinaigrette)
- _____ Spinach Salad (baby leaves, candied pecans, eggs, cheese, tomato, sun dried cranberries, sweet onion vinaigrette)

Beverage Choice (select one option):

- _____ Bottled Water
- _____ Canned Soda

News from the Membership . . .

Lisa Campbell, Reference Librarian at Gorgas Library, completed the Emerging Leaders Program and also attended the ACRL Information Literacy Immersion program.

Lisa Campbell, Reference Librarian, has been appointed the Cooking Columnist for *Library Journal*. Beginning in September she will be writing a monthly column.

Nancy Fawley, Head of Gorgas Information Services at the University of Alabama Libraries, presented a poster titled “Navigating the Library Through Good Design: Creating Effective Signage to Reflect the Collection and Engage the User” at the ACRL 2011 Conference in Philadelphia this past March. The presentation was voted “best poster” in its session by conference attendees.

Melissa Fortson, Research and Instructional Librarian, presented “Keeping Up: Current Awareness Tools and Tips for Educators” at the Alabama Educational Technology Conference on June 16.

At the Mississippi State University Libraries Emerging Technologies Summit on August 12. **Melissa Fortson** presented “Emerging Technology as Assistive Technology: The iPad, Accessibility, and Libraries.”

After 27 years in the profession, **Susan Herring** retired from Athens State University Library on May 1. At the University’s Honor Day, she received a special award for her work supporting research and publication at ASU. Despite her retirement, she intends to remain active in the Alabama library community. After taking one month to relax and regroup, she is now back at the ASU Library on a part-time basis, primarily doing cataloging and system administration, and is scheduled to teach one class in the fall for the University of Alabama School of Library and Information Studies.

Eric Kidwell participated in a panel presentation at ALA in New Orleans, entitled: “Academic Librarian Lightning Round! Innovative New Roles.” The program dealt with college and university librarians increasingly assuming new academic, professional, and service roles and responsibilities. By forging new pathways and partnerships, academic librarians can reassert the centrality of the library in their colleges and universities, and expand their expertise to benefit the core missions of their library and their institution. This fast-paced program featured a variety of Lightning Talk presentations that dove right to the heart of the issue and engaged the audience. This was a joint CLS/ULS program.

Brett Spencer, Reference Librarian, along with UA School of Library and Information Studies graduate student, **Rachel Renick**, presented a poster, “iReference?: Potential Uses of the iPad for Reference Librarians,” at the Mississippi State Emerging Technologies Summit on August 12.

Troy University Libraries has been awarded a grant of \$3,000 by the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) for the “Let’s Talk About It: Making Sense of the American Civil War” program. Participants will discuss a set of common texts selected for their relevance to a larger, overarching theme. The goal is to stimulate and enhance teaching, studying, and understanding of American history and culture. The grant calls for five discussion sessions based on three books, “March” by Geraldine Brooks (Penguin, 2006), “Crossroads of Freedom: Antietam” by James McPherson (Oxford University Press, 2002) and a forthcoming Civil War anthology of historical fiction, speeches, diaries, memoirs, biography and short stories edited by national project scholar Edward L. Ayers and co-published by NEH and ALA. The programs will be held January 2012 through May 2012. Several Civil War-related clubs and projects, including chapters of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and the Civil War Forum, a 70-plus member group sponsored by the Troy Public Library, have rallied community support for this grant

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