



# Alabama Association of College & Research Libraries

## NEWSLETTER

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## From the President . . .



As Amy Pond (Williams) says in her good-bye letter to the Doctor – the Doctor of *Doctor Who*: “Hello, old friend. And here we are. You and me, on the last page.”

That is where we are at for this Association year, and soon the academic year. As I close out my time as Association president, I cannot help but think of the great things we have done this year, specifically, our enhanced collaboration with the College, University & Special Libraries division of the Alabama Library Association, our approval of the ACRL African-American resolution, and our continued provision of professional

development and training opportunities to the academic librarians across Alabama.

When we meet in April for our Annual Meeting at the Alabama Library Association Convention in Point Clear, AL, and leadership transitions, I am confident that incoming President Kathy Wheeler, the Executive Board, and the as-to-be-elected new officers will only increase the good work done over the past few years. I am excited to see where we go from here.

To ensure our progress continues, we want you, as an AACRL member, to consider running or serving in one of our leadership roles in the future. [You can see our current list of officers to the left and those who will be running for office on page 4 of this newsletter.] You can get involved now by participating in one of our committees: <http://aacrl.org/about/committees/>.

It has been a pleasure serving as the AACRL President for this past year. It would not have been possible without the terrific Executive Board: Past-President Peggy Kain, Secretary Tim Dodge, Treasurer Debbie Cobb, Member-At-Large/ACRL Chapter Liaison Anna Mary Williford, Legislative Liaison Eric Kidwell, Webmaster Ellen Wilson, and Newsletter Editor Dusty Folds. As this is his last issue as editor of the AACRL Newsletter, I want to thank Dusty for his service over the years and his dedicated commitment to ensuring the membership received regular information about Association business as well as updates from academic libraries across the state. He passes the role of editor to Elizabeth “DeDe” Bradsher. Thank you, Dusty, and welcome, DeDe!

Thank you all for your commitment to the Association, your dedication to the academic library profession in Alabama, and your work with the users at your respective institutions.

See you in Point Clear!

*Jessica Hayes*  
AACRL President

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## Legislative Update

With a new Congress (and all the attention being given to investigations surrounding the current Administration), there isn't much at this time to report regarding library legislative issues. I'm sure more will develop later in the legislative year. So, at this time, we'll just remind everyone about changes in this year's National Library Legislative Day (NLLD), which is typically held in May.

Due to the 2019 ALA Annual Conference being held in Washington, D.C., ALA has decided to not hold a stand-alone NLLD in May. Instead, library advocacy will be folded into Annual Conference. As reported in the AACRL winter newsletter, here is how ALA is approaching the matter as reported out by 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 library's 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*

More information will be shared through AACRL communication channels as it becomes available.

*Eric A. Kidwell  
AACRL Legislative Liaison*

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## Treasurer's Report

For the last Treasurer's Report, the checking account balance was \$3,521.86 and the PayPal account was \$158.87. Since then, I received twenty-six AACRL membership renewals and six new AACRL memberships from PayPal for a total of \$730.16. Four checks for membership renewals and two checks for new memberships were received and deposited into the AACRL checking account in the amount of \$147.00.

\$700.00 was transferred from the PayPal account into the checking account. We received and deposited the \$137.00 check from ALA for the AACRL Chapter Reimbursement.

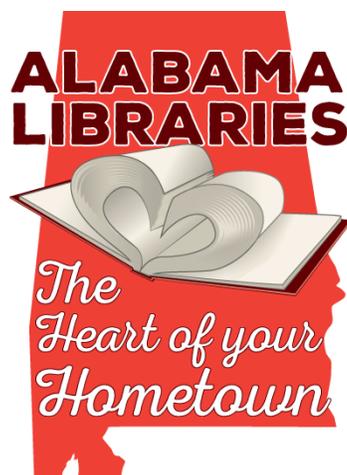
The AACRL Tax Exempt Status was renewed on 2/22/2019.

As of Feb 26, 2019, the checking account balance is \$4,505.86 and the PayPal account is \$189.03. We currently have approximately 100 members in good standing.

There is still time to renew your membership! Sign up online via PayPal or print out a form and mail your payment. The renewal forms are 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*

## ALLA Convention and AACRL Annual Business Meeting Updates



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.

It's not too late to register for the convention. Simply visit the conventions website at <https://alla.memberclicks.net/registration>. The deadline for registering is March 11. On-site registration begins April 2, but event tickets will not be available for purchase at the convention. Payments are due by March 22, 2019.

This year's AACRL Business Meeting and Dinner will be held at the Wash House Restaurant in Fairhope, AL on Wednesday, April 3 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.. Ron Leonard, Director of Special Initiatives, with the Alabama Commission on Higher Education, will discuss the increasing importance of Open Education Resource Initiatives, what is available in Alabama for OER programs, and the role of librarians in these initiatives.

