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## From the AACRL President ....

*Rosemary Arneson*

### Spring is here!

At Montevallo, that means all the committees are scrambling to get everything done that they hoped to do before the end of the year but put off during the fall semester. It's also the season when annual reports and budget requests are due, and faculty search committees are bringing in candidates for interviews.

Spring is also a busy season for AACRL, as we look forward to our annual membership meeting and dinner during ALLA. I hope you'll join us on Wednesday, April 23, at Lovoy's Restaurant. We're excited to have ACRL President Julie Todaro as our speaker this year, and we're looking forward to hearing from her about the activities of the national organization.

At the membership meeting, I'll be handing over the gavel to Tim Dodge, Vice-President/President-Elect. Tim has done a great job this year in plan-

ning our February workshop on administrative change and in making the arrangements for our annual meeting. Thanks also go to Beth Ashmore, who has once again coordinated our slate of best practices programs for ALLA. We have an exciting group of programs coming up, and I am looking forward to hearing all of them.

At the membership meeting, we will welcome our newly elected and appointed officers and members of the AACRL Board. Kathy Wheeler of the University of South Alabama has agreed to serve as our newsletter editor, taking over that job from Jill Grogg. Maryellen Allen from the University of Alabama will be assuming responsibility for our website from Beth Ashmore at the end of this year. We are glad to have Kathy and Maryellen as new members of the Board, and we thank Beth and Jill for their service to the organization.

## Treasurer's Report

*February 26, 2008*

On November 26, 2007, the AACRL account balance was \$5,286.63. Since then, deposits of \$608.00 (for dues and workshop registration) have been made, and \$12.04 in interest has accrued. Disbursements of \$70.51 (for newsletter expenses) have been made. The account balance, as of February 26, 2008, stands at \$5,836.16.

*Susan D. Herring,  
AACRL Treasurer*

## Welcome New Members!

- ◆ **Helen Elizabeth Golden**,  
Librarian II,  
Auburn University  
Libraries
- ◆ **Steve Murray**,  
Assistant Director,  
Alabama Department of  
Archives and History



## AACRL/CUS Best Practices Programs at ALLA 2008

We hope you will have an opportunity to attend at least one of the following AACRL/CUS Best Practices programs that will be presented at this year's Alabama Library Association Annual Convention in Birmingham.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

1:00 p.m. **Overgrown Undergrads or Baby Faculty? Strategies for Providing Effective Library Services to Doctoral Students**

Presenters: **Rachel Fleming-May & Lisa Yuro**

2:00 p.m. **Similes for Understanding and Explaining Library 2.0 Services and Tools**

Presenter: **Steven L. MacCall, PhD**

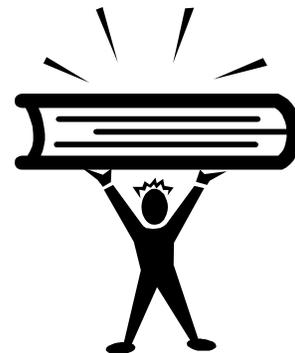
3:00 p.m. **Turn On, Tune In and Podcast: An Instruction Librarian's Adventures Behind the Microphone**

Presenter: **Adrienne R. McPhaul**

### THURSDAY, APRIL 24

1:00 p.m. **More than Just a Shelter from the Rain: The Library as a Student Comfort Zone**

Presenter: **Cayce Van Horn**



## Legislative Report

Many of you have undoubtedly heard of the recent research conducted in the state of New York, showing that students in schools with certified librarians have higher test scores than their peers at schools that do not have certified librarians on faculty. The research, conducted by the School of Information Studies at Syracuse University has some far-reaching implications. To librarians, these preliminary research results will seem like a logical conclusion; something that comes as no surprise.

As stated in ALA's "District Dispatch" for February 22, "The research was conducted on schools giving the English Language Arts test, which is administered by New York State to fourth graders and tests several language skills, including reading, writing, and listening. These preliminary findings indicated a 10-point increase of test scores in schools with library media specialists."

So, how does this play into federal legislation? There is a bill before Congress in both Houses (House H. R. 2864 and Senate S. 1699) called the SKILLS Act (Strengthening Kids' Interest in Learning and Libraries Act). The purpose of this legislation is to ensure that every school in the country would have in place a state-certified school library media specialist. The SKILLS Act would be included in the reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind Act, which is currently before Congress.

Two recent victories for libraries - and the general public - with regard to information access are the decision by the U.S. Army to keep access available to

the Reimer Digital Library, and the decision by the U.S. Department of Commerce to continue its website [economicindicators.gov](http://economicindicators.gov). The former resulted from a Freedom of Information Act filing by the Federation of American Scientists (an organization founded in 1945 by scientists who had worked on the Manhattan Project <http://www.fas.org>). The latter reportedly resulted from feedback the Department of Commerce had received upon announcing the decision to discontinue the site due to cost factors.

