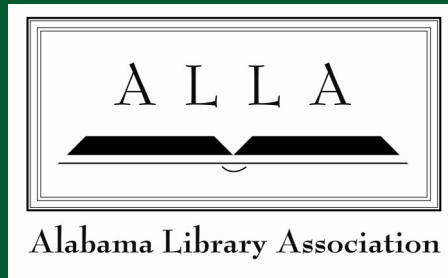


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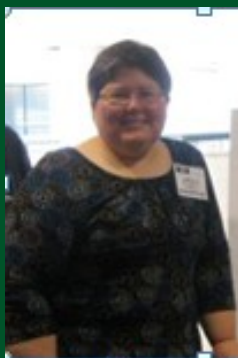
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# FROM THE EDITOR

CAROLYN JO STARKEY



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## Be a Radical—Read a Banned Book!

### Banned Book Week September 30—October 6, 2012

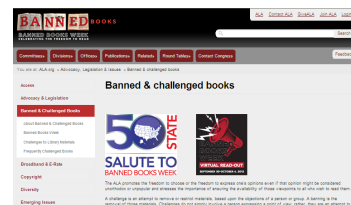
*"Librarians see themselves as the guardians of the First Amendment. You got a thousand Mother Joneses at the barricades! I love the librarians, and I am grateful for them!" --Michael Moore, after outraged librarians saved his book "Stupid White Men," when publisher HarperCollins insisted he rewrite it to be less critical of President Bush*

*"I really didn't realize the librarians were, you know, such a dangerous group...." Michael Moore, Buzz Flash Interview*

As a librarian, few things irritate or concern me more than censorship. To deny someone the right to read their choice in literature (whatever the medium) is to deny them the right to improve their intellect—indeed, the very right to think for themselves.

Join ALA and librarians across the nation in the “30 Years of Liberating Literature” celebration. The Honorary Co-Chairs of the 30th Banned Books Week are award-winning journalist and long-time supporter of Banned Books Week Bill Moyers and his wife and creative partner Judith Davidson Moyers. Our own Amanda Jackson of the Gadsden Public Library stars in the [Alabama Library Association's entry](#) into the [50 State Salute of Banned Books Week](#).

Want to share your favorite banned book with others? Participate in the [Virtual Read-Out](#) by uploading a video on the dedicated [Banned Books Week Virtual Read-Out Channel!](#)



Carolyn



Carolyn and fellow ALLA member Carla Crews with “To Kill a Mockingbird,” a selection on the Shades Valley High School / Jefferson County IB School 9th grade reading list and Number 10 on ALA’s Most Challenged Books of 2011. For more information, visit ALA’s Frequently Challenged Books of the 21st Century at <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/banned/frequentlychallenged/21stcenturychallenged>.

# A CONVERSATION

WITH JEFF SIMPSON



ALLA President-Elect Jeff Simpson

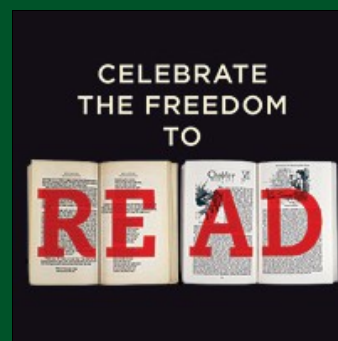
I caught up with Jeff Simpson, President-Elect of ALLA, and pulled him away from his planning and coordination functions for the ALLA Annual Conventions of 2013 and 2014 to talk about his deep interest in information literacy.

Jeff, a Reference Librarian at Troy University Montgomery, is concerned about the poor information research skills exhibited by students who come into the library there. "This trend, though, is not unique to Troy only. Actually, it is a fairly common observation that can be found in many institutions of higher learning."

Jeff says that he has considered ways to influence a correction to those situations. He suggests that "teaching information literacy is expect at the university. There are other possibilities, too, to reach out to those not in 'academia.' As an example, collaborations between colleges, universities, public schools, and perhaps even public libraries to teach information literacy could be beneficial to a wide-range of information seekers."

Is this perhaps a preview for the focal point of his upcoming term of office?

—Carolyn Starkey



## Quotations on Banning and Challenging Books

### Banned Book Week September 30—October 6, 2012

*"To prohibit the reading of certain books is to declare the inhabitants to be either fools or slaves." --Claude Adrien Helvetius, De l'Homme, Vol. I, sec. 4*

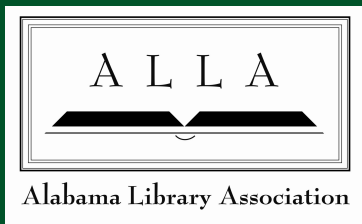
*"Children deprived of words become school dropouts; dropouts deprived of hope behave delinquently. Amateur censors blame delinquency on reading immoral books and magazines, when in fact, the inability to read anything is the basic trouble." --Peter S. Jennison*

*"Censorship, like charity, should begin at home; but unlike charity, it should end there." --Clare Booth Luce*

*"We live in oppressive times. We have, as a nation, become our own thought police; but instead of calling the process by which we limit our expression of dissent and wonder "censorship," we call it "concern for commercial viability." "* --David Mamet

*"Don't join the book burners... Don't be afraid to go in your library and read every book." -- Dwight D. Eisenhower*

*"Books won't stay banned. They won't burn. Ideas won't go to jail. In the long run of history, the censor and the inquisitor have always lost. The only sure weapon against bad ideas is better ideas. The source of better ideas is wisdom. The surest path to wisdom is a liberal education." --Alfred Whitney Griswold, Essays on Education*



# OUR ORGANIZATION

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: VOTING MEMBERS

### Meeting Schedule

2012-2013

Friday, June 8, 2012

Friday, Sept. 14, 2012

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### Officers

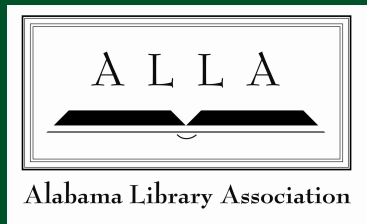
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# OUR ORGANIZATION

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: NON-VOTING MEMBERS



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*Right: Incoming officers and division chairs at ALLA Convention 2012.*



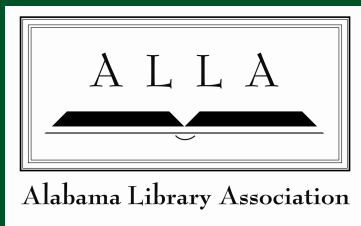
*Below: Incoming officers, ex-officio members, roundtable chairs, and committee chairs at ALLA Convention 2012/*



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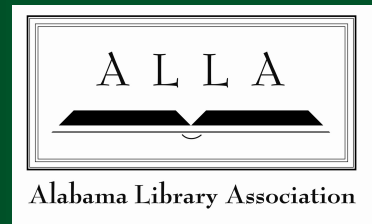
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Tim Bailey  
ALLA Treasurer



Tim at the June 7th  
Executive Board  
meeting at Home-  
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# TREASURER'S REPORT

TIM BAILEY

**As of August 9, 2012,  
account totals were reported as follows:**

<b>Checking</b>	<b>\$46,903.72</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Fund Funds for operation and support of organization as a whole \$27,500.00</li> <li>• Convention Funds for the support of annual ALLA Convention \$6,000.00</li> <li>• Auxiliary Accounts Funds for support of Roundtables \$13,403.72</li> </ul>	
<b>Savings</b>	<b>\$34,752.38</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Savings account of the organization</li> </ul>	
<b>Small Business CD</b>	<b>\$12,297.21</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	
<b>Special Projects</b>	<b>\$513.20</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Started in June 2011 to coordinate funds to assist libraries affected by the April 2011 storms.</li> </ul>	
<b>Total of all accounts</b>	<b>\$94,466.51</b>



# ELECTIONS

STEVEN YATES



Steven Yates  
ALLA Nominating  
Committee Chair

## Calling All Candidates!

It's time to start thinking about your role in next year's ALLA leadership! Regardless of library type and experience, the Association needs your new ideas and energy to remain relevant and effective.

