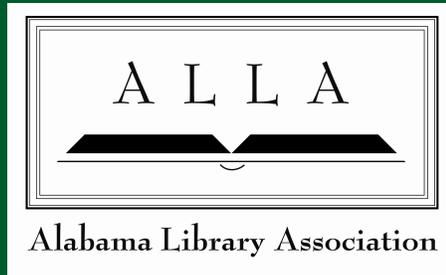


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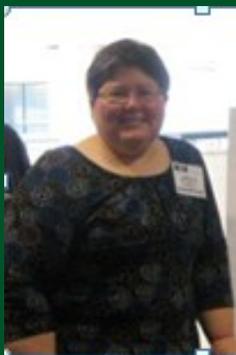
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FROM THE EDITOR

CAROLYN JO STARKEY



Upcoming Publication Calendar

March/April 2012	Articles Due April 10. Publish April 23.
May/June 2012	Articles Due June 10. Publish June 23.
July/August 2012	Articles Due August 10. Publish Au- gust 23.
September/ October 2012	Articles Due October 10. Publish Oc- tober 23.
November/ December 2012	Articles Due December 10. Publish December 23.
January/ February 2013	Articles Due February 10. Publish Feb- ruary 23.
March/April 2013	Articles Due April 10. Publish April 23.

How excited I am to have inherited the mantle of ALLA Communicator editor from Heather Cover. She will be a tough act to follow, but I will try my best to produce a great publication.

In the spirit of the new beginning signified by the annual changing of the Executive Council guard at the ALLA Convention, I have experimented with a new cover and format for the Communicator. As a special target goal this year, I am seeking to expand the Feature Article section of our newsletter. In this issue, I have included a short feature story on “Resources for Día.” I foresee this section as including resource articles, photo essays of libraries, academic pieces, technology articles, editorials, etc. I look forward to receiving your submissions at

alla.communicator@gmail.com.

The other sections in the newsletter will contain Association Business (treasurer’s report, division and roundtable news, legislative news, notes from Administrator Dena Luce, etc.), Activities (news and photos from member events), and Opportunities (upcoming events, grant opportunities, professional development opportunities, and calls for proposals). All submissions to these section should be sent to

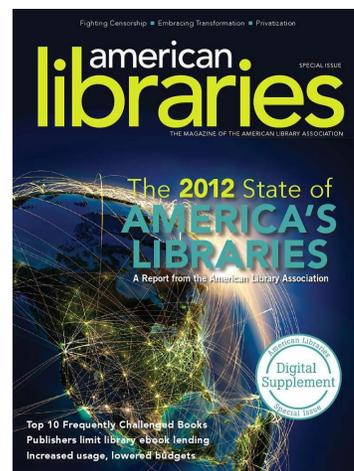
alla.communicator@gmail.com also.

In order to accommodate this expanded format, I have set up a bi-monthly publication calendar. In the sidebar to the left, I have detailed the due dates and newsletter release dates for the coming year.

In other news, recently *The 2012 State of American’s Libraries* from the American Library Association hit my inbox. This publication, available at <http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/9cbfcc6a#/9cbfcc6a/1>, details the plight of America’s libraries over the past year.

Advocacy on the part of our members will be more important than ever next year. Peruse this publication carefully and arm yourself with plenty of facts and figures to quote for your advocacy efforts.

Carolyn



FROM THE PRESIDENT

STEVEN YATES



The 2012 ALLA Convention Committee hopes to see you for the annual convention in Hoover, April 24th - 27th! From singer/songwriter Janis Ian, to author Ridley Pearson, to the stars of our convention, Alabama librarians, the annual convention will be a celebration of how we provide our communities with an ALLAccess pass to a world of infor-

mation. Early bird registration has already passed, but we encourage you to register online at allanet.org. Also, rooms are still available at the Wynfrey Hotel at a rate of \$125/night. If you have any questions or need help with the registration process, please feel free to contact Convention Chair, Carrie Steinmehl, at carries@bham.lib.al.us.

We will honor four authors at the Author Awards Luncheon:

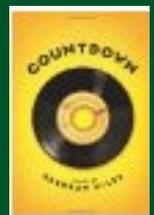
Nonfiction:
Condoleezza Rice for *Extraordinary, Ordinary People* (in absentia)



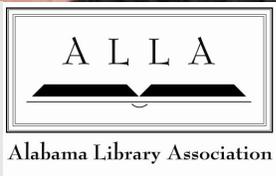
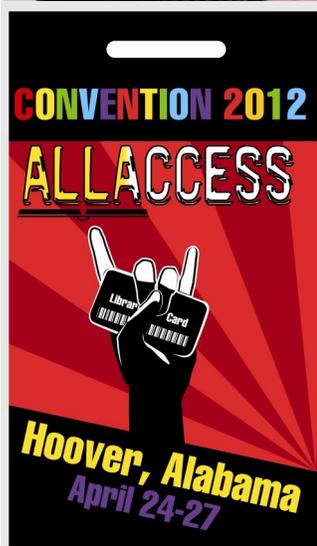
Fiction:
Sonny Brewer for *The Widow and the Tree*



