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From the President ...

Welcome to Debbie Grimes who is the new Member-at-Large/Chapter Liaison. Debbie is the Director of Library Services at Shelton State Community College. Already she is busy contacting the institutional liaisons. We appreciate Debbie's willingness to join us mid-year and her efforts to organize the liaisons.

An excellent learning opportunity is planned for January 23, 2002. AACRL and CUS are jointly sponsoring the workshop "*Active Learning as a Pedagogical Approach for Information Literacy.*" Presenter, Randy Hensley, Public Services Division Head, University of Hawaii at Manoa Libraries, is a dynamic and entertaining speaker who has served as Chair of ACRL's Instruction Section. Marcia Boosinger has planned an excellent program. Please note the enclosed flyer for additional details. Reference

and instruction librarians should find this workshop especially beneficial, though it has potential value for all.

Thanks to the work of Tim Dodge, Mary Alice Fields, and Susan Herring, our tax-exempt status is well established with the Federal Government and plans are progressing for tax-exempt status with the State of Alabama. Tim provides more details on page two.

Dr. Bob Schrimsher, Pharmacy Librarian, Drug Information Center, Samford University, volunteered to become the AACRL web master. The results of his efforts are found at <http://www.samford.edu/groups/aacrl/aacrl.htm>. We hope you will bookmark the AACRL page and stay informed about your organization.

Jean Thomason
President

AACRL Annual Meeting

The annual dinner, program, and business meeting will be held on Wednesday night, April 10, 2002, in conjunction with the Alabama Library Association convention in Huntsville.

We are very pleased to have Mary Reichel as our dinner speaker. She is the President of ACRL for 2001-2002. She served on the ACRL Board of Directors from 1994-1998 and the SOLINET Board of Directors from 1994-1998.

Mary is the University Librarian and Professor at Carol Grotnes Belk Library, Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina.

Her previous positions include: Assistant University Librarian for Central Services, University of Arizona, 1986-1992; Head, Reference Department, Pullen Library, Georgia State University, 1980-1986; Senior Reference Librarian, Undergraduate Library, State University of New York at Buffalo, 1976-1980.

Mary received her education at Georgia State University, Ph.D., Higher Education, 1992; University of Denver, Library Science, M.A., 1972; University of Wales, International Relations, M.Sc.Econ., 1972; Grinnell College, History, B.A., 1968.

Tax-Exempt Status Update

The lengthy process of applying for tax-exempt status as a Section 501 (c) (6) non-profit organization is proceeding well. You may recall that back in July former AACRL Treasurer Susan Herring, current AACRL Treasurer Mary Alice Fields, and AACRL Past-President Tim Dodge met at Samford University to work on the application forms required by the Internal Revenue Service.

Using the information supplied by Susan Herring plus a check from Mary Alice Fields for the \$150 filing fee, Tim Dodge sent the appropriate forms to the Internal Revenue Service on July 18, 2001. The IRS responded on September 17 with an official letter of recognition of the tax-exempt status of AACRL. As long as we don't have any paid employees and our gross annual receipts are \$25,000 or less, we will not be liable for any federal income tax.

One final step needs to be taken before we can rest easy. The IRS states that their recognition of an organization as tax-exempt does not automatically mean that a state government will recognize the organization as tax-exempt. Thus, it will still be necessary to apply to the Alabama Department of Revenue for recognition as a tax-exempt organization. Watch for future updates.

— Tim Dodge
Past-President



News from the Membership

Dr. Stella Bentley, Dean, Auburn University Libraries, is chairman of the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries.

Judy Burnham, senior librarian at the University of South Alabama Biomedical Library, was recently named the Academic Medical Librarian of the Year by the Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association. Burnham received this award at the MLA Tri-Chapter meeting held in New Orleans. The award recognizes an academic medical librarian who demonstrates significant achievement, the potential for leadership, and continuing excellence.

Charlotte Ford has been named Coordinator of Reference & Information Services at Birmingham-Southern College. Charlotte was previously Reference Librarian at BSC until 1996, when she entered the PhD program at Indiana University. She is currently writing her dissertation and expects to receive her doctorate in June 2002. Charlotte received her MLS from Indiana University and her undergraduate degree from Earlham College.

Richard H. Harrison II accepted an appointment as Associate Librarian in the Reference Department of the University of Central Florida Libraries in Orlando. He previously held the position of General Reference Librarian at Mervyn H. Sterne Library, University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Jessica Lacher-Feldman, Public and Outreach Services Coordinator, W. S. Hoole Special Collections Library, University of Alabama, is serving as President of the American Association for History and Computing.

Jan Sauer, Instructional Services Librarian, University of South Alabama, and David Kennedy Sauer contribute the annual bibliography to *The David Mamet Review*, a free online journal. At present there are two issues available online at <http://mamet.eserver.org> Jan and David are currently working on a reference book on Mamet for Greenwood Press' *Research and Production Sourcebook* series. An annotated bibliography and overview of performance reviews and scholarship on Mamet's plays, it is due in August.

Dr. Jerry Stephens, Director, University of Alabama at Birmingham, serves on the ASERL Board as Member-at-Large. He is also President of the OCLC Members Council.

Stacey Thornberry has joined the library faculty at Birmingham-Southern College as Periodicals and Reference Services Librarian. Stacey received her MLIS from the University of Alabama in August 2001. Her undergraduate degree is in anthropology from Appalachian State University.

