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From the Editor ...

A couple of weeks ago I visited Cleveland, Ohio with my husband. It seems like a strange place for a vacation, but he lived there for years and wanted to visit with old

friends and show me his old stomping ground.

Being a good librarian, I visited the Cleveland Public Library while we were there and saw how they've made a historic building visually hip and modern. I also learned about a fantastic genealogy site when we stopped by the Soldiers' and Sailors' monument to admire the art and artifacts (btw, it's http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/). But one of the most intriguing things I saw was a street festival called Ingenuity Fest (http://www.facebook.com/ingenuityfest#!/ ingenuityfest?sk=info). Held in at incomplete subway tunnel and bridge, Ingenuity Fest celebrates unconventional art, technology, music and dance. Participants brought recycled art to show and sell, played music from electric violins, and showed off new technology that interacted with attendees. It was amazing and energetic and full of possibility.

What I didn't see at Ingenuity was anything related to a library. I would have loved to see the Cleveland Public Library promoting us as relevant to 21st Century users. While we have entered the new century we have not always been great at telling the public about our advances, and how they fit into greener, more innovative lives. So spread the word. Facilitate ingenuity!

\*(okay, stepping down from my soapbox now)\*

Also, send me your info. Tell me about your programs, your new employees, and your accomplishments!

Heather Miller Cover

## ALLA's 2011–2012 Executive Council

#### **Voting Members**

| President                | Steven Yates          |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| President Elect          | Emily Tish            |
| Immediate Past President | Jodi Poe              |
| Secretary                | Alyssa Martin         |
| Treasurer                |                       |
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| PLD Chair                | Mary Hamilton         |

#### **Non-Voting Members**

#### **Round Table Moderators**

| ALIRT Moderator  | Harold Goss            |
|------------------|------------------------|
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| GODORT Moderator | Lucy Farrow            |
| MCRT Moderator   | Tim Dodge              |
| PART             | Anthony (JP) Pendleton |
| RASRT            | Pamela Sage            |
| TSSRT            | Debra West             |
| YASRT            | Crystal Camp           |

#### **Ex-Officio Members**

Association Administrator – Dena Luce Web Administrator – Jodi Poe ALA Councilor – Henry Stewart SELA Representative – Tim Dodge Archivist – TBA

Other Positions AVL Representative – TBA Scholarship Fund Inc., President – Maya Jones

For names of Committee Chairs and other information go to: <u>http://www.allanet.org/about\_council.cfm</u>

## The Treasurer's Corner

Contact Information: Tim Bailey, Treasurer tbailey1@aum.edu

### Below is the latest financial report of the Alabama Library Association's accounts.

| TREASURER'S TABLE   |  |             |  |
|---|--|-------------|--|
| As of September 20, 2011 account totals were reported as follows: |  |             |  |
| Name of Fund  | Description of Fund  | Amount      |  |
| General Fund  | Funds for operation and support of the organization as a whole.  | \$18,714.89 |  |
| Convention  | Funds for support of annual ALLA Convention.   | \$6,333.33  |  |
| Auxiliary Accounts  | Funds for support of round tables.   | \$10,651.4  |  |
| Total – Checking  |  | \$35,699.62 |  |
| Savings   | Savings account of the organization.   | \$25,561.54 |  |
| Small Business CD   | Started in July 2009 as an interest-gaining certificate of deposit. It matured in September 2010 at 1.0% and will mature at .3% in May 2011. | \$12,272.78 |  |
| Special Projects  | Started in June 2011 to coordinate funds to assist libraries affected by the April 2011 storms.  | \$2,808.2   |  |
| Total of all Accounts   |  | \$76,342.14 |  |

## YASRT Summer Reading Workshop for 2012

Join us as librarians from across the state present programming ideas for the 2012 Teen Summer theme: Own the Night. The workshop will be on Friday, November 4th, at Homewood Public Library from 8:30am to approximately 3pm. The workshop cost will be \$20 for ALLA Members and \$25 for non-members (lunch included). Registration will open mid-October on www.allanet.org.

This year we'd like to have a craft idea swap table, so if you've done a fun, easy craft with your teens please bring several copies of a one-page flyer on the program (and and example if you have one). You won't need to do a presentation or stand up and talk about your program to participate.

If you have an idea for Summer 2012 that you'd like to present, or if you need more information, please contact Heather Cover at (205) 332-6621 or hcover@bham.lib.al.us.