Juvenile:
Deborah Wiles for *Countdown*

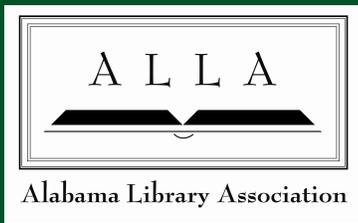


Young Adult:
Watt Key for *Dirt Road Home*



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OUR ORGANIZATION

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: VOTING MEMBERS

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Friday, June 8, 2012
Friday, Sept. 14, 2012
Friday, December 14, 2012
Friday, March 8, 2013

All Executive Council meetings are open to the membership and take place at 10:30 am at Homewood Public Library.

Officers

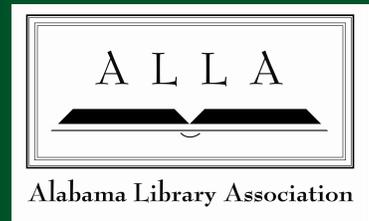
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TREASURER'S REPORT

TIM BAILEY

**As of March 21, 2012,
account totals were reported as follows:**

Checking	\$54,513.71
• General Fund	
Funds for operation and support of organization as a whole	
\$20,452.79	
• Convention	
Funds for the support of annual ALLA Convention	
\$26,072.52	
• Auxiliary Accounts	
Funds for support of Roundtables	
\$7,988.4	
Savings	\$40,022.51
• Savings account of the organization	
Small Business CD	\$12,297.21
• Started in July 2009 as an interest-bearing certificate of deposit. It matured in Sept. 2010 at 1.0% and will mature at .3% in May 2011.	
Special Projects	\$2,808.20
• Started in June 2011 to coordinate funds to assist libraries affected by the April 2011 storms.	
Total of all accounts	\$109,641.63

LEGISLATIVE DAY

JODI POE AND ANN MARIE PIPKIN

From Jodi Poe, ALLA Past-President...

Libraries were well represented at Legislative Day on April 3. ALLA combined with NAAL and the AVL Taskforce at a table next to APLS. The public libraries were there in large numbers getting the quarterly checks and having their pictures made with their representatives. Our volunteers visited the offices of their representatives as well as other key officials and drove home how important the AVL is to the state of Alabama, our citizens, and our libraries. I thought it went well, but, of course, more needs to be done. We all need to contact our legislatures and let them know how important libraries are to our state and to the future of our citizens.

I want to thank all of the volunteers who stood at the table or walked the halls. Thank you so much for your time and your efforts last week. I also want to thank Rebecca Mitchell and Ron Leonard for coordinating our event. I appreciate all of the help everyone provided for this day.

From Ann Marie Pipkin and Barbara Bowling, Dual ALLA and ASLA Members...

School libraries were represented by Barbara Bowling, BTW Magnet High School librarian; seven library assistants from BTW; and Ann Marie Pipkin, a very active retired librarian, formerly the librarian for the Alabama School of Fine Arts in Birmingham. The BTW library assistants were recognized by the Senate and thoroughly enjoyed watching the legislature in session. This was a wonderful educational experience for these high school students. While walking to the legislature is an annual field trip for BTW's library assistants, other school librarians are encouraged to plan a field trip to meet with their legislators especially during Alabama Library Legislative Day when the legislature is in session. Your presence is of utmost importance to advocate for Alabama school libraries.

In support of Alabama school libraries, the American Association of School Librarians sent sticky note pads to distribute to the legislators with the Learning4Life logo and the keywords from the 21 st century standards: THINK CREATE SHARE GROW. The Alabama Public Library Service held a photo op and invited the legislators to meet the public librarian in their district. A photo was taken with "their" librarian (the librarian in their district) that was sent to the news media for publication.



Booker T. Washington Magnet High School student library assistants with APLS Director Rebecca Mitchell.

Booker T. Washington Magnet High School student library assistants at the Alabama State House.



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HOW TO...

APPLY FOR AN ALLA SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Alabama Library Association established the Scholarship Fund, Inc. to reach the goal of having more trained librarians in Alabama. The purposes of the Alabama Library Association Scholarship Fund, Inc. are:

To provide scholarships to deserving and promising Alabama students who wish to pursue a grade degree accredited by the American Library Association or by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

To provide a vehicle whereby members of the Association and friends of the Association who are interested in the objectives of the Fund can make contributions toward providing such aid.

Recipients will be selected by the Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors of the Alabama Library Association Scholarship Fund, Inc. in July of each year on the basis of academic achievement, potential service to the library profession, and financial need.

All application materials are due by **June 1**. Click here for an [application](#). More detailed information about the available scholarships may be found at <http://www.allanet.org>; then click on the "About ALLA" tab.