Further details and links to registration and payment forms are forthcoming. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Wheeler at [kwheeler@southalabama.edu](mailto:kwheeler@southalabama.edu).

### AACRL / CUS Best Practice Sessions

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3		
2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.	Finding Your Instructional Voice: Improvisation, Philosophy, and Performance Principles for Every Librarian	John Upchurch & Kim Westbrooks
3:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.	Kids in the College Library	Laurie Heathcock, Kim Westbrooks & John Upchurch
4:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.	Library as Collaborative Space: Transforming the Library through Cooperation	Dusty Folds, Dr. Derrick Griffey, Lori White & Dr. Julia Everett
4:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.	So, You Are a New Assessment Librarian—What Do You Need to Know?	Ron Schwertfeger
THURSDAY, APRIL 4		
8:00 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.	Telling the Professional Story: Using the Promotional Review to Shape Your Narrative	Dana Hettich
10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.	Analyzing a Transaction Log of EBSCO Discovery Service Searches Recorded in Google Analytics	Rachel K. Fischer & Alice L. Daugherty
10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.	Enhancing Reference Services in Academic Libraries through Digital Synchronous and Asynchronous Platforms	Baheya Jaber
2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.	Locating & Interpreting Primary Sources Locating & Interpreting Primary Sources: Tips & Tricks for Effective Reference from the Special Collection	Rachel Cohen & Becky Hyde
3:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.	Deselection: Motivation, Process, & Reflection	Lori Northrup

## AACRL Executive Board Elections

AACRL will soon be holding elections for the 2019-2020 year. The positions currently available are Vice-President / President-Elect and Treasurer. Below you will find biographies of the individuals who are currently running for these offices. Information about the elections will be forthcoming. Please contact Past President and Nominating Committee Chair Peggy Kain (pkain@uab.edu) if you have any questions.

### Vice-President / President-Elect



#### **Dusty Folds, Jefferson State Community College**

Dusty Folds is the librarian for the Jefferson Campus of Jefferson State Community College. He has previously worked at Lawson State Community College, the University of Montevallo, Gadsden State Community College, and Samford University. Folds has held various leadership positions within ALLA including chair of the College, University, and Special Libraries division (CUS); chair of the Education Committee; and moderator for the Reference and Adult Services Roundtable (RASRT). He is currently the chair of the Intellectual Freedom Committee for the Southeastern Library Association (SELA) and served as newsletter editor for AACRL from 2015 to 2019. In these various positions, he oversaw the rewriting of the CUS bylaws, updated the Education Committee's web presence, and organized and moderated various panels, meetings, and presentations at the ALLA convention.



#### **Kim Westbrook, Jacksonville State University**

Kim Westbrook is Assistant Professor, Business and Social Sciences Librarian at Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Alabama. She has a passion for user-centered services and outreach in libraries. She holds her Bachelor's Degree from JSU in Music with a concentration in vocal performance, so she is not the kind of librarian that will shush anyone. She holds a Master of Library and Information Studies from the University of Alabama. Kim's library career started with eight years in public libraries, and she came full circle to her alma mater, JSU, at Houston Cole Library in January 2016. Her experience in event planning and performance plays strongly into Kim's charismatic approach to librarianship

### Treasurer



#### **Megan Bell, University of Alabama at Birmingham**

Megan Bell has served as Reference Librarian & Instructor at University of Alabama at Birmingham for two years; she is liaison to the School of Health Professions and this is her first academic librarian position. Megan would like to serve as treasurer for three reasons. First, she has the skills necessary to complete the duties of this position; she has served as UAB African American Faculty Association secretary for two years and currently serves as treasurer of the Alabama Health Libraries Association. Second, serving as an officer is an opportunity for her to learn more about this organization. And third, she would like to network with academic librarians across the state



#### **Neil Foulger, Alabama State University**

Neil Foulger has been the Electronic Resources / Serials Services Librarian at Alabama State University since July 2010. Before that, he was the Collection Development Librarian there from February 2001 to July 2010. He has recently become the Library Liaison to the Departments of History and Political Science as well as Music. He was the Alabama Library Association Treasurer from 2009-2011 where his financial spreadsheets were useful and understandable.

The positions of Newsletter Editor and Webmaster are appointed by the president and approved by the board. Ellen Wilson will continue in her role as Webmaster. Elizabeth "DeDe" Bradsher has been selected as the Newsletter Editor. Those positions will be installed with the above offices.

The new officers will be installed at the AACRL annual meeting during the ALLA Convention.