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From the President ...

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of your AACRL Executive Board officers who worked so diligently to make our Fall Workshop "Red, White & You: A Patriot Librarian in Today's Information Environment" a success. Debbie Grimes (Vice-President/President Elect) proposed the theme for the workshop, made arrangements for our keynote speaker, brought together an outstanding group of panelists, and even moderated one of the sessions.

Marcia Boosinger (Past President) served on a panel discussion. Della Darby (Newsletter Editor) made all local arrangements for meeting space, parking, and our lunch from First Perk. Thanks also to Jean Thomason of Samford for hosting us.

Beth Ashmore (AACRL Webmaster) did a remarkable job of updating the website information. Just a reminder, handouts and contact information from the workshop are archived on the AACRL website.

Kim Weatherford (Secretary) served as our liaison with CUS, who co-sponsored the workshop. Kate Ragsdale (Treasurer) handled registration, and still had time to serve on a panel discussion.

All I had to do was be tour guide (we did the Museum of Art, Civil Rights Institute, Botanical Gardens, Lakeview and Dreamland) to Emily Sheketoff from the ALA Washington Office, and start/end the meeting on time.

Now we are working on the programs for the AACRL 'Best Practices' sessions and the Annual Business/Dinner Meeting at the ALLA Annual Convention in Montgomery in April 2004. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact me or any other member of the AACRL Executive Board. We look forward to serving you.

Patty Pilkerton

Last Call for Officer Nominees for AACRL

Please consider becoming more active in AACRL by running for one of two offices, Vice-President/President-Elect or Secretary, to be elected in spring 2004. The new officers will be installed at the annual business meeting held in April in conjunction with the Alabama Library Association Annual Conference in Montgomery.

The office of Vice-President / President-Elect is a three-year commitment with the second year served as President and the third as Past President. The position of Secretary 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 welcome.** Please send nominations to:

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Annual Dinner Meeting and Program

The annual dinner meeting and program will be held in conjunction with the Alabama Library Association Annual Convention in Montgomery on Wednesday, April 22. Fred Heath, Vice Provost for the general libraries at the University of Texas at Austin, will be our speaker. Meeting details and registration information will be forthcoming.

Red, White, and You Workshop

AACRL's biennial workshop, "Red White and You: The Patriot Librarian in Today's Information Environment", was well attended and well received. 96% of respondents gave the workshop a positive rating.

Emily Sheketoff of the ALA Washington Office brought the audience up-to-date on key issues that are affecting libraries and their patrons. The USA PATRIOT Act was her primary topic. She also encouraged librarians to speak out about issues that impact libraries.

Deborah Grimes (Shelton State Community College) presented a scenario illustrating the restriction of access to offensive materials, after which Marcia Boosinger (Auburn University), Robert Burkhart (Athens State University), and Delores Carlito (University of Alabama at Birmingham) provided their responses to the behavior of the individuals involved.

Lunch was provided by First Perk, a program of First Light, a Birmingham shelter for women and children.

Kate Ragsdale (University of Alabama) moderated a panel discussion about internet filtering in libraries. Panelists Jean Thomason (Samford University), Brenda Turner (Faulkner University), Jane Keeton (Birmingham Public Library), and Denise Oliver (Alabama State Department of Education) discussed their experiences with internet filters.

Additional information about the workshop speakers and topics is available at <http://www.samford.edu/groups/aacr/workshop/>



ACRL National Conference

The ACRL 12th National Conference will be held April 7-10, 2005 in Minneapolis, MN. The conference theme is "Currents and Convergence: Navigating the Rivers of Change". The AACRL Executive Board encourages Alabama Chapter members to develop programs that promote active engagement in the process of change and learning, and submit proposals on the topics presented in the seven conference tracks:

- Changing Environments and Cultures
- Changing Political Realities
- Converging and Collaborating
- Evolving Modes of Scholarly Communication
- Managing Electronic and Digital Information
- Redefining Traditions
- Teaching and Learning

Full descriptions of tracks can be found online at <http://www.acrl.org/Events and Conferences/> then 'ACRL 12th National Conference'. Proposal forms for preconferences, panel sessions, contributed papers, poster sessions, workshops, and roundtable discussions are also available.