## **Legislative Update**

With Congress back in session again, various appropriations bills are now being considered for passage, rejection, or amendment. As we know all too well, there is tremendous pressure to cut or reduce federal appropriations of all kinds and, unfortunately, the world of libraries, schools, and higher education remains vulnerable.

As many of you may recall from this Spring, the U.S. Census Bureau has already been hit hard with severe cuts including the elimination of the Statistical Compendia Unit. Put in plain English, the venerable and absolutely essential standard reference tool, *The Statistical Abstract of the United States*, is on the chopping block. Unless something changes, it will disappear after publication of the 2012 edition. (Other major statistical resources published by the Census Bureau such as *The County and City Data Book*, published every five years, are also slated for elimination). Just as ominously, the Census Bureau is considering the elimination of the *Economic Census* (published every five years). Without reliable, verifiable, and convenient access to such information, how will we be able to help our patrons? How will small business entrepreneurs be able to flourish? How, for that matter, will the federal government itself be able to function in the long run? Unbelievable, but this is where we are headed.

Short of an economic miracle coming to the rescue, all we can do is vote the rascals out in the next Congressional election or we can make our voices heard by calling, sending e-mail messages, or writing actual letters to our Congresspeople to inform them of the drastic consequences of cutting crucial programs that ultimately benefit all members of our society. It may seem idealistic but if enough constituents express concern about an issue, it is possible the Congressperson will consider changing his or her position since politicians are concerned about their own reelection. We can also hope, of course, that Congresspeople receiving many communications about an issue are also genuinely interested in doing what they perceive is right.

The SKILLS Act ("Strengthening Kids' Interest in Learning and Libraries.") reported on last month is still under consideration having been read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, so it's still not too late to contact Senators Richard Shelby and Jeff Sessions to express your support. The bill number is S. 1328.

Tim Dodge ACRL Legislative Network Representative and AACRL Government Relations Committee Member

## Multicultural Information Round Table (MCRT) Update

As reported last month, this new round table is getting more organized and active. The three *ad hoc* committees: By-Laws, Workshop Planning, and Annual Convention Program Planning, are all getting to work. My hope is to have at least a draft set of By-Laws ready sometime this Fall to submit to the Executive Council for approval and, if approved, for final approval by the members of the MCRT. The Workshop Planning Committee has been generating a number of ideas for potential workshop topics. Later this Fall, I hope, they will have solidified plans and I am looking forward to sending out an invitation to attend the MCRT's first workshop. At this point, things are still very tentative in regard to plans for the annual convention to be held in April 2012 but we definitely will be hosting a program of some kind and I look forward to developing this further.

As we all know, the American population has been growing ever more complex and diverse, especially in recent decades. Even from the very beginning this was not a monochrome society and within racial groups there has been and continues to be significant diversity. Over the course of, say, the past 400 years or so, there has also been a lot of intermingling and blending of various racial and ethnic groups as well. Some areas of our country, due to historical and geographical factors, have been more diverse or less diverse than others as the case may be but there is no denying that the United States of America in 2011 is fast becoming a truly multicultural society just in terms of race and ethnicity alone. When one considers additional variables such as socioeconomic status, religion, culture, age, sex, sexual orientation, disability status, and more, our diversity becomes truly amazing and wonderful.

Limiting myself to just the basic variable of race, I was curious to see how the state of Alabama has changed over the past 20 years or so. Here is what I found after consulting the 1990, 2000, and 2010 census statistics. In 1990 Alabama had a total population of 4,040,587; in 2010 Alabama had a total population of 4,779,736 which means our population has increased by about 20% over the past 20 years. Let's take a look at the changes in race/ethnicity. In 1990 73.7% of the state's population identified itself as white. In 2010 68.5% did so. In 1990 25.3% of the state's population identified itself as black. In 2010 the figure was 26.2%. While the white population as a percentage of the total has declined a bit (by 5.2%) and the black population as a percentage of the total has increased very slightly (by 0.9%),a closer perusal of the statistics reveals some interesting changes going on.