Each of the following offices needs a bevy of eager candidates willing to serve in these positions:

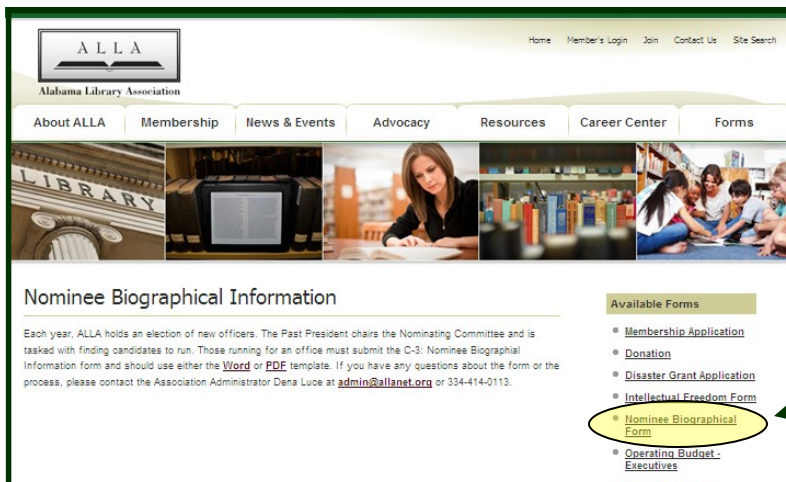
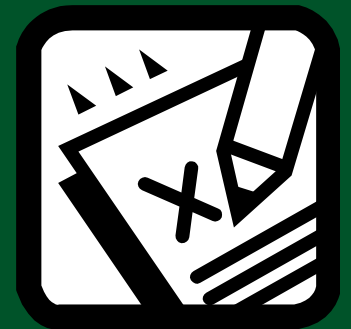
- President-elect (3 year term of service)
- Secretary (1 year)
- Treasurer (2 years)
- Member-at-Large North (2 years)
- Southeastern Library Association Representative (4 years)
- Division and roundtable offices (terms vary)

All candidates must be current members of the Association. Tradition

holds that the president-elect rotates among the three divisions. It is CSLD's turn in the rotation, but any members interested in president-elect should contact the nominating committee chair. Anyone who would like more information on any of the offices is encouraged to contact Steven Yates

([yatess@mtnbrook.k12.al.us](mailto:yatess@mtnbrook.k12.al.us)), chair of the nominating committee. If you are ready to place your name in one or more of these races, you must submit a Form C-3: Nominee Biographical Information. Word and PDF versions of the form are available on the ALLA website under the Forms tab.

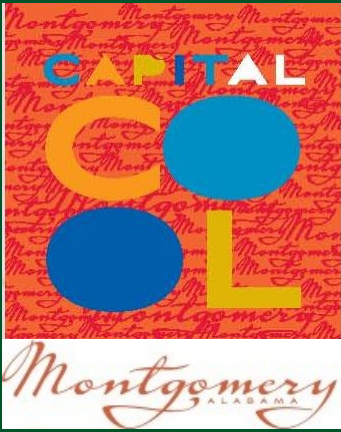
Nominate yourself or recommend a colleague to the nominating committee today!



<http://www.allanet.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=44>

Form C-3:  
Nominee  
Biographical  
Information  
Due Date:

November 1,  
2012



# SAVE THE DATE

PAUL BLACKMON, 2013 ALLA CONVENTION CHAIR

## Alabama Library Association Announces Montgomery as Host City for 2013 Convention

**MEDIA CONTACT:**  
Dawn Hathcock  
Montgomery Area Chamber of  
Commerce  
Convention and Visitor Bureau  
334-261-1100

PRESS RELEASE

Montgomery, Ala. –

The Alabama Library Association (ALLA) announced that their 2013 annual convention will return to Montgomery after being away for nine years. ALLA is a non-profit corporation formed to encourage and promote the welfare of libraries and professional interests of libraries in the State of Alabama. ALLA's 2013 convention, "Alabama Libraries, Find Your Voice," will be held April 23-26, 2013 at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel and Spa at the Convention Center.

Planning activities are already underway for the convention that will bring approximately 500 attendees to the downtown convention center district. With the addition of the Alley entertainment area and the many dining and late night venues available convention delegates are certain to revel in Montgomery's newly renovated downtown. This number of convention attendants equals nearly a half million dollar economic impact

for the city.

"We are excited that so many of the Alabama Library Association attendees will get to experience the new Montgomery," said Dawn Hathcock, Vice President of the Montgomery Chamber's Convention and Visitor Bureau. "So much has happened in our downtown in nine years. We are certain to surprise many delegates."

"The Alabama Library Association is pleased to announce that our 2013 Conference will be held in Montgomery. The focus of my presidency is advocacy for all Alabama libraries. By consistently stating our common message - that libraries matter and that great libraries matter greatly - we can share our common story. What better location for librarians to tell our stories than to our legislative advocates in our state capital," says Emily Tish, ALLA president.

*Montgomery  
"A Cool Capital City on the Move"*

## ALLA 2013

### ALABAMA LIBRARIES: FIND YOUR VOICE

# SAVE THE DATE

PAUL BLACKMON, 2013 ALLA CONVENTION CHAIR



Paul Blackmon  
Chair, 2013 ALLA  
Convention

## Alabama Library Association Selects Renaissance Hotel as the Site of the 2013 Convention



ALLA President Emily Tish signs the contract with Renaissance Hotel and Spa Sales Manager Lauren Magourik to commit to Convention 2013.

Left to right Standing: Paul O. Blackmon, ALLA Convention Chair 2013; Jeff Simpson, ALLA President-Elect; Joseph Freedman, Erin Boyd, and Pamela Sage. Sitting: Emily Tish and Lauren Magouirk, Renaissance Hotel & Spa Sales



Renaissance Montgomery  
Hotel and Spa at the  
Convention Center

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## ALLA 2013

### ALABAMA LIBRARIES: FIND YOUR VOICE



# ALLA ADMINISTRATOR

DENA LUCE

## HOW TO...

### NAVIGATE THE ALLA HANDBOOK

The ALLA Handbook is available in Word and PDF formats. Simply go to <http://www.allanet.org/> and click on the 'About ALLA' tab at the top left of the screen. Then click on the link for the format you wish to view.

**Quick tip...FIND what you want.** Whether you use the Word or .Pdf version of the handbook, one quick way to find what you are looking for is the Find function.

- In Word, you can do Ctrl + F and a box will pop up. You enter the word(s) you wish to find and specify what part(s) of the document you wish to search. Then click on Find Next and each time the word(s) is mentioned in the text, you will see it highlighted. Simply click on Find Next to move to the next appearance of the word(s).
- In Adobe Reader, you will see the Find search box at the top of the window. Enter your word(s) and press Enter. The word(s) will show up highlighted where it is located in the text. You can go forwards and backwards by clicking on the arrow icons next to the search box.