For more information or to make contributions, contact:

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HOW TO...

ACCESS YOUR MEMBER PROFILE



To renew membership or update your profile

- Go to <http://www.allanet.org/>
- Click on the Member Login link in the upper right-hand corner of the screen. Then log in with the user name and password you received via email/welcome letter OR you may contact the Association Administrator if you do not have a login and password.
- Once you sign in, you should be looking at your member profile page. You now have the options to add an image, edit your profile, and change your password.
- If you need to renew your membership, you should have received a renewal invoice with an invoice number via email. This invoice should appear in the Accounting Information section of your profile screen.
- Click on the link for the appropriate invoice to open it and make a payment.
- You can either print the form and mail it to the Association Administrator along with your check payment OR pay online by credit card.
- You must click on the submit button to finalize your transaction. Once your payment is processed, you will receive a receipt via email that you can print for your records.

To register for an event

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- Once you login as a member, all of the events show up on your member profile page. Click on the Register link next to the desired event.
- Simply complete the registration form and click to continue as prompted.
- As with membership renewal, you will have the option to pay by check or credit card online. If paying by check, submit a copy of your registration invoice with your check and mail to the Association Administrator.

Forgot your password?

If you forget your password, type in your user name and then click on the "Forgot Password" link. You will receive an email with instructions to reset your password. The ALLA office does not have access to passwords.

Want to renew your membership?

Need to register for a workshop?

Moved and need to update your address?

Mailing address for payments:

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Montgomery, AL 36117

MULTICULTURAL

TIM DODGE

The MCRT's very first workshop, "The Desegregation of the Alabama Library Association," took place on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at the Mervyn H. Sterne Library, University of Alabama at Birmingham from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A respectable turn-out of 18 people from all over the state showed up so I am happy to say that this first workshop actually made a modest profit for the Association. More importantly, the workshop featured three interesting speakers whose presentations on an important if sometimes painful topic provoked a high level of interest and participation from those present.

Charlcie Vann (Jacksonville State University) and Tim Dodge (Auburn University) provided some background and context in their presentations. Ms. Vann spoke about the legacy of the struggle of African Americans to gain access to library service and to the library profession. She also brought up the important point that African American librarians still have to deal with isolation and cultural misunderstandings, especially if they find themselves working in a predominantly Caucasian institution. Dr. Dodge's presentation had a historical focus: he spoke about the segregated conditions of public library service in the South primarily focusing on the 1950's and 1960's. He also

linked the effort to integrate public library service to the broader Civil Rights struggle.

The main speaker was Barbara Bishop (Auburn University), co-author with Kayla Barrett of "Integration and the Alabama Library Association: Not so Black and White," that appeared in the Spring 1998 issue of *Libraries & Culture*. Ms. Bishop's wonderfully detailed talk covered the early attempts of the Alabama Library Association to deal with the issue of integration as early as 1949 under then-President Gretchen Schenk. Despite the good will of some, unfortunately, the majority of our Association's membership at that time was just not yet ready to allow African Americans to join. Ms. Bishop linked the ultimately successful effort to integrate the Alabama Library Association to several factors including growing pressure from the American Library Association (Alabama was one of several state library associations that had



ROUNDTABLE

TIM DODGE

decided not to affiliate with the American Library Association when ALA required that state library association chapters had to be open to anyone regardless of race). Ms. Bishop noted that some Alabama Library Association members felt that the late 1964 Executive Council vote to

integrate had been a hurried deception of the broader membership. However, all ultimately went well and the first integrated annual convention of the Alabama Library Association took place in the Spring of 1965 in Mobile under President Robert Severance.

Judging from the enthusiastic and occasionally emotional discussion afterward, plus several e-

mail messages received, this workshop succeeded in fulfilling the main purpose of the establishment of the Multicultural Information Round Table: the exploration and discussion of important issues relating to diversity and multiculturalism that otherwise lack a consistent forum in the Alabama Library Association.

As the Moderator of this Round Table, I would like to thank Barbara Bishop and Charlcie Vann for their wonderful presentations. I would like to thank the workshop attendees for their participation. I would like to thank Linda Harris and the staff of the Mervyn H. Sterne Library at the University of Alabama in Birmingham for so graciously hosting the workshop. Finally, I would like to thank the members of the Ad Hoc MCRT Workshop Planning Committee for their assistance in generating workshop ideas and helping with the logistics, etc.: Regina Anderton (Lawrence County Public Library), Paul Blackmon (Trenholm State Technical College), Michelle Hamrick (Irondale Public Library), and Charlcie Vann (Jacksonville State University).

The MCRT will be hosting a program at the annual convention to be held in Hoover on Wednesday, April 25 at 2 p.m. on "The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute: Promoting Civil and Human Rights through Education" featuring Wayne Coleman and Laura Anderson both of the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute to be followed by very brief round table business meeting. I hope you will be able to attend!

