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From the President...



expertise.

The start of a new fall semester brings many challenges to most academic librarians and makes our schedules busier than ever. The executive board will be meeting soon to make plans for the year, and we are already beginning to plan for our Best Practices sessions that we co-host at the annual Alabama Library Association Convention with the College, University and Special Libraries Division of the ALLA. Calls for proposals for these sessions should be sent out soon. If you have something that's new, interesting, or represents a best practice in an area of librarianship, submit your idea when the call comes out; we love seeing our members share their

Affordable learning projects, including Open Educational Resources, continue to remain of interest to Alabama academic libraries, as do the issues of predatory publishing, publication metrics, and Open Access content. All of these issues were recently spotlighted on a national level at the 2019 ACRL conference, where seven sessions on OER and Affordable Learning are represented in the conference proceedings (<http://www.ala.org/aacrl/conferences/aacrl2019/papers>). With the Alabama Virtual Library's creation of an OER Commons hub on the AVL website, Alabama academic librarians can be sure that we will be seeing this issue at our libraries for some time. Indeed many of us have begun to create LibGuides to introduce our faculty and students to resources that can help them navigate the Affordable Learning/OER landscape. I have found the following ones to be helpful in understanding the concepts and issues involved.

- [Open Educational Resources \(OER\)](#): Todd Shipman, Auburn University
- [Open Educational Resources](#): Amy Prendergast, University of South Alabama
- [Affordable Instructional Materials & Linking to Library Resources](#): Delores Carlito, University of Alabama at Birmingham. This guide is especially good at making the distinction between affordable learning and open educational resources.

So check out what your fellow librarians are doing and how they are contributing to the knowledge and practice in this area.

Members who wish to help the association by working on committees can volunteer through the form on the [AACRL website](#), or they can contact me. Also, remember that all members can subscribe to the AACRL Listserv (send the message SUBSCRIBE AACRL to LISTSERV@LISTSERV.UAB.EDU) and/or like the [AACRL Facebook page](#). If you have ideas for posts on our Facebook page, contact me.

Have a great fall!

Kathy Wheeler
AACRL President

Treasurer's Report

September 2019

For the last Treasurer's Report the checking account balance was \$3,940.10 and the PayPal account was \$233.93. The checking account balance as of August 16, 2019 is \$3,985.10 and the PayPal account is \$262.45. We currently have approximately 100 members in good standing.

Megan Bell
AACRL Treasurer

Legislative Update

Mark your calendars!

The American Library Association is excited to announce that National Library Legislative Day (NLLD) 2020 will be held at Georgetown University Conference Center in Washington, D.C., on May 4-5.

For more information, please visit ala.org/NLLD.

Eric A. Kidwell
AACRL Legislative Liaison



Join hundreds of library advocates for the American Library Association's 45th National Library Legislative Day in 2020!

Held in Washington, D.C., National Library Legislative Day (NLLD) is a two-day educational event designed to provide attendees the opportunity to learn from policy experts and raise awareness among federal legislators about how and why libraries are vital to communities across America.

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

2020 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 2020 Alabama Library Association Convention. A research paper will be chosen for the award and the top three authors will have the opportunity to present at the 2020 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:

Friday, January 31, 2020

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.

Friday, February 28, 2020

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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ALLA 2020: Call for Proposals

As in previous years, AACRL is teaming up with the College, University, and Special Libraries division (CUS) of ALLA to offer Best Practice sessions at the annual convention. This year's convention will be at the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex.

Presentations can include practical advice based on things you've been doing at your institution or even research that you have recently conducted in the field of academic librarianship. The Best Practice sessions will be part of the "Lightening Track" at the convention, which means that the presentation should be fifteen to twenty minutes. The Best Practice sessions will take place on Wednesday, April 15 and Thursday, April 16 from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

To submit your proposal, simply use the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdd5f8d6Oco3Ct4oTjzkOpwBIGj2WHBY7GeAffOfJtJ-mfgw/viewform>

Make sure to indicate "Lightening Track Presentation (15 minutes)" as your program type and select AACRL as your division on the form.

The deadline for proposals is **Monday, December 2**.

Please feel free to contact Dusty Folds (dfolds@jeffersonstate.edu) if you have any questions.

Additionally, AACRL will again have its annual business meeting during the convention dates. Look for additional information in the next issue of the AACRL newsletter.



CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS



The next issue of the AACRL Newsletter will appear in October. With the summer term behind you, 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.

Please email the information to elizabeth.bradsher@cv.edu