Another federal legislative issue of concern to librarians and archivists is the blocking of the Presidential Records Act Amendments of 2007 (H.R. 1255). In late January, this piece of legislation was brought forth by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada. Unfortunately, Alabama's Senator Jeff Sessions blocked the bill's consideration, and as "District Dispatch" has stated, Sen. Sessions has offered no rationale for his action. "District Dispatch" gives this background on the bill:

"In 2001, President Bush issued an Executive Order (#13233), which extended to current and former presidents AND vice-presidents, the authority to withhold or delay the release of presidential records - indefinitely if they so chose. Needless to say, those who support timely access to government documents, particularly documents from the highest elected offices in the country, disagree with President Bush on this issue. H.R. 1255 (with its later amend-

ment) would nullify the Bush order and remove the ability of vice-presidents to claim executive privilege over documents from that office. It would establish a set time period of up to 90 days within which current and former presidents could make a case to the office of the national Archivist for not releasing records.

Those in Alabama should consider contacting Sen. Sessions to express their concern about this issue and support for H.R. 1255.

You may have heard the recent and disappointing news about FISA (Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act). The Senate recently voted in support of the Amendments Act (S. 2248) that does not include civil liberties protections on privacy. ALA and other groups have been concerned about FISA in its current form because it is seen to allow almost unfettered surveillance powers by law enforcement agencies.

For further information on any of these issues, check the ALA Washington Offices website at <http://www.wo.ala.org>. You can directly access the "District Dispatch" site at <http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch>.

*Eric A. Kidwell,  
AACRL Legislative Liaison*

### In other Legislative News:

Vice President/President Elect Tim Dodge will represent AACRL at National Legislative Day 2008 in May.  
Thanks Tim!

## Proposed Changes to the AACRL Bylaws

The executive board proposes the following changes to the by-laws. The proposed changes, noted in *bold italics*, will be voted on at the annual business meeting in April.

### ARTICLE VI - Officers

#### Section 3. Duties

(d) The Treasurer shall report to the chapter membership, at least annually on the financial status of the chapter; maintain necessary accounts with an accounting of all chapter monies; maintain an active membership list; send membership applications and renewals to the Member-at-Large; submit end-of-year reimbursement reports to ACRL in accordance with its guide lines; *file necessary non-profit organization tax forms with the IRS*; and perform other duties as assigned by the President.

### ARTICLE IX - NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, AND VACANCIES

#### Section 3. Time of Election

Election of officers shall be by *mail*-ballot prior to the annual chapter meeting.

### ARTICLE XI - VOTING BY MAIL

Votes by *mail, telephone or online* may be authorized by the Executive Board for the purpose of conducting necessary business between meetings, or in lieu of a quorum. The procedure for voting by *mail, telephone or online* may be established in such manner as the Executive Board may direct.

#### New Article

### ARTICLE XV - INCORPORATION & ARCHIVES

*The Alabama Association of College & Research Libraries was founded in May of 1987 and incorporated in October of 2000 as a non-profit organization. The official address of the association, as filed with the State of Alabama and the Internal Revenue Service, is Ralph Brown Draughon Library, 231 Mell St., Auburn University, AL 36849-5606. The Ralph Brown Draughon Library is also home to the association's archive.*

## ACRL President Keynote Speaker at AACRL Dinner

AACRL is pleased to announce that Dr. Julie Todaro, ACRL President, will be the keynote speaker at the annual AACRL dinner and business meeting scheduled to take place Wednesday, April 23, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. at Lovoy's Restaurant in Homewood (near Birmingham).

Dr. Todaro is Dean of Library Services at Austin Community College in Austin, Texas, an institution serving 33,000 students with seven campus libraries. She is the current President of the Association of College and Research Libraries division of the American Library Association. Dr. Todaro has served on the C & RL News Editorial Board and various ACRL committees, as well as President of the Texas Library Association. Dr. Todaro is also a consultant in the areas of management and organizational development, and in twenty-first century librarianship.

Dr. Todaro has presented workshops for academic, public, special and school librarians on topics such as "Staffing Issues for the 21st. Century: Managing and Working in the Libraries of Tomorrow," "Integrating Learning with Work: Designing the 21st. Century Learning Library," "21st. Century Organizational Effectiveness," and more.

The annual AACRL dinner and business meeting will take place at Lovoy's Restaurant located at 420 Greensprings Highway in Homewood, just south of Birmingham. Take Exit 256A (the Oxmoor Road Exit in the direction of Homewood). Keep right at the fork to go onto Oxmoor Road and then turn right onto Greensprings Highway (Route 149). For more information and driving directions, please visit <http://www.lovoyrestaurant.com>.