Tim Dodge
MCRT Moderator





RESOURCES FOR DÍA

CAROLYN JO STARKEY

FEATURE

Have you made plans for Día? Children's Day/Book Day, also referred to as El día de los niños/El día de los libros, is a celebration of children, families, and reading held annually on April 30. The celebration emphasizes the importance of literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds. Resources for Día are available from a variety of sources including:



From the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC)/Reforma:

- Resource Guide: Everything You Need to Do Día
Planning guide for school and public libraries.
<http://dia.ala.org/sites/default/files/ResourceGuide%20UPDATED1-18-12.pdf>
- Bilingual Children's Day/Book Day Book List Brochure
Contains information for parents, an extensive book list, and website links.
<http://dia.ala.org/sites/default/files/Spanish%20brochure%20-%20FINAL3-28-12.pdf>

- Registration for Sharing
“Share your Día activities with libraries across the country. Registration is now open and we'd like you to tell us what you will be doing for Día. When you register your Día 2012 program, we'll send you complimentary stickers and buttons to promote your events. Parents and others interested in Día can search for local programs and events, and librarians can review activities to learn from your successes. Sign up now to register your Día 2012 program.”

<http://dia.ala.org/content/registration-now-open>

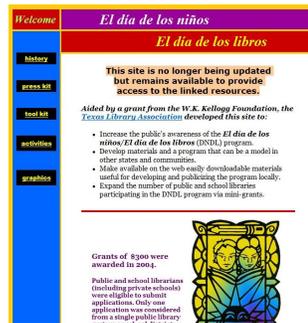


From ALA:

- Día Publicity Tool Kit
Contains templates for flyer, letter to the editor, press release, proclamation, public service announcements, and talking points; logo graphics;
<http://www.ala.org/news/mediapresscenter/presskits/eldiapresskit/diapubtools>

RESOURCES FOR DÍA

CAROLYN JO STARKEY



From Pat Mora's amazing website:

- About Día
 - History pages, booklets, interviews, author and illustrator pages, librarian pages, past celebrations, music, etc.
- <http://www.patmora.com/dia.htm>

From the Texas Library Association:

- El día de los niños / El día de los libros
 - History, tool lit, activities, and graphics.
- <http://www.texasdia.org/index.html>



From the California State Library:

- Día de los Niños / Día de los Libros (Day of the Child / Day of the Book): A Celebration of Childhood and Bilingual Literacy
 - History pages, press and tool lits, graphics, links, and a forum.
- <http://www.diacalifornia.org/index.html>

From ¡Colorín Colorado!:

- Día de los Niños / Día de los Libros
 - Activity sheets, resources pages, e-cards, video interviews, bilingual reading resources, classroom activities, etc.
- <http://www.colorincolorado.org/calendar/celebrations/dia/>

FEATURING

ALBERT L. SCOTT PUBLIC LIBRARY

FRANCES SMITH, YOUTH SERVICES LIBRARIAN



This young lady is proud of her Easter Hut creation she put together at the Albert L. Scott Public Library in Alabaster.



(left to right) Julie Littleton helps Noa Parker, 7, mar-bleize an egg during the *Dyeing to Color Eggs Workshop* at the Albert L. Scott Public Library in Alabaster.



The Easter Bunny gets lots of hugs during *Great Egg Hunt* at the Albert L. Scott Library in Alabaster.

Alabaster Kids Have Egg-Cellent Fun at Library

Families enjoyed back-to-back fun with candy, eggs, and the Easter Bunny at the Albert L. Scott Public Library in Alabaster. A spring twist on the Christmas gingerbread house kept children busy creating and nibbling on April 2. Children created one-of-a-kind “Easter huts” – a spring version of gingerbread houses. Julie Littleton was the workshop leader. Guests used graham crackers, colored icing and an assortment of pastel colored candy to make their creations. The group also listened as youth services librarian Frances Smith read the library book *Ollie’s Easter Eggs* by Olivier Dunrea.

Littleton also led the annual *Dyeing to Color Workshop* on April 3. Kids had fun transforming dozens of plain boiled eggs into works of art. Littleton provided colorful dyes, a variety of stencils, stickers and markers, inspiring participants to create unique one-of-a-kind eggs for their Easter season decorating. During the workshop the children listened to Smith read *Minerva Louise and the Colorful Eggs* by Janet Morgan Stoeke as well as *Ollie’s Easter Eggs*.

On April 4 a large crowd enjoyed the annual *Great Egg Hunt* at the library. After stories and songs by storyteller Miss Jane, dressed as “Miss Spring,” the children met the Easter Bunny and searched for nearly 2,000 colorful, plastic candy-filled eggs on library grounds.

Kids Build Friendship and Fun with Legos

Girls and boys who love building with blocks had fun constructing unique creations during the Lego League at the Albert L. Scott Public Library in Alabaster on April 9. The free-play session inspired the youngsters to build both structures and new friendships.