Smaller population groups, while still tiny in terms of Alabama's overall population, have increased greatly in terms of percentage. Those identifying themselves as American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut in 1990 comprised 0.4% of the total population. Twenty years later using the terms American Indian and Alaska Native persons, this group had increased by 50% to comprise 0.6% of Alabama's total population. Asian or Pacific Islanders jumped from 0.5% in 1990 to 1.1% in 2010 (more than double as a percentage). Not surprisingly, the most dramatic increase has come in the Hispanic (now Hispanic or Latino) origin: from 0.6% of the total in 1990 to 3.9% of the total in 2010, a six-fold increase.

An even closer look at the statistics reveals the growing complexity of our state's diversity as the Census Bureau has recognized new ways of describing or subdividing our population. The 2000 census, for the first time, gave people the option of identifying themselves as belonging to "two or more races." In 2000 precisely 1.0% identified themselves this way. In 2010 this percentage had increased 50% to 1.5% of the total. Similarly, in 2000, those identifying themselves as Hispanic or Latino now were further subdivided into the following groups: Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or "other Hispanic or Latino."

Compared to some other states located along the Mexican border or housing large urban population centers such as New York, Chicago, Houston, Miami, or Los Angeles, Alabama is, perhaps, not yet all that diverse. However, the racial/ethnic population changes noted above taking place between 1990 and 2010 indicate that Alabama is definitely becoming a more diverse or multicultural place.

We should also consider that the two largest racial groups in Alabama, white and black, are very likely undergoing changes of their own. Just looking around the Auburn – Opelika area, the black population is by no means African-American alone. There are immigrants from various African countries (most visibly, Nigerians but also people from French-speaking countries such as Cameroon) and at least a few Afro-Caribbeans. Similarly, the white population is not simply a uniform Anglo-Saxon or Scots-Irish block but there are growing numbers of Arabs and Russians or other Eastern Europeans in the mix.

The ALLA Multicultural Information Round Table is a good forum for us to start thinking about what these societal changes mean to us as librarians right now and in coming decades.

Tim Dodge MCRT Moderator

#### ON CAMPUS OR ONLINE



#### The University of Alabama School of Library and Information Studies

Students interested in attending classes on campus (in Tuscaloosa, at the Gadsden Center, or in Birmingham) are admitted on a rolling basis beginning with any semester. The online Master of Library and Information Studies (MLIS) program is custom designed for busy and disciplined students entering the information studies professions. Email: <u>info@slis.ua.edu</u> or go to <u>www.slis.ua.edu/</u> for information.



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> Visit <u>www.drexel.com/ala</u> to learn more.

## **National Friends of Libraries Week**

Dear Public Librarians,

Where would libraries be without Friends? These dedicated volunteers advocate for libraries, raise much needed funds, sponsor programs and special events and host popular used book sales, among other activities. Your chance to honor them is fast approaching, with the 6th annual National Friends of Libraries Week, October 16-22, 2011.

Find a sample press release and marketing materials by using the following link: http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/altaff/events\_conferences/folweek/index.cfm

As in years past, two friends groups will be awarded National Friends of Libraries Week Awards in honor of their activities.

Good luck and have fun celebrating National Friends of Libraries Week in October!

Denise A Wetzel Field Services Librarian Alabama Public Library Service 6030 Monticello Dr. Montgomery, Al 36130-6000 (334)213-3949



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

April 24-27, 2012 (Tuesday – Friday)

Annual Convention at the Wynfery Hotel in Hoover, Alabama.

If you are interested in serving on a committee, please contact Carrie Steinmehl at carries@bham.lib.al.us or 205-444-7748.



Dear YALSA members,

As a member of YALSA's Fabulous Films for Young Adults Committee (FFYA), I am excited to be working on our 2012 list, which will highlight films for young adults featuring music and dance. Nominations are still open, and while we love hearing from librarians, we want to encourage your teens to nominate titles! Please consider hanging one of our flyers in your teen/young adult areas. There are 3 versions of the flyer available at: http://connect.ala.org/node/65767

The committee seeks nominations of feature films, shorts, documentaries, anime, foreign films, etc, that fit our theme and will appeal to young adults, ages 12-18. The final list will be announced after ALA's Midwinter Conference, 2012. Please note that nominations can only be accepted by filling in the online form.