**The Table of Contents can be your best friend.**

Never forget to use this handy tool as it will guide you to the page or

section of the document that you need. Once you know the page or section number you want, you can then activate the Go To function in either Word or Adobe Reader.

- In Word, do Ctrl + F as you do for Find. This time, select the tab for Go To and then choose the portion of the text you wish to maneuver—page, section, line, etc. Next enter the page number (or other number) and click on Go To. You will be taken to the specified area without having to scroll or hit page down continuously.
- In Adobe Reader, you will see this feature at the top of the window just below the toolbar. Type in the page number and press Enter. You will be taken to the page in the document ( this will not be the number on that page but the number of the page within the total document).

**Don't forget the Appendices.**

Just like the Table of Contents, an appendix can be a quick tool to locate charts, lists, forms, and other specialized content that supplements the text of the document.

For example, Appendix C of the ALLA Handbook contains the various forms used by the Association.

**NOTE:** the most current version of all ALLA forms is available on the website under the 'Forms' tab.

# 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.

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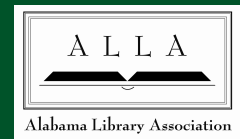
If you forget your password, type in your user name and then click on the "Forgot Password" link. You will receive an email with instructions to reset your password. The ALLA office does not have access to passwords.



<http://www.allanet.com>

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36117



Dena hard at work at the June 7th Executive Board meeting at Homewood Public Library.



Dena and Steven Yates at the 2012 ALLA Convention.

# CONGRATULATIONS

## ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS, AND ACCOLADES

Woodville Public Library received a \$3,000.00 grant from Alabama's Mountains, Rivers, and Valleys Resource Conservation and Development Council, Hartselle, Al. 1. \$1,000.00 for BIG PRINT books 2. \$1,000.00 for preschool children to 6th grade for books and materials, etc. 3. \$1,000.00 for teens

The Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL) is pleased to announce that Gail Sheldon, Director of the Oneonta Public Library has been elected to its board for a 3 year term.

ARSL is a national organization of nearly 500 members whose mission is to provide a network of people and materials to support rural and small library staff, volunteers and trustees to integrate the library thoroughly with the life and work of the community it serves.

ARSL works to provide for continuing education opportunities for its members, serves as a source of current information about trends, issues and strategies for rural and small libraries, partners with other library and non-library groups and organizations serving rural and small

communities, and advocates for rural and small libraries at the local, state and national levels.

Gail will be welcomed to the board at ARSL's annual conference in Raleigh, North Carolina in September. A complete list of board members and more information about ARSL can be found at [www.arsl.info](http://www.arsl.info).



*L to R: Amanda Ferguson, Dr. Mary Elizabeth Harper, and Mark Sappington.*

On July 18, 2012, Dr. Mary Elizabeth Harper, director of the Tuscaloosa Public Library, received a \$5,000 check from Mark Sappington, district manager of Dollar General, as Amanda Ferguson, store manager of Dollar General store #8600, was on hand as well. The check was a grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation.

# CONGRATULATIONS

## ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS, AND ACCOLADES

From May 21st to July 13th, 2012, the Gadsden Public Library (GPL) was honored as one of only nine libraries in the country this year to host a national touring space exhibit titled "Visions of the Universe: Four Centuries of Discovery". The exhibit was produced by the Space Telescope Science Institute, the American Library Association and the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory through major funding provided from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

Along with the "Visions" exhibit, GPL had on display two different sets of lunar samples called "educational disks" (moon rocks) gathered during the missions of Apollo 15, 16 and 17 back in the 1970's. The lunar samples and disks were loaned to GPL by the Johnson Space Center in Houston and the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville. Included with the displays were samples of meteorites gathered here on Earth.

To open the "Visions" exhibit, Gadsden native and NASA space engineer, Keith Robinson, from the Marshall Space Flight Center gave a presentation on the history of NASA and the future of space flight including the exploration of both the Moon and Mars. To supplement the exhibit, patrons were invited to participate in a

scavenger hunt using the "Visions" displays to answer a series of 12 questions. Scavenger hunts were developed for all ages including children, teens and adults. One adult entry was then selected to receive a Celestron AstroMaster telescope. Eric Cooks, father of two boys, said "Thanks to everyone at the Gadsden Public Library for hosting the 'Visions of the Universe' national exhibit and for allowing people to share in a really fun and educational scavenger hunt. My boys and I will definitely put our new telescope to great use!"

For further information about the "Visions of the Universe" exhibit, please go to this link: <http://amazing-space.stsci.edu/visions/>. For more information about the Gadsden Public Library, go to: <http://www.gadsdenlibrary.org/>



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

SELA AND AACRL

## 2012 SELA/Georgia COMO Conference October 3 – 5

The Southeastern Library Association (SELA) will be hosting a joint conference with the Georgia Council of Media Organizations (COMO) in Macon, Georgia on October 3 – 5 at the Marriott Macon City Center.

The conference will feature a number of informative and interesting programs, speakers, panel sessions, dinners, and more. Keynote speakers include Decatur, Georgia novelist Joshilyn Jackson and University of Virginia cultural historian and media scholar Siva Vaidhyanathan. See <http://selaonline.org/news/conference2012.htm> and <http://www.georgiacomo.org/> for more detailed information about the conference.

Registration forms (including online registration) are available at <http://www.georgiacomo.org/registration/>.

If you are a SELA member, conference registration is cheaper than for non-SELA members or those who are not members of the Georgia Council of Media Organizations. Why not join or rejoin SELA today? More information about SELA is available at <http://selaonline.org/> and the 2012 SELA Membership Form is available here: [http://selaonline.org/member-](http://selaonline.org/member-ship/2012MembershipForm.pdf)

[ship/2012MembershipForm.pdf](http://selaonline.org/member-ship/2012MembershipForm.pdf).

All roads lead to Macon on October 3 – 5, the hometown of early rock ‘n’ roll great Little Richard (“Tutti Frutti,” etc.) and the town where the late James Brown, “the Godfather of Soul” was “discovered.” This looks like a great conference and I hope to see you all there!

Tim Dodge  
ALLA SELA Representative

## Library Advocacy LibGuide

As a follow-up to the advocacy program (Library Advocacy: Clear and Simple) held at the ALLA annual conference in Hoover this past April, which was co-sponsored by AACRL, the Legislative Development Committee of ALLA, CUS, and PLA; the Government Relations Committee of AACRL is developing a library advocacy LibGuide to assist members of the Alabama library community in becoming effective library advocates. The LibGuide will include advocacy tools and information on advocacy events, as well as some of the PowerPoint presentations given at the ALLA conference program. The LibGuide should be published by the end of August ... watch for further announcements.

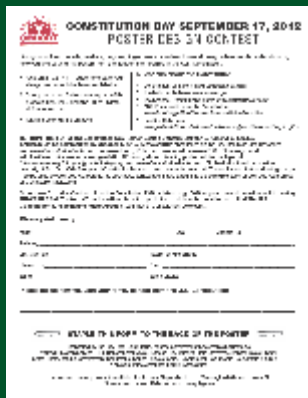
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AACRL Legislative Liaison  
AACRL Government Relations Committee, Chair

## Constitution Day Poster Contest

Constitution Day 2012  
Poster Design Contest

Entries must be Post-  
marked by October 1.