(left to right) Caleb and Anna Chapin show off their creations during the April session of the Lego League at the Albert L. Scott Public Library in Alabaster.



This little girl constructed a long, colorful tower during the April session of the Lego League at the Albert L. Scott Public Library in Alabaster.

ALBERT L. SCOTT PUBLIC LIBRARY

FRANCES SMITH, YOUTH SERVICES LIBRARIAN

Lego League Laughs

More than 20 Lego-loving people turned out for the March session of the Lego League at the Albert L. Scott Public Library in Alabaster on March 5. The free-play program inspired boys and girls to build many creations while making new friends. Children of all ages played with Legos of all sizes.



Youngsters have fun creating during the Lego League at the Albert L. Scott Public Library in Alabaster.



Sophia Scarpulla shows off her creation during the Lego League at the Albert L. Scott Public Library in Alabaster.

The Gagliano family has fun working together during the Lego League at the Albert L. Scott Public Library in Alabaster.



Alabaster Girls Spring Fling

Celebrate American Girls' Birthdays

Nearly one dozen girls who like the American Girls books and dolls attended an American Girls *Spring Fling* at the Albert L. Scott Public Library in Alabaster on March 23. They were celebrating the springtime birthdays of the characters. The girls shared their dolls and revealed which character they favor. They read the first page of *Happy Birthday Josephina!*, *Happy Birthday Kit!: A Springtime Story*, and *Happy Birthday Samantha!: A Springtime Story* that were all written by Valerie Tripp. The girls made book marks and international girl paper dolls and played American Girl board games and Bingo. They also enacted the Native American reader's theater "A Tale of Two Rabbits: Snowshoe and Cottontail." The highlight of the *Spring Fling* was singing 'Happy Birthday' before enjoying cupcakes and drinks. The girls had the chance to view a display of the library's American Girls books, also. Guests took home prizes that included hair accessories, pencil cases with school supplies, books, and American Girl activity sheets.

(left to right) Jaden Foster and Kristin Standlee share a laugh during the American Girls



(left to right) Jaden Foster, Kelly Thompson, MaKayla Hawkins, and Sonya Wynn play an American Girls board game during the American Girls Spring Fling at the Albert L. Scott Public Library in Alabaster.



Kelly Thompson (center) reads from *Happy Birthday Samantha!* as MaKayla Hawkins (left) and Sonya Wynn (right) listen during the American Girls Spring Fling at the Albert L. Scott Public Library in Alabaster.



(rear left to right) Ashley Fry, Kristin Standlee, Rylee Fry, Nikki Standlee, Patricia Wynn, and Sonya Wynn; (front row left to right) MaKayla Hawkins, Zikerria Dowdell, and Kelly Thompson show off their dolls during the American Girls Spring Fling at the Albert L. Scott Public Library in Alabaster.

WOODVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

PAIGE PARKER

The Woodville Public Library Preschool Reading Program recently held an egg hunt to celebrate Easter. The Preschool program is held every Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m. and is for children ages 1-6.



UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

DR. JAMIE NAIDOO



On March 29th, the University of Alabama School of Library and Information Studies sponsored Noche de Cuentos: An Evening of Stories Celebrating Children's Day/Book Day at Tuscaloosa Public Library. Authors and illustrators participating included René Colato Laínez, Monica Brown, Meg Medina, Alma Flor Ada, F. Isabel Campoy, Joe

Cepeda and John Parra. Each sold signed copies of their children's books, the proceeds of which benefited the National Latino Children's Literature Conference. The first 100 children at the event received a free copy of *The Tooth Fairy Meets El Ratón Pérez* and the first 30 families received a free copy of *¡Muu, Moo!: Animal Nursery Rhymes*.

Dr. Jamie Naidoo of the University of Alabama with the authors and illustrators participating in Noche de Cuentos: Evening of Stories.





UPCOMING EVENTS

BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Four Decades: Photography from the Uni- versity of Montevallo

Featuring works by faculty members Karen Graffeo and Scott Stephens along with Montevallo graduates from the 1970's to the present.

Birmingham Public Library (BPL) presents a very special exhibition created by faculty and former students from the University of Montevallo's College of Fine Arts. "Four Decades: Photography From the University of Montevallo" opens in the Fourth Floor Exhibition Gallery of the Central Library on Tuesday, April 17 and runs through Friday, May 25. A reception for this exhibition will be held on Monday, April 30 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room adjacent to the Gallery. The reception is free and open to the public.

Faculty featured in the exhibition includes Associate Professor of Art Karen Graffeo and Scott Stephens, Professor of Art and Chair of the Department of Art. Graffeo is also the director of the photography concentration at the university. In 2005, she was appointed University Scholar for her documentary work in Roma communities in western and central Europe. Graffeo's personal work includes multi-media, alternative processes and documentary photography, including an ongoing documentary (1999-present) of Roma communities. She has also presented performance based work in national and international venues including a performance choreographed and staged during a teaching residency at Ulster Art Academy in Belfast.