Consider the major issues, challenges, changes, and opportunities facing academic and research libraries in the next five to ten years. Examine the issues identified by ACRL's Focus on the Future Task Force (online at www.acrl.org then 'Issues & Advocacy' then 'Recruiting to the Profession' then 'Top Issues Facing Academic Libraries') and consider these issues in program proposals.

— Patty A. Pilkerton
(Edited from ACRL)

Treasurer's Report

On June 30, 2003 the balance in the AACRL bank account was \$6,110.98.

Since that time checks totaling \$930.15 have been issued (\$707.75 expenses for workshop, \$82.41 for newsletter, and \$139.99 for AACRL ribbons). Expenses for printing new checks totaled \$14.42. Total expenses were \$944.57.

Deposits for workshop registrations and dues totaled \$1,250.00. Interest added to the account was \$2.07. Total deposits were \$1,252.07.

As of November 17, 2003 the balance in the AACRL bank account is \$6,418.48.

— Kate W. Ragsdale
AACRL Treasurer

News From the Membership

Dr. G. Ward Hubbs, Reference Librarian and Archivist at Birmingham-Southern College, has had not one, but two, books published by University of Georgia Press. The books, "Voices from Company D: Diaries by the Greensboro Guards, Fifth Alabama Infantry Regiment, Army of Northern Virginia" and "Guarding Greensboro: a Confederate Company in the Making of a Southern Community" both focus on Greensboro, Alabama during the Civil War. Hubbs earned his MLIS and PhD from the University of Alabama and has been on the faculty at Birmingham-Southern since 1999.

Brenda Kerwin, Systems Librarian at Houghton Memorial Library, Huntingdon College, has been awarded tenure. She has been on the faculty at Huntingdon since 1998.

Janice A. Sauer, Senior Librarian, University Library at the University of South Alabama and **David K. Sauer**, Professor of English at Spring Hill College had their book, *David Mamet: A Research and Production Sourcebook*, published by Greenwood Publishing on September 30, 2003. The result of ten years of research, the book presents a complete picture of the critical responses to David Mamet's plays.

New Members

Beth Ashmore, Reference Librarian, Samford University

Brooke Becker, Reference Librarian, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Cheryl S. Cecil, Interlibrary Loan Specialist, Samford University

Marilyn Christianson, Reference Librarian, Auburn University

Jess Echord, Business and Government Documents Librarian, Troy State University

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Legislative Report

USA PATRIOT Act

As we learned at our recent AACRL workshop on the USA PATRIOT Act, Congress is debating changes to the Act. ALAWON, ALA's Washington Office newsletter, recently sent out a notice asking librarians and library support staff to contact their Representatives to ask that they support the amendments that have been proposed by Rep. C.L. "Butch" Otter (R-ID) and by Rep. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) to the USA PATRIOT Act. While Congress will have likely adjourned for the year by the printing of this newsletter, here is the basic information on the amendments from ALAWON:

"In July of this year, under the leadership of Republican Representative C.L. "Butch" Otter, the U.S. House of Representatives listened to their constituents' voices criticizing the USA PATRIOT Act and voted 309-118 for an amendment that would turn back one of the Act's most over-reaching provisions—Section 213 or the "sneak and peak" provision.

"Section 213 of the USA Patriot Act allows the government to search a person's home or office without notifying them for weeks or even months after the search. These powers can be used in all criminal cases, not just terrorism related investigations. Such a broad power is a violation of our sacred protections from unreasonable searches and seizures that the Fourth Amendment provides.