Please note the registration **DEADLINE** — All registrations for the dinner meeting must be received by AACRL Treasurer Susan Herring by **April 4**. A registration form is included in this newsletter as well as being available on the website at <http://www.aacrl.org/annual/>.



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Tim Dodge,  
AACRL Vice-President/President Elect

# ACRL Chapters Council Report

The ACRL Chapters Council meeting took place on the morning of Sunday, January 13, 2008 in Philadelphia. Chapter Liaison Alyssa Martin (Troy University – Montgomery) and President-Elect Tim Dodge (Auburn University) represented Alabama.

ACRL President Julie Todaro (Austin Community College – Texas) announced a program to take place at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, Calif. featuring Dan Ariely, a behavioral psychologist at MIT and author of the forthcoming book, *Predictable Irrationality*. He, plus a panel of three librarians with less than five years' experience, will discuss new ways of thinking about library work. President Todaro also encouraged people to use the ACRL Insider, a blog, and also a wiki for new ACRL members. Both are available through the ACRL web site ( <http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/> ). ACRL has been assisting CUPA (the College, University, and Professional Association) to define 15 new job titles that reflect the new realities of library and related work in the twenty-first century. This is a new way of marketing library positions and is also intended to help set appropriate salary standards.

ACRL President-Elect Erika Linke (Carnegie Mellon University) said that ACRL members will see proposed By-laws changes in the Spring ballot including a proposal to establish interest groups within ACRL. This proposal is a response to surveys that indicate that ACRL members don't feel they have a personal stake in ACRL. Interest groups

would allow members to express their interests more directly and be able to participate more actively in ACRL.

The two candidates for ACRL President-Elect briefly addressed the Chapters Council: Lori Goetsch (Kansas State University) and Janice Simmons-Welburn (Marquette University) and both encouraged those present to attend the Candidates Forum taking place after the Chapters Council meeting.

Mike McLane (Catholic University of America), visiting program officer for the ACRL Legislative Advocacy Program, spoke about the effort underway to establish a legislative advocacy program. The idea is to have one or two legislative advocates located in every single Congressional district in the country. The purpose is to have people in place who can be advocates on issues of concern to academic librarians. Responsibilities would include the recruitment and training of academic librarians to speak up on important issues on campus and to contact senators and representatives, as well as to participate in ALA's National Legislative Day.

Several ACRL Chapter representatives reported on programs and other efforts going on in their regions. The Alabama representatives announced the February 27 workshop on Administrative Change and the April 23 visit of ACRL President Julie Todaro to the AACRL annual dinner/business meeting in Birmingham.

*Tim Dodge,  
AACRL Vice-President/  
President Elect*

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## **AACRL Newsletter, March 2008**

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# 2008 AACRL Annual Dinner/Business Meeting Registration Form

April 23, 2008  
6:30 – 9:30 p.m.  
Lovoy's Restaurant  
420 Greensprings Highway  
Homewood, Alabama

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Library/Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee: \$30

Please indicate choice of meal and beverage (choose one of each category):

Entrée:  Chicken Parmigiana  Vegetarian Lasagna

Dessert:  Tiramisu  Cheesecake

Beverage (One glass):  Red House Wine  White House Wine  Beer  
 Soft Drink/Iced Tea. Coffee and Tea will be available.

Please send checks made out to "AACRL" and send to:

Susan Herring  
AACRL Treasurer  
Athens State University Library,  
300 North Beaty Street  
Athens, AL 35611

**DEADLINE:** payment MUST be received **by April 4!!**



## AACRL OFFICIAL BALLOT 2008

Vice-President/President-Elect

\_\_\_\_\_ Rickey Best

Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_ Ellen Wilson

Member at Large

\_\_\_\_\_ Mildred Jackson

Return ballot by **April 11, 2008**, to: Robert H. Schrimsher, McWhorter School of Pharmacy  
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#### Vice-President/President-Elect