Graffeo has a Master of Fine Arts in Photography and Painting (1987), as well as a Master of Arts in Art Education from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa (1978).

Scott Stephens is an artist who teaches printmaking and photography. He earned his Master of Fine Arts degree at the University of Alabama and his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree at Washington University in St. Louis. Stephens has completed artist residencies at the Centrum voor Grafiek Frans Masereel in Kasterlee, Belgium, the Cité Internationale des Arts in Paris, France, and the Hamilton Printmakers Arts Association in Ontario, Canada. His work has been recognized with a fellowship from the Southern Arts Federation/National Endowment for the Arts and two individual artist fellowships from the Alabama State Council on the Arts in 1992 and 2002. His work in photography focuses on photomechanical techniques and historical processes.

In addition to Graffeo and Stephens, the exhibition will include works by artists Margaret Blevins, Andrea Bliss, Gena Gann Childers, John DeMotte, Mary Deering Dillard, Lee Dunnie, Amanda Rowland Erwin, Philip Griffith, Sky Johnson, Ben Rigsby, Jesse Robitaille, Ted Tucker, and Joel Whitaker.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Discover Tech: Engineers Make a World of Difference is traveling exhibition that teaches visitors about the field of engineering through interactive elements and displays. The ALA Public Programs Office, in partnership with the National Center for Interactive Learning at Space Science Institute, the Lunar and Planetary Institute and the National Girls Collaborative Project seek public libraries that can host the exhibit. Eight libraries across the county will be selected to host it for eight weeks between September 2012 and June 2014. Sites require about 750 square feet of space. Sites will be awarded \$1,000 to support the program. For more information: <http://www.ala.org/programming/discovertech> Deadline to apply is May 1, 2012. Contact: American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office 1-800-545-2433, ext. 5045 publicprograms@ala.org.

Libraries are eligible to apply for the National Endowment for the Humanities' **Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions** program, which provides up to \$6,000 for small and mid-sized libraries. The deadline is May 1, 2012. Direct any questions to: Division of Preservation and Access 202-606-8570 For more information: preservation@neh.gov

Target offers an **Early Childhood Reading Grant** to public libraries, schools, and other nonprofit organizations. If selected, an organization will receive \$2,000 to support programs that foster a love of reading such as after-school events or weekend book clubs. For more information: <http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/page.jsp?contentId=WCMPO4-031821> Email any questions to: Community.Relations@target.com

South Arts, a regional foundation that promotes the arts by funding projects at nonprofit and governmental organizations with their matching grant programs, offers the **Literary Arts Touring Grant** that provides up to \$2,500 for organizations to host writers who reside outside of the state. Funds are given to literary projects that contain both a public reading and an educational component. Deadline to apply: May 1, 2012. Website: http://www.southarts.org/site/c.guIYLaMRJxE/b.7586099/k.9279/Literary_Arts.htm Contact: Nikki Estes - 404-874-7244 ext. 16 or nestes@southarts.org

The **Bank of America Charitable Foundation** invests \$200 million each year in communities that help diverse individuals and families around the globe. Funding priorities for Alabama include arts and culture,

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community development/ neighborhood preservation, education and youth development, and health and human services. Applications are accepted year around. Contact: Bank of America 1-800-218-9946

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), Urban Libraries Council (ULC), and Association of Science-Technology Centers (ASTC) are partnering to offer **Learning Labs in Libraries and Museums Grants**. Up to \$100,000 can be granted to libraries to support the planning and designing of learning labs to engage middle and high school students in mentor-led, interest-based, youth-centered collaborative learning using digital and traditional media. The deadline to apply is June 15, 2012. Pre-application web conferences will be held on May 9th or May 23rd to learn more about the grants and application process. For more information please visit: <http://www.imls.gov/applicants/detail.aspx?GrantId=20>

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The **Lois Lenski Covey Foundation, Inc.** annually awards grants for purchasing books published for young people preschool through grade 8. Public libraries, school libraries, and non-traditional libraries operated by 501(c)(3) agencies are eligible. The Foundation provides grants to libraries or organizations that serve economically or socially at-risk children, have limited book budgets, and demonstrate real need. Grants for 12 will range from \$500 to \$3000 and are specifically for book purchases. For more information visit the [LLCF website](#) Deadline is June 15.