The nomination form can be found online at: http://yalsa.ala.org/forms/fabfilm.php

For more about the Fabulous Films for Young Adults committee, including past lists, policies and procedures, and the list of this year's nominations as of August 1, 2011, please visit: www.ala.org/yalsa/fabfilms

For more information, or if you would like a pdf version of our flyers, please contact me at: sarah@masslibsystem.org

Sincerely, Sarah Sogigian Fabulous Films for Young Adults Committee Chair

## Alabama

## Library Job Postings

## National

#### Alaska

Deputy Division Director of Libraries, Archives and Museums For more information: http://notes4.state.ak.us/waPostApps.nsf/0/ 0D886FAFD4D83D5F89257911006D9EDF?OpenDocument Closes October 11, 2011

## Santa Maria Public Library, California

City Librarian For more information: http://agency.governmentjobs.com/santamaria/default.cfm Closes October 31, 2011

## North Suburban Library District, Illinois

Adult and Teen Services Librarian For more information: http://www.innovationexperts.com/open-position%E2%80%93nsldadultteenserviceslibrarian/ Open until filled.

## Webster Carroll County Public Library System, Mississippi

Library Director For more information: http://www.mlc.lib.ms.us/jobs/DetailView.asp?ID=686 Closes October 12, 2011

## Suffolk Public Library System, Virginia

Librarian I - Children's Services

Librarian I - Cataloger

For more information:

https://eservices.suffolk-va.gov/Candidate/default.aspx?Tab=ddb54a17-24f1-480a-8fe4 -7e521f94c2ff

## **Spokane County Library District, Washington**

*Executive Director* For more information: www.scld.org/about/employment.asp Closes October 7, 2011

## University of Washington Information School, Washington

Assistant Professor: Digital Youth Tenure Track Position For more information: http://ischool.uw.edu/jobs/faculty Review of applications begins November 15, 2011 and continues until position is filled.





#### State Farm Grant

State Farm Insurance offers grants in varying amounts focusing on the areas of safety, community development, and education. Government entities and 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofits are eligible to apply. The deadline to apply is October 7, 2011. Applications must be submitted online.

To read more or apply online visit the website: http://www.statefarm.com/aboutus/community/ grants/company/company.asp

Deadline: October 7, 2011.

### Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Grant

The Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Grant Program funds projects that focus on enhancing and developing appreciation for nature using native plants. Libraries are eligible subject to youth participation. Projects must emphasize involvement of students and volunteers at all stages of development. Grantees will receive up to \$500 for purchase of native plants and seeds. The deadline is October 15 each year.

For more information please visit their website: http://www.for-wild.org/seedmony.html

Contact: SFEDirector@for-wild.org

#### Deadline: October 15th, 2011

#### **Build a Bear Grant**

The Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation is offering a Literacy and Education Grant to support children in literacy and education programs such as summer reading programs, early childhood education programs, and literacy programs for special needs children. Requestors must be a tax-exempt organization with a 501(c) (3) status. Grants range from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

For more information visit the website: http://www.buildabear.com/shopping/contents/ content.jsp?catId=400002&id=700013

Contact: giving@buildabear.com

Deadline: October 28, 2011.

#### Verizon Foundation Grants

The Verizon Foundation helps nonprofit organizations with a 501(c)(3) status fund projects that increase literacy and educational achievement. Grant requests of \$10,000 or more require a project budget breakdown.

For more information and to see sample grants visit their website: http://foundation.verizon.com/grant/ guidelines.shtml

Contact: Email: Verizon.foundation@verizon.com Phone: 800-360-7955 Fax: 908-630-2660

Proposals are reviewed from January 1st to October 31st each calendar year.

## Alabama Humanities Foundation Grants

Libraries, museums, schools and other nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply for the Alabama Humanities Foundation grants. The Foundation funds a broad range of humanities projects including book discussions, interpretive readings, workshops, and community forums. They have multiple grant categories including small grants up to \$1,000 for planning expenses, mini grants up to \$2,000 for program support, and major grants up to \$8,500 for public discussion projects. For more information please visit their website: http://ahf.net/programs/grantsProgram.html

Contact: Susan Perry sperry@ahf.net The Alabama Humanities Foundation 1100 Ireland Way, Suite 101 Birmingham, AL 35205 (205) 558-3989

Deadlines for small and mini grants are the 1st working day of February, May, August, and November; deadlines for major grants are the 1st of March and September with preliminary applications due six weeks prior to these dates.

#### Carnegie Whitney Award

The American Library Association Publishing Committee provides a grant of up to \$5,000 for the preparation of print or electronic reading lists, indexes or other guides to library resources that promote reading or the use of library resources at any type of library.