Heather F. Watters accepted the position of Reference/Documents Librarian at Samford University Library in August. She previously held the position of Library Director of the Woman's Missionary Union. Heather received her MLIS from the University of Alabama in May 2001. Her MA in history is from UAB and her BA in history is from Samford University.

Please send your news for the March issue to Della Darby at dhdarby@samford.edu.

AACRL Programs at ALLA

AACRL will sponsor six one-hour programs at the Alabama Library Association annual meeting in Huntsville April 10 and 11, 2002. The programs will be scattered throughout Wednesday and Thursday, and are scheduled to avoid conflict with CUS programs.

AACRL members are invited to submit proposals for presentations that spotlight best practices. If you have done something especially well or that breaks new ground, please take this opportunity to share your experience with your colleagues.

Proposals should include a title/topic, a brief description of the information to be shared, and the expected audience. A proposal form is available at the AACRL website: <http://www.samford.edu/groups/aacrl/aacrl.htm>

ACRL Events

ACRL's 11th National Conference will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina, April 10-13, 2003. The conference theme is "Learning to Make a Difference," and will explore the changing nature and roles of academic and research librarianship. For more: <http://www.ala.org/acrl/charlotte/>

The ACRL Institute for Information Literacy will offer two Immersion '02 programs at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs. Track I: Librarian as Teacher will be held July 26-31. Track II: Librarian as Program Developer will be held August 2-7. <http://www.ala.org/acrl/nili/immersion02.html>

Job Shadow Day is February 1, 2002. This is an opportunity to introduce junior and senior high students to academic librarianship. For more information, see <http://www.ala.org/acrl/jobshadowday.html>

New Members

We are pleased to welcome four new members to AACRL.

Paula Barnett Ellis
Reference Librarian
Houston Cole Library
Jacksonville State University

Mark Brothers
Public Services Librarian
Tutwiler Library
University of West Alabama

Elizabeth Jean Milewicz
Education/Reference Librarian
Houston Cole Library
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Jodi Poe
Distance Education/
Electronic Resources Manager
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Jacksonville State University

To renew your membership, use the form at <http://www.samford.edu/groups/aacrl/memb.pdf>

Call for Nominees

If you have been looking for a chance to get more involved with AACRL, how about running for an office on the Executive Board? Speaking from experience, I can say that this is a great way to further the cause of academic libraries around the state, meet many new colleagues and friends, and concretely contribute to the development of our profession.

The elections will take place early in 2002 with new officers to be installed at the annual business meeting / dinner / program in April. The following positions are open:

Vice-President/President-Elect
Secretary
Member-at-Large

The first position is a three-year commitment (the second year is served as President and the third year as Past-President) and the other two positions are both two-year commitments. Position descriptions are available upon request.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS: nominees must be current members of both AACRL and the ACRL division of the American Library Association.

Self-nominations are encouraged. If you nominate someone else, please obtain his or her permission first.

Send all nominations and inquiries to:

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Time to Renew Your Membership?

Look at the upper right hand corner of the mailing label on this newsletter -- if it reads EX: 12/00 or EX: 12/01, your membership in AACRL either has already expired or will expire at the end of this year. This is a good time to send in your renewal. Use the membership form at <http://www.samford.edu/groups/aacrl/memb.pdf> to update your membership data. To save time and effort, renew for three years!

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"Active Learning as a Pedagogical Approach for Information Literacy"

Presenter: Randy Hensley, Public Services Division Head,
University of Hawaii at Manoa Libraries

A Workshop Cosponsored by

The Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries and The College, University, and Special Libraries Division of the Alabama Library Association

Wednesday, January 23, 2002

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Samford University

Beeson Divinity School, Divinity North Room 101

AACRL and CUS are cosponsoring a workshop on designing active learning for information literacy outcomes and how to collaborate with faculty to make that happen given by **Randy Hensley**, Public Services Division Head, University of Hawaii at Manoa Libraries and faculty member in ACRL Information Literacy Immersion Institute since 1998. Randy is a dynamic and entertaining speaker and teacher who holds the M.L.S. in Library & Information Science from the University of California at Berkeley and an M.A. in Sociology from California State University, Chico. He has presentations and publications to his credit too numerous to count and has been the Chair of ACRL's Instruction Section.

The workshop will cover personal active learning principles, reasons to design active learning, how to design active learning, instructional session design, assessment principles, and one minute assessments, as well as other topics related to incorporating active learning techniques into your ongoing information literacy efforts.

AACRL and CUS Workshop:

Active Learning as a Pedagogical Approach for Information Literacy,

January 23, 2002, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Samford University Beeson Divinity School, Divinity North Room 101.

Please detach this form and mail with your check by **January 10, 2002**, to Mary Alice Fields, Treasurer, AACRL, Music Librarian, University of Alabama Libraries, Box 870266, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0266 FAX: (205) 348-6358 OFFICE: (205) 348-6359 E-MAIL: mafields@bama.ua.edu. **Registration limited to first 60 registrants.**

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Check one and enclose check:

\$35.00 AACRL member rate

\$45.00 Non-member rate

Yes, I would like to join AACRL this year and save on my registration for this workshop.
I am enclosing the additional \$6.00 annual membership dues.

Lunch is included with the price of the workshop. I would like the vegetarian option for lunch.