Dollar General Literacy Foundation Youth Literacy Grants provide funding to schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations to help students who are below grade level or experiencing difficulty reading. For more information and to apply online visit the http://www2.dollargeneral.com/dgliteracy/Pages/youth_grants.aspx

P. D. OPPORTUNITIES

ASCLA Workshop at ALA

There has never been a better time to pursue a **Library Champions** campaign. Library Champions can promote the value of your library to your community while delivering maximum fundraising impact. Participate in this **ASCLA workshop** and you'll learn from the experts how to execute a successful marketing and development campaign, from soup to nuts. "A Marriage Made in Heaven: Combining Marketing and Development to Ensure the Future of Your Library" Friday, June 22, 8:00a.m.-12:00p.m. Anaheim, Calif. in conjunction with the **ALA Annual Conference** REGISTER NOW: <http://www.alaannual.org/content/register-now-o>

This workshop will be an incredibly valuable experience for public and special library directors, development staff, public relations staff, foundation members, and library trustees. Registration Rates: Through May 13: ASCLA members, \$109; ALA members, \$129; non-members, \$149; Student and Retired ALA members, \$99. May 14 through June 15: ASCLA members, \$129; ALA members, \$149; non-members, \$169; Student and Retired ALA members, \$109. REGISTER NOW: <http://www.alaannual.org/content/register-now-o>

Simmons GSLIS Continuing Education Online Asynchronous Workshops

May 1-31, 2012 \$250 (Simmons GSLIS Alumni price \$200) PDPs: 15

- Mobile Services: Augmented Realities, QR Codes, & Apps <http://alanis.simmons.edu/ceweb/workshop.php?id=104>
- Creative Writing Programs for Youth <http://alanis.simmons.edu/ceweb/workshop.php?id=29>
- Technology Grants for Libraries <http://alanis.simmons.edu/ceweb/workshop.php?id=52>
- Teen Lit Boot Camp: Science Fiction <http://alanis.simmons.edu/ceweb/workshop.php?id=114>
- Part of Teen Lit Boot Camp Series <http://alanis.simmons.edu/ceweb/teenlit.php>
- Web-based Tools for School Library Teachers <http://alanis.simmons.edu/ceweb/workshop.php?id=70>

May 1 - June 11, 2012 \$275 (Simmons GSLIS Alumni price \$220) PDPs: 25

- Instruction Librarian Boot Camp
Instruction Librarian Boot Camp <http://alanis.simmons.edu/ceweb/workshop.php?id=93>

For our full Spring/Summer schedule, additional information, or to register see <http://gslis.simmons.edu/ce> or contact gslisce@simmons.edu

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The **Association for Rural and Small Libraries** is coming up in September in Raleigh, NC. We are pleased to announce that the 2012 ARSL Annual Conference is now ready to take hotel reservations for Raleigh, NC!

Registration opens Wednesday, September 26th at Noon with pre-conferences scheduled for 1:00-5:00. The full conference runs Thursday, September 27th through Noon on Saturday, September 29th when you may pick up your boxed lunch to-go!

Make reservations by contacting the official conference hotel: Sheraton Raleigh Downtown www.sheraton.com/raleigh Hotel Rooms - \$139 per night (plus tax) per room (single or double occupancy) for more than 2 guests - additional \$10 per person. Please register by calling 800-325-3535. Identify yourself as registering for the Association for Rural & Small Libraries Conference. Room rate is guaranteed only until August 28th, 2012. Please Note: When you make your reservation you will be charged a one night deposit to hold your room. In the event you need to cancel, this is refundable if cancelation is made at least 24 hours prior to arrival. Also, this hotel will charge a \$75 early departure fee if you should leave before your confirmed departure date without notifying them of the change when you check in.

The Alabama Public Library Ser-

vice (APLS) is pleased to announce the formation of 2 scholarships for this year's Association of Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) Conference in Raleigh, North Carolina. The scholarship's criteria for applicants include:

- Must work in an Alabama public library
- * Never attended an ARSL Conference before * Library service population is less than 25,000
- * Willingness to network and share
- * Agree to write a 1-page article for APLSeeds
- * Agree to speak at the October Administrators' Meeting about the Conference
- * If not the head of a library, Supervisor approval of the application

Completed applications must be mailed and received at APLS by May 14th, and scholarship winners will be announced by June 29th. It is up to the recipient to make all travel arrangements. Applications are available on the APLS website (<http://www.statelibrary.alabama.gov>) under Homepage Quick Links. The application form is also attached to this email. Any questions should be directed to Denise A. Wetzel at dwetzel@apls.state.al.us or 800-723-8469, ext. 3949.

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The **ALLA Communicator**, the publication of the Alabama Library Association, is seeking articles, announcements, news, and photos for publication. Items should be sent to Editor Carolyn Starkey at alla.communicator@gmail.com.

The **Alabama School Librarian** is a combined association newsletter and peer-reviewed (refereed) journal published by the Alabama School Library Association (ASLA). It is devoted solely to the field of school libraries and technology as related to school libraries. Although all submissions are welcome, those that clearly focus on issues and topics related to Alabama school libraries have publication priority. The Alabama School Librarian is published digitally four times per academic year and is sent electronically to all members of the Alabama School Library Association and supporters of Alabama school libraries. Items should be sent to Editor Carolyn Starkey at admin@jojo-starkey.com.

