



# Alabama Association of College & Research Libraries

## NEWSLETTER

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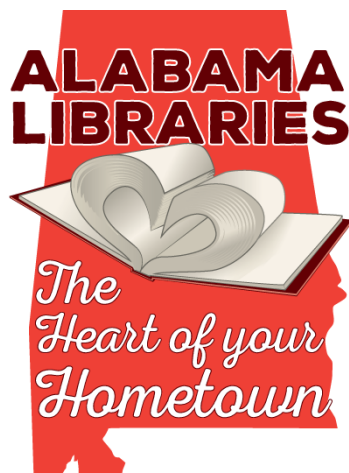
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## ALLA Convention 2019



The 2019 Alabama Library Association Convention is in its planning stages. ALLA is accepting proposals now. The convention will be held April 2—5, 2019 at the Grand Hotel in Point Clear.

If you'd like to plan a program, please visit the Association's website at <https://alla.memberclicks.net/annual-convention> and complete the necessary form by Monday, January 7, 2019.

Also, book your room for the convention to receive the reduced rate. You have until March 1, 2019.

Information about AACRL events and programs will be forthcoming on the chapter's listserv.

## Treasurer's Report

For the last Treasurer's Report, the checking account balance was \$3,647.96 and the PayPal account was \$101.22. Since then, I received one AACRL membership renewal and one new AACRL membership from PayPal for a total of \$57.65. For expenses, one check for \$119.40 was written for the AACRL domain and one check for \$6.70 was written for postage for the ACRL Reimbursement.

As of November 30, 2018, the checking account balance is \$3,521.86 and the PayPal account is \$158.87. We currently have 100 members in good standing.

Now is the time for membership renewals! You can sign up in two ways:

- Online using PayPal at <http://aacrl.org/membership/>
- Print out a form and mail your payment. The renewal forms are also available online at <http://aacrl.org/membership/>

Anyone with questions about the status of their membership can email me at [dcobb@southalabama.edu](mailto:dcobb@southalabama.edu).

*Debbie Cobb*  
AACRL Treasurer

## Membership News



The Houghton Memorial Library at Huntingdon College is completing its celebration of the 200th anniversary of the publication of *Frankenstein*. Events have included an interdisciplinary faculty lecture series, a library-sponsored mini-conference (as an opportunity for student presentations), movie nights, a reading of a play adaptation written by students in a literary theory course, and tie-ins with such annual events as U.S. Constitution Day ("Frankenstein Meets the Constitution") and Banned Books Week.

A. Blake Denton (Archives & Special Collections, Houghton Memorial Library, Huntingdon College) presented a poster at the recent Southern Archivists Conference. Titled "The Methodist Archives Center: More than a Repository of Old Churches," the presentation highlighted many of the different types of resources held in the collections of Huntingdon's library, including Civil Rights era primary sources, church property records, genealogical documents, and sources of social history.

The Houghton Memorial Library at Huntingdon College has been working closely with the College's history department to create an oral history program. The purpose of the program is to teach students about the field of oral history (and career options it can provide) and develop an oral history collection within the Library's holdings.



## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The next issue of the AACRL Newsletter will appear in March (before the ALLA Convention).

With the fall term behind you, spring term well underway, and the convention looming, this will be a great place to advertise the wonderful accomplishments from your library and your staff (or you). So, please email news about happenings around your library for inclusion in the next issue of the newsletter. Examples of membership news include:

- Retirements, promotions, hirings
- Publications and presentations
- Library events and special programs
- Awards and recognitions

Additionally, please let us know if you will be presenting at the ALLA Convention. Information about the AACRL/CUS Best Practice sessions will be included in the next issue of the newsletter, but if you or anyone from your institution is presenting other sessions, we want to know about those.

Please email the information (and any corresponding pictures) to **Dusty Folds** at [dfolds@jeffersonstate.edu](mailto:dfolds@jeffersonstate.edu). The deadline for submissions will be **March 1, 2019**.

## Legislative Update

As we move beyond midterm elections and into the holidays, as you might suspect, little will get done in Congress until the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress reconvenes in January. In the meantime, the links below provide information on some of the issues on ALA's radar screen and an announcement of new PSAs that leverage the popularity of the *Fantastic Beasts* film series.