Download Entry Form  
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www.constitutionday.cc/  
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ALABAMA LIBRARY EXPO

### 2012 Alabama Library Expo Program

7:45-10:30	Exhibits, Registration, Refreshments
10:30-11:00	General Session and Awards
11:00-12:00	First Session
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-1:45	Second Session
1:45-2:30	Third Session

### Program Topics and Presenters

Presenters and schedule at each location:

A - Robert Little, CSP

B - Judith Glenn

C - Cedric L. "The Edu-Tainer" Threatt

**MOBILE** A - 11:00-12:00, B - 1:00-1:45, C - 1:45-2:30

**MONTGOMERY** B - 11:00-12:00, C - 1:00-1:45, A - 1:45-2:30

**BESSEMER** C - 11:00-12:00, A - 1:00-1:45, B - 1:45-

**DECATUR** A - 11:00-12:00, B - 1:00-1:45, C - 1:45-2:30

*There is no cost or pre-registration required to attend  
the Alabama Library Expo tour.*

*All registration takes place onsite at each location.*

**School Librarian CEU credit**

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September 24  
Daphne Civic Center  
2603 U.S. Highway 98  
Daphne, AL 36526  
[www.daphneciviccenter.org](http://www.daphneciviccenter.org)

Tuesday  
September 25  
Auburn University  
Montgomery  
Taylor Conference  
Center  
7440 East Drive  
Montgomery,  
AL 36124  
334.244.3343

Wednesday  
September 26  
Bessemer Civic Center  
1130 9th Avenue  
Southwest  
Bessemer, AL 35022  
205.424.7469

Thursday  
September 27  
Calhoun Community  
College  
Aerospace Technology  
Center 'White Bldg. on  
North Side of campus'  
6250 US Hwy 31 North  
Decatur, AL 35671



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ALABAMA VIRTUAL LIBRARY

## AVL Advocacy Materials

<http://www.avl.lib.al.us/about/advocacy.php>



### Alabama and Oxford University Press

The state of Alabama is providing 20 Oxford Reference titles and 89 Oxford Scholarship Online titles for use in every public library, K-12 school, community college, and university library in the entire state! If you are at a university or library in Alabama, click on the titles on [Oxford University Press's Alabama Virtual Library](#) page to go straight to your desired resource and your IP address will be recognized with full free access. Not at a university or library? Get the full free access through the [Alabama Virtual Library](#)!

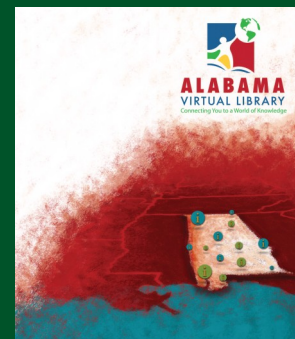
Librarians:

Check out [OUP's Librarian Resource Center](#) and find training tools, promotional materials, and other exciting resources to help you use these products in your library. Another great resource is [Alabama Virtual Library's Training Page for Oxford Products](#). For subscriber services, including Marc record downloads, visit Oxford Reference's subscriber services page or Oxford Scholarship Online's subscriber services page.

The screenshot shows the Oxford University Press website interface. At the top, it says 'OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS USA The World's Largest University Press: Excellence, Tradition, Innovation'. There is a search bar with 'Keyword' and a 'Search!' button. Below the search bar, it says 'You are here: OUP USA Home > Corporate Information > Publishing Programs > Reference > Alabama Virtual Library'. The main content area features a heading 'Alabama Virtual Library' with an image of an open book. Below this, it says 'Alabama offers OUP products to all residents!' and 'Alabama and Oxford University Press'. The text describes the provision of 20 Oxford Reference titles and 89 Oxford Scholarship Online titles for use in every public library, K-12 school, community college, and university library in the entire state. It also mentions that users can get full free access through the Alabama Virtual Library. There are links for 'Oxford Reference' and 'Oxford Scholarship Online' with specific titles listed. On the left side, there is a 'Publishing Programs' menu with categories like Academic & Professional, Bibles, English Language Learning, Higher Education, Law, Medical, Music, Online Publishing, Oxford Journals, Pharma, Reference, and Trade Sales. On the right side, there are 'OXFORD MAILING LISTS' and 'Oxford Sheet Music' sections.

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## ALABAMA VIRTUAL LIBRARY



### Non-renewed AVL Databases

Due to funding shortages, the Alabama Virtual Library Executive Council was forced to make some very difficult decisions concerning the AVL databases for 2012-2013. The Council has spent a considerable amount of time and discussion with the vendors to obtain the best pricing in order to retain as much content as possible.

As of October 1, 2012, the AVL will no longer have access to:

Britannica's add-on databases

Annals of American History

Enciclopedia Juvenil

Enciclopedia Universal en Español

Global Reference Center (provided by APLS)

EBSCO

Auto Repair Reference Center

Biography Reference Bank

Gale

Academic OneFile (and its subcollections)

Agriculture Collection

Communication & Mass Media

Educators Reference Complete

Expanded Academic ASAP

LegalTrac

As funding continues to decline for libraries and education institutions, it will be more important than ever to educate decision makers about the importance of the AVL resources. Even with these very hard decisions, the AVL still remains an outstanding example of what a state program can offer the citizens of Alabama in the toughest of times. The AVL Council continues to look optimistically toward the future and to provide a virtual library collection that is of the highest quality. Please feel free to contact the AVL Council if you have any questions. All of the contact information for your representatives is on the AVL web site.



# RENOVATIONS

UNIVERSITY OF MONTEVALLO

The University of Montevallo has recently completed a \$225,000 renovation project that includes the initial phase towards the creation of a Learning Commons and a new entrance on the ground floor. Additionally, the JA Brown Jr. and Eleanor L. Brown Collaborative Learning Room was dedicated in June. The Browns are long-long residents of Montevallo. Mrs. Brown was a school librarian for over 40 years in the Shelby County school system. *Left, top photo:* New JA Brown Jr. and Eleanor L. Brown Collaborative Learning Room before the ribbon cutting *Left, bottom photo:* Brown Family with Director Kathleen Lowe *Below:* UM President Dr. Stewart addresses guests at the ribbon cutting ceremony of the JA Brown Jr. and Eleanor L. Brown Collaborative Learning Room



# TRANSITIONS

## NEW FACES IN NEW PLACES

Ms. Lauren Wallis has been appointed to the position of Assistant Professor, Reference and Instruction at the University of Montevallo. Lauren recently earned the MLIS from University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She also earned the MA in English from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and her BA in English and Women's Studies from the College of William and Mary. Please join us in welcoming her to the state.



Kathleen (Kathy) Lowe was appointed Director of Carmichael Library, University of Montevallo, in July 2011.

Dr. Melissa P. Johnston has joined the faculty of the School of Library and Information Services, University of Alabama, as an Assistant Professor.



Dede  
Coe

The Alabama School Library Media Program has been moved to a different department in the ALSDE: The Instructional Services, Office of Student Learning. It involves a shift in the reporting hierarchy. Meg Lowry and Dede Coe are serving in areas and on committees that finally give librarians "a seat at the table", including the new Alabama College and Career Ready Standards (CCRS) which relies heavily on the expertise of Library Media Specialists and their ability to integrate all types of resources into a more rigorous curriculum.



