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### *From the President ...*

This issue of the newsletter contains a request from the AACRL board for assistance in recruiting members with a new membership brochure as well as lots of "news you can use" on upcoming programs and opportunities for Chapter members.

With this newsletter you have the opportunity to answer a call from your Chapter officers to recruit new members to AACRL. Included you will find a copy of the new AACRL membership brochure that gives only a few of the excellent reasons to belong to this active professional organization. Please take the time to give this brochure to a colleague who is not currently a member and encourage them to join AACRL. The cost of membership is minimal and the benefits and opportunities are numerous.

Officers have been working hard on several events related to AACRL participation at the Alabama Library Association Annual Conference in April. Chair-elect Patty Pilkerton has arranged a great venue for our annual dinner at the Alabama Library

Association Conference in Mobile; see her article for details. Newsletter Editor Della Darby and Secretary Kim Weatherford are providing us with information on topics and times for the "Best Practices" programs at the ALLA conference. Please reply affirmatively to Immediate Past-President Jean Thomason's call for volunteers to fill positions for next year's officers who assume their duties at the April annual dinner.

Looking ahead to May, Eric Kidwell, our Legislative Liaison, provides details on an opportunity for an AACRL member to receive financial support for attending National Library Legislative Day. Please consider this chance to talk with Representatives and Senators about issues of concern to the academic library community.

As always, your officers are ready to listen to comments and suggestions or to answer any questions you might have. Please let us know how you can better benefit from membership in AACRL.

*Marcia Boosinger*

### Last Call for Nominations

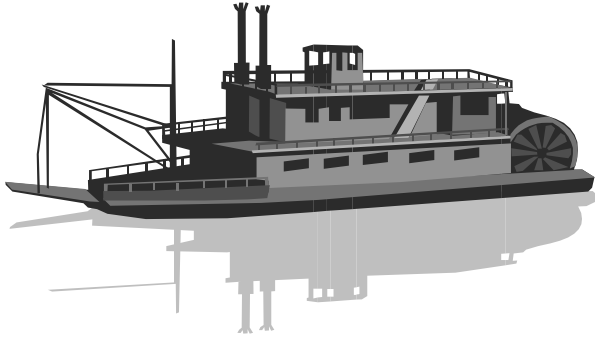


*Are you interested in being more involved in AACRL?  
Consider running for an office.*

This Spring we will elect a Vice-President/President-Elect and a Treasurer. The elections will take place early in 2003 with new officers to be installed at the annual business meeting in April. The Vice-President/President-Elect is a three year commitment with the second year served as President and the third year as Past President. The position of Treasurer is a two year commitment. Nominees must be current members of both AACRL and the ACRL division of the American Library Association. Self-nominations are welcomed. Please send nominations to:

Jean Thomason, [mbthomas@samford.edu](mailto:mbthomas@samford.edu)  
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## Annual Dinner Program and Meeting



The 2003 AACRL annual dinner and business meeting will be held on Wednesday April 2, 2003, in conjunction with the Alabama Library Association Convention in Mobile.

Get ready to take a journey back in time, as we set sail on the *Cotton Blossom Sternwheeler* and experience Southern hospitality, Riverboat style. We will board this 1920's-era paddlewheeler just blocks from the Mobile Convention Center for a leisurely (two hour) dinner cruise.

The recently refurbished *Cotton Blossom* features climate-controlled cabins, exterior seating with excellent views, restrooms, and a cash bar. The *Cotton Blossom* is one of only

four boats in the nation placed on the *National Register of Historic Places*. It is U.S. Coast Guard inspected and has licensed Captains.

Our full dinner will feature salad, two entrees (to be determined), two vegetables (TBD), and desserts, plus coffee, iced tea, and rolls at a cost of \$35.00 per person. Did I mention the cash bar? A vegetarian meal will be available. Reservations will be due by April 1, 2003.

- Patty A. Pilkerton  
Vice President/President-Elect

## Best Practices Sessions at ALLA

AACRL, in association with CUS, will sponsor four Best Practices sessions at the ALLA convention in Mobile. The response to the call for proposals was excellent. Following are the topics that will be presented:

**Sterling Joseph Coleman, Jr.**; Digital Resources Librarian; Auburn University; Ralph B. Draughon Library  
"The Importance of Establishing Best Practices For Metadata In Digital Projects"

A description of the best practices that the Cornerstone Metadata Standards Working Group (CMSWG) adopted to develop metadata for the Cornerstone Project as well as the decision-making process that was used to reach these best practices. It will also explore the need and importance of establishing best practices for metadata in terms of selecting controlled vocabularies, creating a metadata work-form and providing documentation for the proper usage of the Cornerstone Metadata Work-form by participating institutions.

**Jean Liddell**, Reference Librarian, Ralph Brown Draughon Library, Auburn University  
"Plagiarism: A Comprehensive Definition"

Plagiarism: why students do it, avoiding & preventing plagiarism, detection methods, and a comprehensive definition.