Funded projects have ranged from popular, general-reader proposals such as "ReadMOre," a reading list for Missouri's state-wide reading program, to more specialized, scholarly proposals such as "Librarianship and Information Science in the Islamic World, 1966-1999: An Annotated Bibliography." Grants are for \$5000. Recipients will be notified in February 2012.

For more information and guidelines, visit http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/ publishing/sundry/alapubawrds/ carnegiewhitney.cfm Contact: Mary Jo Bolduc, Grant Administrator American Library Association 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611 Fax (312) 280-5275; e-mail: mbolduc@ala.org

Deadline: November 4, 2011.

# Light the Way:Outreach to the Underserved Grant

Libraries are eligible for The ALSC/Candlewick Press *Light the Way: Outreach to the Underserved* Grant. \$3,000 will be granted for conducting exemplary outreach to underserved populations through a new program or to expand a project that is already in progress.

Applications can be found at: http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/ awardsgrants/profawards/ candlewicklighttheway/index.cfm

Contact: Paula Homes qsprite@earthlink.net

Deadline: December 1, 2011.

#### Learning Labs in Libraries & Museums Grant

from the Institute of Museum & Library Services and the MacArthur Foundation

These grants (up to \$100,000) will support the planning and designing of up to 30 Learning Labs in libraries and museums throughout the country. The Labs are intended to engage middle- and highschool youth in mentor-led, interest-based, youth-centered, collaborative learning using digital and traditional media. Grantees will be required to participate, in-person and online, in a community of practice that will provide technical assistance, networking, and cross-project learning. Projects are expected to provide prototypes for the field and be based on current research about digital media and youth learning. For additional information, visit http://www.imls.gov/about/macarthur.shtm.

For information about an existing Learning Lab that has already been funded and implemented through this effort, access this .pdf document: http://ccsr.uchicago.edu downloads/6899youmedia\_final\_2011.pdf

There will be two project deadlines for this grant program: though the first has passed, a second deadline is planned for spring 2012.

## Dreyer's Grand Ice Cream Grants

Dreyer's Grand Ice Cream's philosophy is that one person can make a difference and excellent people produce excellent results. Their mission is to promote family, school and community environments that build skills and foster talents in young people. The foundation makes small grants of up to \$1,000 to nonprofits. They also donate ice cream to events. Proposals are reviewed monthly.

For more information please visit their website: http://www.nestleusa.com/PubCommunity/ Giving.aspx#1A3D16D4-547D-4C0B-8DA5-E5F383509AEE

Mail proposals to: Dreyer's Foundation 5929 College Avenue Oakland, California 94618

#### **Google Grants**

Google Grants is a program that helps nonprofits promote their websites by advertizing on Google. If awarded, an organization creates an ad, chooses key words, and when people search Google for those key words the ad may appear next to the search results. The grant requires applicants to have a website the ad can link back to and to remain active on their Google Grants AdWords account.

Further information and application can be found online at: www.google.com/grants



### Jenny's Heroes Grant

Jenny's Heroes is a funding program offered by the Jenny Jones Charitable Foundation that gives up to \$25,000 to any U.S. citizen planning a community project that will provide long-term improvements.

Further information and application can be found online at: www.jennysheroes.com/index.shtml

#### Deadline: Applications are accepted year-round.

## Kresge Foundation Building and Renovation Grant

The Kresge Foundation awards facilities capital to nonprofit organizations including government entities that have building or renovation projects. Grants are awarded to organizations that serve disadvantaged populations in the following program areas: arts and culture, education, community development, human services, environment, and health.

#### Full details can be found online at: www.kresge.org/index.php/ our\_funding\_methods/challenge\_grant\_program/

#### The Foundation accepts applications year round.

## Margaret Alexander Edwards Trust Grants

The Margaret Alexander Edwards Trust has announced the availability of small grants (under \$5,000) for school and public libraries seeking to offer innovative programs that promote reading for pleasure for young adults. Applications that feature new or creative programs will receive special consideration.

For further information and/or for an application, please contact: Julian L. Lapides, Esquire, Trust Manager 600 Wyndhurst Ave., Suite 246 Baltimore, MD 21210 410.464.0100

Deadline: No specific deadline; applications received and reviewed on a rolling basis.