Meg  
Lowry



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## Library Advocacy: How to Get Started

As most of us know, we can no longer take it for granted (if we ever could) that those who hold the purse strings will automatically provide funding for libraries. This is true for all types of libraries ranging from school to public to academic and sometimes special libraries. Thanks to an endless recession, changing technology, and a lot of ignorance, much of the general public doesn't seem to understand that libraries require money to operate. Consequently, when municipal, county, state, or federal officials slash budgets, much of the public remains unaware that libraries, unfortunately, are a frequent target. In the academic world campus administrators, facing level or prorated state and federal funding, sometimes see the library as one of the few places to cut. Everything is available online and for free, right? Nobody really needs a library anymore, right? Not so **we** know but a lot of those in power apparently do not. This is a bleak picture indeed but there is something we library supporters can do: become advocates for our libraries and libraries in general. Yes, **you** can contact your legislator(s) and let them know that without adequate funding, libraries are in danger and, consequently, the legislator's con-

stituents are in danger of losing, not a luxury, but an essential service.

What is library advocacy? It is NOT working as a lobbyist making deals with legislators. You do NOT have to become a political insider. You do NOT have to invest a lot of time and energy to be a good library advocate. Library advocacy basically involves becoming reasonably well-informed about pending or current legislation on the state and/or federal level that affects libraries and then contacting your legislator(s) to briefly express your support or opposition to this legislation (*i.e.*, one or more bills under consideration) by briefly explaining to your legislator or more likely his/her office staff the effect his/her vote on the bill(s) would have on your library and thus on your patrons, and thus on the legislator's constituency back home. You want to convey to the legislator compelling reasons for voting for or against a certain bill.

In addition to contacting your legislator(s) about current or pending legislation, another way to advocate on behalf of your library is to provide him or her with news of a positive nature. In many ways this works best for local officials but if your library has recently accomplished a major project or introduced a major new service, contacting your mayor or town council members or state legis-

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lator(s) to let them know about the good work your library is doing is often a good idea. Especially appealing to local officials and legislators is the chance to appear for a photo opportunity when your library opens its new addition or opens its new service. Legislators and local officials like such publicity. If your local official or legislator has actually helped this is an excellent opportunity to thank them publicly for their support. In addition to calling or sending a written or e-mail invitation, you might want to try creative methods of keeping your legislator or local official informed and invited. ALLA President Emily Tish and her Advocacy Team are starting to try out just such an initiative by sending a letter to targeted state and federal legislators and local elected officials inviting them to view *The ALLA.COMmunicator* to see news stories about Alabama libraries.

Admittedly, some legislators have a heart of stone (cue “Hearts of Stone” by Otis Williams and the Charms from 1954, on You Tube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-2YMfNxccg>) when it comes to library funding but inviting the legislator can't hurt and it makes him or her more aware of the value of libraries to the community. We can always hope, too, that perhaps such a legislator might eventually come around

and finally lend his or her support to libraries in the future.

One thing to avoid is negativity and special pleading. Yes, it is true that libraries in general have suffered some pretty serious underfunding in recent years. Yes, it is so true that most of us librarians and library staff members have suffered financially (no pay raises for years or tiny pay raises not equal to inflation) but, unfortunately, many legislators will turn a deaf ear to such appeals no matter how true. However, it certainly is possible to diplomatically explain that if the legislator or local official were able to provide better funding, there is so much more the library could be doing for the community or the college or school, etc.

Staying informed on the local level via newspaper articles, local radio and television broadcasts, and, yes, online and social media shouldn't be too hard but what, some of you might ask, can one do to be more aware of state and federal-level activity affecting libraries?

For keeping abreast of federal legislation, probably the single best source of information is to subscribe to the online *District Dispatch* e-mail notification service produced by the Washington Office of the American Library Association. To subscribe (for free), click here: <http://capwiz.com/ala/mlm/signup/>.

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In addition, I would recommend bookmarking the ALA Legislative Action Center web site (<http://capwiz.com/ala/home/>). This resource provides a cornucopia of legislative information. This site provides up-to-date information on federal library-related legislation and also on ongoing legislative concerns such as Banned and Challenged Books, Government Information, Broadband and E-Rate, and, of course, Library Funding, among others.

Thanks to an initiative started by the ALA Washington Office around five years ago, the Alabama Library Association was one of the first state chapters to participate in the Capwiz library advocacy service. It is similar to the ALA Legislative Action Center mentioned above but is focussed more on our state. This resource is a

great way for finding out state-level library-related legislative information. The direct link is <http://capwiz.com/ala/al/home/>. Additional helpful resources can be found under the “Advocacy” tab on the ALLA web site at <http://allanet.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=6>.

Both the ALA Legislative Action Center and the Alabama Capwiz web site are helpful for finding understandable summaries of current legislative issues and for identifying one’s legislators if one doesn’t happen to know who they may be. Often there’s also a convenient online form supplied for sending e-mail to one’s legislators plus there’s other contact information such as telephone numbers and addresses of local as well as





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Washington, D.C. offices. If possible, try to personalize your messages. Ideally, you should try to include one or more specific real-life examples of how supporting or defeating certain legislation is in relation to your own library. For example, you might point out to your legislator that your public library is, perhaps, the ONLY freely available source of computer access for local citizens lacking a computer or Internet service at home. Another example, from the academic world, might be to explain to your legislator how vital it remains to continue supporting expensive subscriptions to databases that are used by a specific professor or specific academic department in the course of conducting important and useful research. A legislator is more likely to respond positively to a message of this nature than to simply a boilerplate statement you send his/her way.

At the risk of overloading you with information, I would like to bring to your attention two helpful online tools for keeping up with the latest developments concerning legislation and for identifying helpful background information as well: the THOMAS web site for federal legislation available at <http://thomas.loc.gov> and

the ALISON web site for Alabama state legislation available at <http://www.alabama.gov/sliverheader/Welcome.do?url=http://www.legislature.state.al.us/>

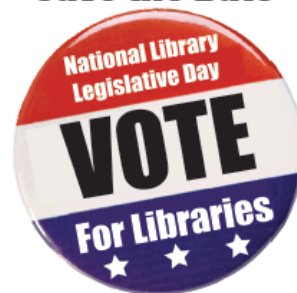
Both sites are particularly useful if you know a bill number but both can be searched by keyword, bill sponsor, and other criteria as well.

As I become aware of current or pending library-related legislative news, I will send out updates and alerts both via the Legislative Update column in *The ALLA.COMmunicator* and via e-mail on the alala-l listserv. I encourage you to contact your legislator(s). In numbers, there is strength. If enough telephone calls and letters and e-mail messages reach a legislator from us, there's a better chance our legislators will make a well-informed decision when it comes to passing laws and making appropriations that affect library resources and services here in the Heart of Dixie.

The screenshot shows the official website of the Alabama Legislature. The header includes the state seal and navigation tabs for HOME, HOUSE, SENATE, LEGISLATIVE, EDUCATIONAL, LINKS, and HELP. The main content area displays the following information:

- Welcome To The Official Website Of The Alabama Legislature
- 2013 Regular Session Will convene Tuesday, February 5, 2013
- In Memory of our friend and colleague [Jim Morgan](#)
- The 2013 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature will convene at noon, Tuesday, February 5, 2013. A Regular Session may consist of no more than 30 Legislative Days within the framework of a 105-calendar day period.
- A note stating: "Note: The Alabama Senate has begun broadcasting Live Video of its floor proceedings. To access this feature go to our ALISON system through [Legislation, Code and Constitution](#), and select 'Legislative Video'. Should you experience difficulties viewing the Video, contact [Site Support](#)."
- Links for "Find Your Legislator" and "Find My Legislator".
- Links for "Find a Current Instrument" and "View maps of the current legislative districts".

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# THE SCIENTIFIC

EMILY MARCUM, M.L.I.S., J.D., LAW LIBRARIAN

## FEATURE

Librarians resist attempts at censorship as directed by article three of the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights. It isn't always easy because librarians today must frequently respond to book challenges. The three most frequent reasons for challenges are sexually explicit content, offensive language, and being unsuited to age group, according to ALA's challenge statistics.