"The House of Representatives also approved a similar amendment offered by Independent Representative Bernie Sanders which would prevent the government from using Section 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act to look at the books we are checking out from the library or buying from a bookstore. Again it was grass roots support that made this victory possible.

Your help is needed now to make sure that these two amendments become law before Congress adjourns for the year. Representative Bernie Sanders (I-VT), Representative C.L. 'Butch' Otter (R-ID), and Representative John Conyers Jr. (D-MI) are circulating a letter for Members of the House of Representatives to sign on to in support of keeping these provisions in the final law known as an "Omnibus."



Other items related to the USA PATRIOT Act:

The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) recently issued a press release calling for "...more freedom of inquiry and openness in academic settings." The AAUP's Special Committee on Academic Freedom and National Security in a Time of Crisis has compiled a report, which "focuses on sections of the USA PATRIOT Act that threaten academic freedom. It also outlines recent restrictions on information and elevated barriers to entry into the United States by non-citizens, especially foreign students and scholars", and encourages faculty at institutions across the country to develop policies with their administrations that will ensure the protection of academic freedom "against governmental constraints." The press release further encourages faculty to consider the impact the current Act could have on the sharing of information such as that found in library and student records.

For the complete report, go to the AAUP's web site at <http://www.aaup.org>.

Electronic Records Archive

ACRL has reported that the Senate has voted zero funding for the National Archives and Records Administration's Electronic Records Archive (ERA) when it considered HR 2989, the Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act of 2004. HR 2989 came to the Senate from the House including funding for ERA at \$35.9 million – the full amount requested by the NARA.

ALA urged the library community to contact their representatives and ask for full funding of the ERA, if their representatives are members of the conference committee working on the Senate Appropriations Committee; and to contact their House representatives on the House Appropriations Committee to thank them for their support and request that they continue that support for funding of the ERA. Alabama's Sen. Richard Shelby serves on the Senate committee (chairing the Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, and General Government), and Alabama House Representative Rep. Robert B. Aderholt (R-4th-AL) serves on the House committee.

On behalf of AACRL, where appropriate, Alabama's congressional members have been contacted on these important matters.

— Eric A. Kidwell
Legislative Liaison

@ your library

The ACRL Academic and Research Libraries Campaign offers members an @ your library toolkit to help librarians to promote their libraries across campuses and in their communities.

The toolkit includes creative strategies, practical ideas, case studies, profiles, customizable press releases, and resource lists. Free copies of the toolkit are available for download from ACRL's Web site at www.acrl.org (click Issues & Advocacy / Marketing @ Your Library).

(Edited from ACRL)

Centennial Campaign

The Alabama Library Association is in the last year of the 5-year Centennial Campaign to raise \$20,000 for the Scholarship and Loan Fund. Information is available at the ALLA Centennial Campaign Committee link on the ALLA website. (<http://allanet.org/www/centcom.htm>)

If you have given, you will see your name on the growing list of contributors. If you have not made a contribution, consider giving during this last year of the campaign and help us surpass the current goal and receive a tax deduction as well for 2003. Download the gift commitment form <http://allanet.org/www/centcom.htm#pledge> and send your contribution to the Association office. You may want to give at the Centennial Star level with a minimum gift of \$50.00.

The Centennial Memorial Scholarship will be officially established at the 2004 Convention and will assist all librarians in Alabama. It will be awarded annually to residents of Alabama pursuing library and information studies or classes in school library media. It will not be restricted to study in Alabama and may be used for continuing education. The scholarship will be a minimum amount of \$500 with additional money available up to \$1000 based on contributions to the Scholarship Fund each year. Application materials will come from the Scholarship and Loan Board.

Thank you for thinking of the Alabama Library Association and special thanks to all of you who have previously contributed to the campaign.

ALLA Centennial Campaign Committee:

Carolyn Walden, Chair, Robert Burkhardt, Vera Finley, Tim Lewis, Rebecca B. Mitchell, Patty Pilkerton, Anabel Stephens, Vivian White, and Maureen C. Womack

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