# **Continuing Education**

To celebrate the joy of shared reading and encourage more people to get involved in reading groups, the Women's National Book Association (WNBA) has designated October as National Reading Group Month (NRGM).

The mission of National Reading Group Month is to:

- \* Increase public awareness of the joy and value of shared reading
- \* Provide a time for reading groups to celebrate their accomplishments and plan for the future
- \* Provide opportunities for individuals to join an existing reading group or start a new one
- \* Encourage libraries, bookstores, and organizations to host special reading group events

WNBA promotes literacy in a variety of ways on the international, national, and local level. WNBA is in a literacy partnership with and is a reading promotion partner with The Center for the Book at the Library of Congress.

You will find a list with reviews of "Great Group Reads" (2011 Selections) at http://www.nationalreadinggroupmonth.org/ggr\_selections.html#

(This is an annual list of books selected on the basis of their appeal to reading groups, covering timely and provocative topics and including under-represented gems from small presses and lesser-known midlist releases from larger houses.)

Celebrate the month with a free Booklist webinar focusing on the WNBA's Great Group Reads. Join popular readers'-advisory expert and Booklist columnist Kaite Mediatore Stover (Kansas City Public Library) to hear about her experience running and blogging about library book groups. Kaite will moderate a panel discussion with Great Group Reads selection committee chair Rosalind Reisner and representatives from two publishers, Algonquin Books and Penguin, whose titles appear on the Great Group Reads list. Leave the webinar with programming ideas, tips, and recommendations for your own National Reading Group Month/ Great Group Reads celebrations. Go to link below to sign up:

Date: Friday, October 7

Time: 1:00 PM Central

To sign up:

https://alapublishing.webex.com/mw0306ld/mywebex/default.do? nomenu=true&siteurl=alapublishing&service=6&rnd=0.5160079706913342&main\_url=https%3A%2F% 2Falapublishing.webex.com%2Fec0605ld%2Feventcenter%2Fevent%2FeventAction.do%3FtheAction% 3Ddetail%26confViewID%3D279963310%26siteurl%3Dalapublishing%26%26%26

Find more information at http://www.wnba-books.org/



Have you heard ...

# Albert L. Scott Public Library

#### **Juggling Hijinx**

More than two dozen children and caregivers in Alabaster have fun at their fingertips after attending a juggling show and workshop that revealed the art, history, and techniques of juggling at the Albert L. Scott Public Library in Alabaster. The workshop leader was master juggler Brian Bruggeman of Juggle Well of Georgia. He gave participants the hands-on opportunity to balance peacock feathers, juggle with scarves, and spin plates. The program was held on September 23.



**Above:** Everyone has fun juggling scarves at the Albert L. Scott Public Library in Alabaster.

**Right:** Becca and Budgie Mosely discover their talent for balancing peacock feathers during the juggling



# Winfield Public Library

In August the Winfield Public Library had a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for their new and expanded media center. The \$25,000 expansion includes 18 new computers with larger monitors and a diversity of iMacs and PCs. The connection speed has also been enhanced. Room for this expansion was made by moving the geneology department to a more secure area, which the library shares with the Northwest Alabama Regional Library.

The funding for this project came from the U.S. Department of Commerce but is directed at the state level through officials at Auburn University.



Front Row: Marie Gray - Library Aide, Regina Sperry- Director, Denise Wetzel-APLS Field Service Librarian, Gloria Stovall - Council, Sue Erb - Librarian Assistant

Back Row: Mike Nolen - President of Chamber, Kevin Bradford - Library Board Chairman, Kevin Goff - APLS CIO, Rebel Silas - Mayor, Rebecca Mitchell - Alabama State Library Director, Dennis Burks - Council, Max Brasher - Council.

Photo from APLSeeds



## South Eastern Library Association

# Join SELA!

For a regional perspective on the issues all of us in libraries deal with daily ... join the Southeastern Library Association (SELA). Offering a biennial regional conference, continuing education, mentoring, an opportunity to publish, and more ... SELA complements our state library association ... extending our professional community throughout the 12 Southeastern States ... for \$25-\$65 in annual dues, a bargain when compared with other associations.

Look SELA over at: <u>http://selaonline.org</u>. Join SELA, today at: <u>http://selaonline.org/membership/2010MembershipForm.pdf</u>

For more information contact Tim Dodge, ALLA SELA Representative, <u>dodgeti@auburn.edu</u>.