Within the sexual content and unsuited to age group categories, an entirely new type of book challenge may be on the horizon. According to ALA, between 1990-2010, parents were four times as likely to become challengers in comparison to the next most frequent challenger, the patron. But now, for the first time, scientists may soon challenge books, or parents may challenge them based on scientific peer-reviewed research.

On June 8, 2011, the very first peer-reviewed investigation of the sexual content in adolescent books was published in the *Journal of Sex Research* by Dr. Sarah Conye. This article builds on a long-standing tradition in which

various types of media are examined for violence or sexual content. But for the first time it is not violent video games or music that is being studied, but books.

Researchers at Brigham Young University began by noting that media has been shown to effect young watcher's beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors and that those viewers in the "90th percentile of TV sex viewing were nearly twice as likely to become sexually active as those in the 10th percentile." Although this effect goes both ways with more sexually minded youth choosing more sexually explicit entertainment, it is also

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noted that humans learn through both experience and observation. Observed behaviors are more likely to be repeated when the model is attractive, popular or similar in demographic to the observer and when the behavior is easily repeated without negative consequences.

Against this backdrop of previous research showing a correlation between media and behavior, the study examined the New York Times Best Sellers List for Children's Books published June 22, 2008 and July 6, 2008. First the list was narrowed to books targeted to children over 9. Then, whenever more than one book in the same series was on the list, only the two most recently published books from the series were included, leaving a sample of 40 books.

This examination revealed that 55% of the books contained sexual content with a total of 452 instances. There were 56 instances of sexual intercourse. Sexual content in books targeted to adolescents between the ages of 9 and 12 was significantly lower than in books targeted to older adoles-

cents. However, there was no significant difference in the amount of sexual content targeted to adolescents aged 12-13 than there was for the 14+ group. Remarking on this finding, the paper says: "This finding is of some surprise and concern, and raises the question as to whether younger adolescents are of sufficient maturity to understand and process this type of content."

Another important aspect of the study was an investigation of how frequently books portrayed safe sex or consequences as the result of sexual activity. Condoms were only mentioned four times. Only 12 negative consequences were described and they were all emotional consequences. Unwanted pregnancy, abortion and STDs were never mentioned. Remarking on this finding, the paper says: "[T]his lack of consequence and discussion of potential risks associated with sexual intercourse may remove perceived barriers or concerns among adolescents that would otherwise encourage them to think more carefully or cautiously about sexual behavior."

Other conclusions include:

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- 94% of sexual intercourse portrayals were between unmarried partners and a third of those were not even boyfriend or girlfriends.
  - Sexual intercourse was more likely to be explicitly than implicitly described.
  - 64% of characters that engaged in sexual behaviors were under 18.
  - There were 20 instances of abstinence for moral or emotional reasons.
  - Characters engaging in sexual behaviors of all types were highly attractive, had a higher socioeconomic status, and were either popular or controversial (liked by many characters and disliked by just as many other characters.)
  - Books written by female authors were more likely to contain sexual content
  - Books which were written for a female audience contained more sexual content than those written for males or an unspecified audience
  - Male characters were no more likely than female characters to initiate sex.
- Then, the article ends with a few words about how parents and young readers lack information about the potential content of their novels. The article notes that other media like movies, TV, video games and music all have ratings systems but that books lack a ratings system or even a uniform system for labeling books with age recommendations. Therefore, even though the author, Dr. Sarah Conye, has previously mentioned in an interview for LiveScience in 2011 that she is against censorship, the article still seems particularly well suited to being used to support censorship. After all, the article can be broken down into four steps: 1) discuss how exposure to sexuality correlates with behavior, 2) note how books selected with respected review systems have high levels of sexuality regardless of proposed age range, 3) mention that consequences of sex are not discussed and suggest that this may lead to further influence on behavior and

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4) take note of the fact that there is no book ratings system.

This development might suggest a change in current collection development thinking. Right now it is a best practice to prepare for a challenge before it arises. This preparation ends with a challenge system complete with forms and procedures so the matter is handled in a way that is perceived to be regular and fair. But, according to Evans' 2005 book, the preparation begins with being able to justify each item in the collection with a combination of community needs assessments and good reviews. Therefore, Dr. Conye's methodology of using a popular source of reviews is particularly concerning and suggests that we may want to have more on hand in the event of a challenge than just a good review.

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FEATURE

# WOODVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

PAIGE PARKER

## Auburn Public Library

Eve Kneeland

Auburn Public Library (APL) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) teamed up to bring short stories to the students in the Greater Lee County Boys and Girls Clubs. Students from the Auburn and Opelika clubs met at the Boykin Center in Auburn once a week for 16 weeks this spring and summer with APL's Youth Services Librarian Eve Kneeland to read and discuss stories written by significant American authors such as Langston Hughes and Angela Johnson. The program is part of Story Talk offered by the NEH in conjunction with its People & Stories/Gente y Cuentos grant program.



Woodville Public Library held its Summer Reading Program wrap up on Wednesday, June 27, 2012. One hundred new books were presented to the children from the LISA LIBRARIES of Kingston, NY. Prizes were presented to 46 children for perfect attendance and the top 6 readers from grades 1st to 6th grade.



The winners were: second row from the left (top photo):

1. George Sims-1st grade-read 52 books
2. Alexis Brown-2nd grade-read 101 books
3. Savannah Houghtalin-3rd grade-read 212 books.
4. Tia Edwards-4th grade-read 237 books
5. Hunter Sisk-5th grade- read 55 books
6. Tommie Sims-6th grade-read 162 books

The children read a total of 1,377 books for 4 weeks. 76 children signed

# HOMEWOOD PUB. LIBRARY

CHERYL BURNETTE

The Children's Department of Homewood Public Library had 964 children to register and be in the drawing for the bike giveaway! A huge crowd of participants engaged in train-riding, sprinkler-play courtesy of the Homewood Fire Department, and nature-visits with the library's wildlife.



Meanwhile, teens were busy creating Ugly Nightmare Dolls and making healthy but extraordinarily yummy Mid-night Snacks with Chef Angela.

The Adult Department of Homewood Public Library hosted a Rain Barrel Construction Workshop and a Social Media 101 Seminar with 125 attendees present on a Tuesday night.



Homewood Public Library Events Calendar  
<http://www.homewoodpubliclibrary.org/calendar>



# ALBERT L. SCOTT PUBLIC LIBRARY

FRANCES SMITH, YOUTH SERVICES LIBRARIAN

## The Challenge Ends, but Not the Love of Reading *Dreams Continue*

Top three photos:  
Dream Big: Dinosaurs.  
Bottom two photos:  
Craft Corner



The challenge to dream big and read inspired more than 590 children in Alabaster to take part in the Summer Challenge at the Albert L. Scott Public Library in Alabaster. Those ages 10 and under signed up for *Dream Big -- Read* and those ages 11 and older signed up for *Own the Night*. Research by several groups shows that public library summer reading programs augment student achievement. The library offers the Summer Challenge to encourage children to read for pleasure and to improve their reading skills. It is also hoped that families will use all library resources.

During the six week challenge there were entertainers, arts and crafts, drama and juggling workshops, a family dinner, wild animals, musicians, cowboys, and more – plus door prizes donated by businesses.

The last two weeks of the Summer Challenge at our library were action-packed. A wrap up is below.