### National Library Legislative Day

With the 2019 ALA Annual Conference taking place in D.C., there will not be a NLLD held in May (the traditional time for NLLD). Instead, ALA's Washington Office is looking to fold library advocacy into the Annual conference. Here is a latest news sent to NLLD state coordinators from Megan Ortegon of the ALA Washington Office:

*In light of Annual Conference being held in DC this June, we will not hold NLLD in 2019. We are currently planning advocacy activities as a part of the regular Annual programming, but we will not be having any ALA coordinated Hill visits during the 2019 conference. We will resume our traditional NLLD in 2020.*

*Given this year's schedule, we encourage advocates in your state to develop relationships with members of Congress at home. Below are a few ideas on how to engage your elected officials in your districts:*

- *Schedule an in-district meeting with the member and their staff. Share your libraries' plans for the year*
- *Reach out to your local paper or blog and ask them to write a story about how your library is funded and how federal dollars support your branches*
- *Attend your member's town hall meetings*
- *Host a district event*

### Library leaders identify strategies in "Fight for School Libraries"

<http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2018/10/library-leaders-identify-strategies-fight-school-libraries>

### ALA, GLBTRT continue to voice support of LGBTQ civil liberties

<http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2018/11/ala-glbtrt-continue-voice-support-lgbtq-civil-liberties>

### Zoë Kravitz (*Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald*) shares the magic of libraries in new video PSAs

<http://www.ala.org/news/member-news/2018/10/zo-kravitz-shares-magic-libraries-new-video-psas>

*Eric A. Kidwell*  
*AACRL Legislative Liaison*

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## AACRL Looking for a Newsletter Editor

After four years and fourteen issues, Dusty Folds will be stepping down as newsletter editor for AACRL in April 2019. As such, we are looking for someone who might be interested in taking over this role.

The AACRL Newsletter is released quarterly. According to the AACRL Bylaws, the Newsletter Editor is a member of the AACRL Executive Board and serves a renewable two-year term. The person is responsible for editing, producing, and distributing the chapter's newsletter.

If you are interested, please contact Jessica Hayes, Kathy Wheeler, or Peggy Kain. (Contact information for each person can be found on page 1 of this newsletter.)

If you have any questions about the production of the newsletter, please feel free to contact Dusty Folds.

## Alabama Library Association, College, University, and Special Libraries Division (CUS) EBSCO Award for Research Excellence

### 2019 Call for Proposals

The College, University, and Special Libraries Division of the Alabama Library Association is interested in your research, and we want to reward you! As we do annually, the Research Committee of CUS will be awarding the EBSCO Award for Research Excellence at the 2019 Alabama Library Association Convention in Point Clear, April 2-5. A research paper will be chosen for the award and the top three authors will have the opportunity to present at the 2019 CUS Research Forum. All presenters are awarded a certificate from the CUS Research Committee for presenting at the CUS Research Forum. The Forum provides opportunities to present, as well as to receive feedback about your research.

Please do not pass up this chance to share your research with librarians across the state! I have included the criteria and deadlines for submitting abstracts and papers below. Please let your coworkers or other individuals who might be interested know about this opportunity.

Students in the SLIS program are especially encouraged to submit their research. Presenting at the CUS Research Forum is an honor to put on your resume, it will give you presentation experience, and it will provide you with ideas on how to fine tune your research for scholarly publication.

**Benefits of submission:** As well as receiving a monetary award from EBSCO, the winner of the EBSCO Award for Research Excellence will have the opportunity to work with the editorial committee of the *Southeastern Librarian* to have his/her paper published in the peer-reviewed journal of the Southeastern Library Association.

**Criteria for Submission:** Papers submitted for consideration for the CUS Award for Research Excellence must not have been previously published or submitted for publication elsewhere. They should also not be in the pre-publication process nor should they be in consideration for publication elsewhere.

**Eligibility:** Any member of the Alabama Library Association (including student members).

**Sponsored by:** Research Committee of the College, University and Special Libraries Division (CUS), Alabama Library Association and EBSCO, Inc.

#### Important Dates:

January 9, 2019

Abstracts of the papers are due (about 500 words). The author's name should not appear on the abstract. Send with a one-page vita of the researcher as a separate document.

February 28, 2019

Complete papers are due from researchers who are selected to submit papers following the review of abstracts. Format instructions will be sent with notification of acceptance

Selection criteria used by CUS Research Committee:

- Potential significance of the research to college, university, or special libraries
- Validity of the methodology and analysis
- Originality and innovation
- Clarity and completeness of the abstract

The Award for Research Excellence is generously sponsored by EBSCO, Inc.

For information or to submit abstracts and brief vita, feel free to contact me at:

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