**Robert H. Schrimsher**, Pharmacy Librarian, McWhorter School of Pharmacy, Samford University  
"Helpful Hints for Every Librarian's Nightmare: Publishing an Article"

A discussion and helpful suggestions focusing on: getting started with a publication; facts & myths of publishing; where to submit your article; why manuscripts are rejected; article format; helpful tools of the trade; writer's block; should the boss be included as an author; the phases of the writing process; tips on proofreading; and other problematic areas.

**Jean Thomason**, Director, University Library, Samford University  
"Faculty Evaluation of Library Orientation"

A brief orientation to Library Resources and Services was given to the Nursing and Divinity faculty as well as new faculty and their mentors. The presentation will focus on their evaluation of these sessions.



## News from the Membership

**Dr. Bob Schrimsher**, Pharmacy Librarian and Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice, McWhorter School of Pharmacy, Samford University, has been appointed as the editor of a new pharmacy journal, *The International Journal of Pharmacy Education*. Dr. Schrimsher, who proposed, planned, and implemented the journal, will also serve as the journal's technical editor.

The journal will be a scholarly, peer-reviewed, and Internet only journal. The address for the journal is <http://www.samford.edu/schools/pharmacy/ijpe/index.htm>. There will be no subscription fee or password associated with accessing the journal. The journal became official in September and several articles have already been submitted for peer-review. The journal is soliciting submissions from both the national and international pharmacy community and has a broad focus: clinical pharmacy, pharmaceutical sciences, drug information, pharmacy education issues, international pharmacy, editorials, commentaries, and student papers.

*The International Journal of Pharmacy Education* has an excellent editorial board with members from the United States, Korea, Wales and the Netherlands. As articles are reviewed and approved, they will be published in the journal. It is anticipated that only four issues a year will be published.

**Jaroslaw Szurek** has accepted the position of Music Librarian at Samford University to begin January 2003. He holds a Master of Arts in Musicology and a Certificate in Information Science from Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland. Jaro is currently completing his Masters of Science in Information Science at the State University of New York, Albany, where he works in the Film and Television Documentation Center. He was the Music Librarian and Cataloger at the Institute of Musicology, Jagiellonian University.

The **University of Alabama** Libraries inaugurated a Reference Chat service on September 9, 2002. A member of the QuestionPoint Global Reference Network, the University Libraries are using the QuestionPoint chat program. The service, which is open to the public, is available Monday through Thursday, 12 to 4 PM. To submit a question, go to the Libraries' web page at <http://www.lib.ua.edu>. For additional information about the service, please contact Jennifer McClure ([jmclure@bama.ua.edu](mailto:jmclure@bama.ua.edu)).

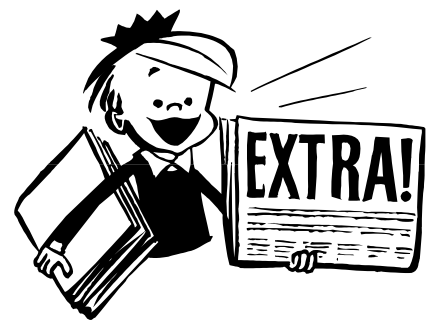
## Stipend for National Library Legislative Day

The 29th Annual National Library Legislative Day is scheduled for May 12-13, 2003. The meeting hotel will be the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill. Traditionally, Leg Day, as it is called in the library world, has primarily involved public and school librarians with limited participation by colleagues from the academic and research fields. ACRL is trying to address this situation and is encouraging greater participation from its members. In an effort to assist with this goal, AACRL is offering a stipend for an Alabama academic/research librarian to attend Legislative Day this coming May. To be eligible the librarian must be a member of AACRL and be willing to share his or her experience with the membership through a column in the AACRL newsletter. The amount of the stipend is \$500.

If you are interested, send your name and contact information (e-mail is fine) to Eric A. Kidwell, at [ekidwell@huntingdon.edu](mailto:ekidwell@huntingdon.edu). The deadline for expressing your interest is January 7, 2003.

For further information about National Legislative Day, go to the ALA Washington Office's website at [www.ala.org/washoff/legislativeday.html](http://www.ala.org/washoff/legislativeday.html). You can also read up on the current legislative issues of interest to academic and research librarians by going to the ACRL website "Washington Watch" at <http://www.ala.org/acrl/legalis.html>.

— Eric A. Kidwell  
AACRL Legislative Liaison



### Liaison Updates

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Kathy Barone  
Jacksonville State University  
Sonja McAbee  
Snead State Community College  
Any volunteers?

If you have corrections or additions, please send them to Kathy Barone at [baronek@montevallo.edu](mailto:baronek@montevallo.edu)

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## Conferences/Institutes

ALA Midwinter Meeting  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
January 24-29, 2003

ALLA Convention  
Mobile, Alabama  
April 1-4, 2003

ACRL Annual National Conference  
Charlotte, North Carolina  
April 10-13, 2003

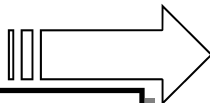
ALA Annual Conference  
Toronto, Ontario  
June 19-25, 2003.

IIL Immersion Program '03  
University of Rhode Island  
August 1-6, 2003

ACRL/Harvard Leadership Institute  
Cambridge, Massachusetts  
August 3-8, 2003



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