### **Dream Big: Dinosaurs**

More than 70

people turned out on July 9 for *Dream Big: Dinosaurs* presented by Amanda Espy-Brown, education and outreach coordinator for the Alabama Museum of Natural History. Her hands-on program looked at 'Alabama through Geologic Time' and focused on creatures that lived in Alabama in prehistoric time. Dinosaur fans learned about everything from our state fossil, the *Basilosaurus*, which was a giant meat-eating whale, to the *Mosasaur*, which was the "T-Rex of the Seas." She brought lots of fossils for touching and used a PowerPoint presentation to bring extinct animals to life.

### Craft Corner

Children enjoyed the last Craft Corner of the challenge by decorating large fabric pillow cases on July 9.





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## Sleeping Bag Story Time

Young and young at heart snuggled up for imagination, songs, and games during Sleeping Bag Story Time. Stellar Story Teller Lisa Hicks entertained the crowd with tales of cowboys, Native Americans, and more.

## Drama Showcase

Alabaster's young actors and actresses dazzled a packed house during the Drama Showcase on July 17. Under the direction of show business professional Darrell Revel, the young stars enacted several skits and demonstrated techniques they learned during the free, six week series.

## Super Finale

The Summer Challenge ended on July 18<sup>th</sup> when children and caregivers celebrated their reading success at a Super Finale in the library's brand new meeting room. Despite an unusually heavy rain

causing flash flooding, more than 100 people turned out for the Super Finale. Some children came dressed as princesses, spies, and other characters to hear and meet Cinderella, as portrayed by actress Jane Bailey Paterson of the Red Mountain Theatre Company. Children were photographed with

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## Drama Showcase.



*Left and above, Sleeping Bag Story Time*



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Cinderella as well as with volunteers dressed as Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz, Captain Hook from Peter Pan, Peter Rabbit, Pocahontas, Al the Alligator, and a clown. Other activities included crafts, balloon sculpting with Carol Patton, and face painting by Jennie Bunton. Cookies were also enjoyed. A highlight of the finale was prize drawings. More than 50 children won prizes including a bicycle, a Kindle, gift baskets, admission tickets to local attractions, and books.

Following is the list of winners, their ages, reading goals, and their prizes:

## KIDS (Newborn to 10 years old)

- **Anna Chapin**, 9, 20 books
- **Caroline Ochs**, 6, 114 books
- **Austin Collins**, 7, 40 books
- **Sara Smith**, 2, 42 books
- **Carter James**, 8, 20 books

- **Joshua Moore**, 4, 10 books
- **Kamila Jusino**, 8, 40 books
- **Tifany Alvarado**, 10, 115 books
- **Olivia Ochs**, 5, 114 books
- **Kera Barrow**, 5, 62 books
- **Lacey Contorno**, 4, 200 books
- **Alyssa Jeter**, 7, 112 books
- **Amanda Jusino**, 4, 30 books
- **Tania Alvarado**, 8, 115 books
- **Kaitlyn Collins**, 9, 54 books
- **Marisol Alvarado**, 6, 115 books
- **Kera Smith**, 4, 30 books
- **Caleb Chapin**, 10, 20 book
- **Emma Fee-Prince**, 7, 115 books
- **Stone Fee-Prince**, 4, 111 books
- **Annalise Franklin**, 4, 45 books
- **Lacey Contorno**, 4, 200 books
- **John Barrow**, 3, 62 books<sup>1</sup>
- **Zechariah Carver**, 4, 20 book

## YAs (11 years old to 18 years old)

- **Savannah Swindle**, 14, 122 books



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- **Katy Taylor**, 14, 6 books
  - **Audrey Moore**, 13, 25 books
  - **Hamilton Gardner**, 11, 6 books
  - **Sara Kelly**, 12, 7 books
  - **Lydia Clarke**, 15, 6+ books
  - **Sara Kelly**, 12, 7 books
  - **Isabel Yarbrough**, 11, 6+ books
  - **Katy Taylor**, 14, 6 books
  - **MaKayla Hawkins**, 11, 10 book
  - **Willow Lambert**, 13, 6 books
  - **Savannah Barton**, 13, 5 books
- Melissa Jasso**, 11- **Drama Camp Scholarship** donated by the Alabama Shakespeare Festival. She attended Camp Shakespeare in Montgomery and appeared in a showcase. Melissa's name was drawn from youngsters who took part in our drama workshop series.

The 2012 Summer Reading Program is part of the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLIP) and is supported in whole or in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Alabama

Public Library Service.

The library thanks its Summer Challenge sponsors: Alabama Shakespeare Festival, AmStar Stadium Theater (Alabaster), Arby's (Alabaster), Birmingham Barons Baseball, Bike Link, Bud's Best Cookies, Chick-fil-A, DeSoto Caverns Park, Friends of the Library, Oak Mountain Lanes (Pelham), Parent-Teacher Store (Hoover), Red Mountain Theatre Company, UPS Store (Pelham), Walmart (Alabaster), Whataburger (Alabaster).



## Fall Book Sale

The Friends of the Albert L. Scott Library are announcing our Fall Book Sale Event September 28, 29, and 30.

There will be 1000's of books - something for all interests and all ages.

The bargain pricing is \$1.00 for Hardbacks - \$.50 for Paperbacks.

*No limit – buy all you want. We'll help you carry them to your car!*

Friday 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm is the Preview Sale for members. You can join at the door for as little as \$10. Be ahead of the crowd! Enjoy first choice!

Saturday sale hours are 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Sunday Fill-A-Bag hours are 1:00 pm-3:00 pm. We'll give you a bag to fill. For only \$5 you get everything you can pack into it.

**Funds from the sale benefit special Programs for the Library, such as childrens' and adults' activities and Storyline.**



# ALABAMA SOUTHERN C. COLLEGE

LA SHANNON HOLLINGER, DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES

The internationally acclaimed Alabama artist Nall was commissioned by the Alabama Center for Literary Arts housed at Alabama Southern Community College to create these portraits of Alabama literary icons Booker T. Washington, Helen Keller, Truman Capote, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Harper Lee for display in the Alabama Writers Hall of Honor.



On Tuesday, July 3, 2012, at 3 p.m., Alabama author Tanika Lankford read and discussed her book, *Sweet Tea*, at the Alabama Southern Community College Library in Gilberttown. Lankford, a school librarian in Mississippi, holds degrees from Tuskegee University, the University of West Alabama and Mississippi State

University. Her book is a coming-of-age tale about a young, African-American girl named Amina, who interacts with women of two preceding generations as she learns the meaning and importance of getting the family together and preparing for weekly Sunday dinner.



Alabama Southern Community College Library Monroeville Campus, in collaboration with the Monroe County Public Library, encouraged students to connect literacy with technology this summer. Students were captivated by creating cartoons/comic strips of their favorite book while learning about story elements. Students were introduced to several comic strip makers online, created their own comic strips by drawing or using the online comic maker, and then matted their stories.



# ALABAMA SOUTHERN C. COLLEGE



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## The Kathryn Tucker Windham Museum Storytelling Club 2012 Season

Alabama Southern Community College (ASCC) hosted an evening of storytelling on May 31 at the Kathryn Tucker Windham Museum in honor of Kathryn Tucker Windham's birthday. Windham's children, Ben and Dilcy, shared family stories and read from Ms. Windham's book while members of the community shared their personal stories and memories of the beloved storyteller. One of the characters from Ms. Windham's book 13 Alabama Ghosts and Jeffrey, the "Red Lady from Huntington College", came to life during the event, giving a haunting

performance for community members.