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- Education: M.L.I.S., University of California at Berkeley; M.A. Historic Resources Management, University of California at Riverside. B.A. American History, University of California at Riverside.
- Professional Memberships/Activities: American Library Association, 1987- present; Association of College & Research Libraries, 1987- present; Member, ACRL Government Relations Committee, 2005-present; Library Administration & Management Association, 2002-present; Association for Library Collections & Technical Services, 1997-present; Member, Alabama Library Association, 2003-. Member, Alabama Association of College & Research Libraries, current.
- Publications/Presentations: Alabama Library Association. Annual Meeting. April, 2006. College & University Libraries Section. Wednesday, April 18th, 2007. Using LibQual+ Data to Direct Change and Access Success; Alabama Library Association. Annual Meeting. April, 2006. College & University Libraries Section. Thursday, April 27th, 2006. Rethinking Resource Sharing in Alabama; "The Network of Alabama Academic Libraries and the Consortial Licensing of Electronic Databases." By Rickey D. Best. Against the Grain, June, 2007, v. 19, no. 3; "E-Book usage and the Choice outstanding academic book list: Is there a correlation?" by Karen Carter Williams and Rickey Best in Journal of Academic Librarianship, Volume 32, Issue 5, September, 2006. pp. 474-478. (refereed); Book Chapter on "Electronic Resource Selection" in Handbook of Electronic and Digital Acquisitions, edited by Thomas W. Leonhardt. New York: Haworth Press, 2006. pp. 91-125.; "Using universal borrowing data in the library book fund allocation process" by Timothy P. Bailey, Jeannette B. Lessels, and Rickey D. Best in Library Collections, Acquisitions and Technical Services v. 29(1) (2005): pp. 90-98. (refereed); "History of Auburn University Montgomery; Troy State University; Huntingdon College; City of Montgomery; Montgomery County; Fire Department, City of Montgomery; Capri Theater;" published in Montgomery County History / Heritage Book Publishers, Clanton, AL. 2000.

## Secretary

**Ellen Wilson**, Instructional Technology/Reference, Instructor Librarian, University Library, University of South Alabama, 2007-

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- Professional Memberships/Activities: American Library Association, 2007- present; Association of College & Research Libraries – Instruction Section and New Members Roundtable, 2007- present; American Society for Information Science and Technology, 2006-present; ASIS&T@Simmons, vice-chair, 2007 (Student Chapter of the Year); Alabama Association of College & Research Libraries, 2007-present.
- Publications/Presentations: “Emerging Technologies, Emerging Teachers: Collaborative Workshops at Simmons GSLIS,” with Alison Cody, poster presentation at NERCOMP '07, Worcester, MA; “Emerging Technologies, Emerging Teachers: Collaborative Workshops at Simmons GSLIS,” with Alison Cody and Jennifer Lege, poster presentation at ALA Annual '07, Washington, D.C.; “Blogs, Wikis and More” Invited talk for Massachusetts Black Librarian Network, May 2007, Boston, MA; “Supercharge Your Browser!” poster presentation at USA Technology Fair, October 2007, Mobile, Alabama.

## Member-at-Large

**Mildred Jackson**, Associate Dean for Collections, The University of Alabama Libraries, 2007-

- Education: MILS, The University of Michigan, MA in Storytelling, East Tennessee State University, Ph.D. in English, Michigan State University, B.S. in Education, Central Michigan University.
- Professional Memberships/Activities: American Library Association, 1995-present; Association of College and Research Libraries, 1996-present; ACRL Research Planning & Review Committee, 2007-2009; ACRL Literature in English Section. List moderator, Publications Committee, Executive Committee, 2006-2008; Association for Library Collections and Technical Services, 2005-present; Florida Library Association, 2006-2007; Alabama Library Association, 2007-present; Alabama Association of College & Research Libraries, 2007-present.
- Selected Publications/Presentations: "Do What You Can": Creating an Institution, The Ladies' Library Associations in Michigan, 1852-1900, Michigan State University, 1998. DAI-A-60/03 [1999] 743 UMI: Ann Arbor, MI 328 pp. (Awarded the Phyllis Dain Library History Dissertation Award, Library History Roundtable, ALA, June 2001.); Subject Specialists in the 21st Century Library: An Evolving Role for Chandos Publishing. (in preparation); Millions and Millions of Books: Discovering the buried treasure in Google Book Search, (in press, Beyond Scholar & Print (tent) for Haworth Press); “MediaWiki Open-Source Software As Infrastructure for Electronic Resources Outreach,” with Robert H. McDonald and Jon Blackburn. The Reference Librarian 48.1 (2007): 19-36.; “One by One or Bundle by Bundle: Evaluating the Landscape of E-books,” Against the Grain, April 2007.; “Across the Generations: Telling Stories in Florida’s Libraries,” Florida Libraries, March 2007.; “Contracting for content in a digital world.” American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference Report. Library Hi-Tech News 8 (2006): 7-17.; American Decades Primary Sources. Chapters on Arts and Fashion, 1910s. Chapters on Education and Arts, 1960s-1990s and Media, 1980s-1990s. Detroit: Gale Publishing, December 2003.; Entries on "May Swenson," "Carolyn Kizer," and "Expatriate Poets" for The Encyclopedia of American Poetry: The Twentieth Century, ed. Eric Haralson, Chicago: FitzroyDearborn Publ., 2001.; Entries on Lulu's Library and "Readers/Fans" for The Louisa May Alcott Encyclopedia ed. Gregory Eiselein and Anne K. Phillips. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2001.