YALSA's journal **Young Adult Library Services** is seeking submissions for our fall 2012 issue, which focuses on "The Many Faces of Advocacy." Advocacy can mean many things: influencing library-related legislation; building support for teen

library services in your community; working to meet the needs of marginalized populations; and much, much more. We are looking for new voices and fresh perspectives on these and other youth services-related topics. If you are interested in submitting an article to *YALS*, please see our submission guidelines at <http://www.yalsa.ala.org/yals/submissions/> For more information, please contact yalseditor@gmail.com.

Academic Exchange Quarterly

Fall 2012, Volume 16, Issue 3

Focus:

Academic librarians are increasingly instructing targeted groups within the academic environment. Such groups include freshman learning communities, international students, graduate students, and faculty. Each of these groups is far from homogeneous because of the diversity of their expectations of libraries and their information-seeking experiences. Even into the twenty-first century, many faculty members, for example, are reluctant to use electronic resources. How can we develop instruction programs that will address the shared needs of such groups and the diverse needs of individuals? What assessment tools are available to measure the success of such programs? How can we identify constit-

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uencies being underserved? Manuscripts are sought that describe successful (and even unsuccessful) approaches to information literacy for targeted groups and/or diverse populations in higher education. Manuscripts are also sought that report on quantitative or qualitative evaluations of the impact of information literacy programs, courses, and components of courses.

Who May Submit:

Manuscripts are sought from academic librarians, teaching faculty, and administrators in higher education who work with information literacy competencies. Please identify your submission with keyword: LIBRARY

Submission deadline:

Any time until the end of May, 2012; see details for other deadline options like early, regular, and short.

Submission Procedure:

<http://rapidintellect.com/AEQweb/library.htm>

YALSA Midwinter Paper Presentation Call for Proposals

The YALSA Midwinter Paper Presentation is an annual event sponsored by past presidents of YALSA. Its purpose is to provide a venue for educators, librarians, students, and others interested in young adult librarianship to gather and explore a

topic of current interest that impacts the field. The YALSA Midwinter Paper Committee will select one paper to be delivered at the 2013 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Seattle, WA, January 25-29, 2013. The presenter will receive up to \$1,500 to defray travel and registration costs. The paper will be published in YALSA's peer-reviewed Journal of Research on Libraries and Young Adults after the conference. For more information about the journal, visit <http://yalsa.ala.org/jrlya>.

The YALSA Midwinter Paper Presentation Committee is now seeking proposals for papers presenting points of view based on current research and relating to topics covered in YALSA's Research Agenda. The agenda includes four priority areas:

Priority Area 1: Impact of Libraries on Young Adults

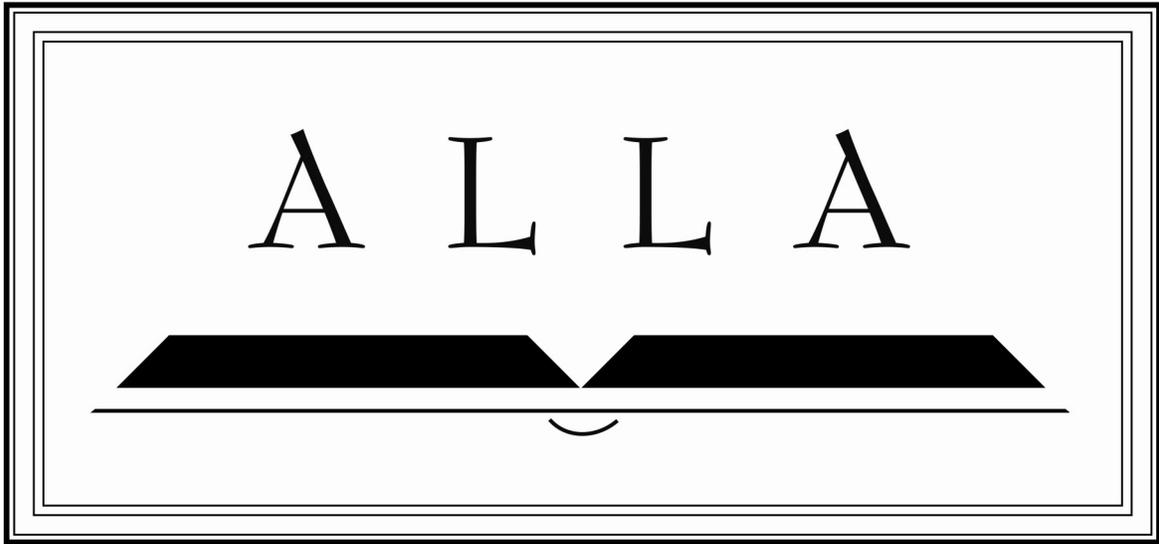
Priority Area 2: Young Adult Reading and Resources

Priority Area 3: Information Seeking Behaviors and Needs of Young Adults

Priority Area 4: Informal and Formal Learning Environments and Young Adults

The full research agenda can be found at: <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/guidelines/research/researchagenda>.

The application form is located at: <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/>



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