The birthday celebration also served as the kick-off event for the 2012 season of the Kathryn Tucker Windham Museum Storytelling Club. This club was organized to celebrate the storytelling legacy of Kathryn Tucker Windham and to encourage old-fashioned storytelling. Kathryn Tucker Windham Museum Storytelling Clubs have been organized in Clarke, Choctaw, Monroe, Wilcox and Marengo counties. Membership is open to everyone.



### *Kathryn Tucker Windham Museum*

<http://www.ascc.edu/?DivisionID=2332&DepartmentID=2954&ToggleSideNav=ShowAll>

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Kathryn Tucker Windham Museum  
Celebrating the amazing life of Kathryn Tucker Windham 1918-2011

UPCOMING EVENTS:  
Sept. 6 from 4 - 6 p.m.: Kathryn Tucker Windham Museum To Unveil Windham Personal Collection at Open House. Click [here](#) for details.

Kathryn Tucker Windham spent most of her career recording and preserving Alabama's history and folklore. Alabama Southern Community College in Thomasville opened the

# GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

## **ALA Carnegie-Whitney Grants**

Deadline: November 2, 2012

The Carnegie-Whitney Grant program provides grants 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.

Grants are intended to cover preparation costs appropriate to the development of a useful product, including the cost of research. Grants do not cover the costs of final printing or online distribution of the product.

Grants are awarded to individuals; local, regional or state libraries, associations or organizations, including units, affiliates and committees of the ALA or programs of information and library studies/science.

Projects must focus on American libraries and demonstrate how the project would stimulate the use of library resources; have the potential appeal and usefulness to a broad audience; be intended for national distribution; meet a need for publication; be completed within two years; be new or in process. Completed works, works under contract for publication, or projects associated with the completion of academic work are not eligible.

Additional information available at <http://www.ala.org/offices/publishing/sundry/alapubawrds/carnegiewhitney>

## **Grammy Foundation Grants in Music Preservation Projects**

Deadline: October 1, 2012

Funded by the Recording Academy, the Grammy Foundation's grant program annually provides support for music archiving and preservation efforts and for scientific research projects related to the impact of music on the human condition.

The archiving and preservation projects grant program awards grants to organizations and individuals to support efforts that advance the archiving and preservation of the music and recorded sound heritage of the Americas. The archiving and preservation area has two funding categories — preservation implementation (grants of up to \$20,000) and planning, assessment and/or consultation (grants of up to \$5,000).

Program guidelines and letter of inquiry form are available at <http://www.grammy.org/grammy-foundation/grants>.

Heard of a grant program you would like to share with Alabama libraries? Forward the link to the ALLA Communicator editor Carolyn Starkey at [alla.communicator@gmail.com](mailto:alla.communicator@gmail.com)

OR

[admin@jojo-starkey.com](mailto:admin@jojo-starkey.com).

# GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

## **Scholastic Library Publishing National Library Week Grant**

Deadline: Sept. 30, 2012

Libraries seeking to share their stories and raise public awareness are encouraged to apply for the 2013 Scholastic Library Publishing National Library Week Grant. The library that develops the best public awareness campaign using the National Library Week theme will be awarded \$3,000 to promote its library and library services.

All proposals must use the 2013 National Library Week theme, *Communities matter @ your library*, which incorporates The Campaign for America's Libraries' @ your library brand, on any and all promotional and publicity material supporting National Library Week activities. Guidelines for using the brand are available on the [campaign website](#).

The grant is sponsored by Scholastic Library Publishing, a division of Scholastic, the global children's publishing, education and media company, and is administered by the Public Awareness Committee of the American Library Association (ALA). National Library Week is April 14-20, 2013.

Additional information is available at <http://www.ala.org/conferenceevents/celebrationweeks/natlibraryweek/nlwgrant>

## **ALA/NEH: Muslim Journeys A Bridging Cultures Bookshelf Grant Program**

Deadline: October 25, 2012

Help your patrons understand the people, places, history, faith, and culture of Muslims in the U.S. and around the world. 1,000 recipients will receive a collection of 25 books that highlight pluralism of cultural forms and traditions within the Muslim world; three documentary films; a subscription to Oxford Islamic Studies Online; additional resources such as essays, discussion questions and podcasts; and materials to support program promotion, including bookmarks, posters, and bookplates. Grants are provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities in collaboration with the ALA Public Programs Office.

All public libraries, community college and academic libraries, and state and territorial humanities councils in the US and its territories are eligible to apply for the Muslim Journeys collection. In return for receiving a Bookshelf, libraries are required to organize programs that introduce the books and the Muslim Journeys themes to the library's patrons and the broader community.

Additional information is available at <http://www.programminglibrarian.org/muslimjourneys>

# P. D. OPPORTUNITIES

## **Internet Librarian 2012**

October 22-24, 2012  
Monterey Conference Center  
Monterey, California

Information Today, Inc. returns to Monterey once again in 2012 to present the 16th annual Internet Librarian – the ONLY conference for information professionals who are using, developing, and embracing Internet, Intranet, and Web-based strategies in their roles as information architects and navigators, Webmasters and Web managers, content evaluators and developers, taxonomists, searchers, community builders, information providers, trainers, guides, and more.

Whether you are managing information for a business, law firm, university, school or public library, keeping up with new tools and techniques is always a challenge. Internet Librarian 2012 definitely meets that challenge.

Internet@Schools, a two-day-long track especially for library media and technology specialists who are using the Internet and technology in K-12 schools, will once again this year be a part of Internet Librarian 2012.

Join us at the most comprehensive conference for library and information professionals interested in technology to discover the insights, strategies and practices that will allow us to tame the net, manage li-

braries and digital information, and enhance the information and learning experience of people in our communities. Internet Librarian 2012 provides attendees with many chances to meet and hear from leading edge information professionals in all types of environments—leaders in the information industry who are integrating content and delighting their clients, organizing and managing digital content in creative ways, setting the context for excellence in information utilization in their organizations, revolutionizing the roles of info pros, building strong collaborative communities among their customers and colleagues, and using new technologies in creative and exciting ways.

For more information: <http://infotoday.com/il2012/>.

## **Electronic Resources & Libraries**

March 17 – 20, 2013  
AT&T Conference Center  
Austin, Texas & Online

You belong at ER&L if you are a professional—vendor, service provider, publisher, library professional—working in eresources management and digital services.

You should expect to see the most current updates, best lessons learned and detailed challenges discussed in every session supporting these focus areas.



# P. D. OPPORTUNITIES

Managing e-Resources in Libraries  
Collection Development and Assessment

Workflow & Organizations

External & User Relationships

Emerging & Future Technologies

Scholarly Communication & Licensing

Library as Publisher

For more information: <http://www.electroniclibrarian.com/about/more-about-erl>.

## AASL 2012 Fall Forum: Transliteracy and the School Library Program

October 12 - 13, 2012  
Greenville, South Carolina

Transliteracy is the ability to read, write and interact across a range of platforms, tools and media from sign-



ing and orality through handwriting, print, TV, radio and film, to digital social networks. –

[www.transliteracy.com](http://www.transliteracy.com)

While still important, information literacy skills are but one component of the range of skills students need in order to participate as consumers

and producers in the current information landscape.

Transliteracy and the School Library Program is designed to help school librarians develop strategies for integrating transliteracy skills into subject areas across the curriculum. Discussions will articulate the range of skills known as transliteracy skills and highlight current research on how young people learn and play in the contemporary online environment

For more information: <http://www.ala.org/aasl/conferencesandevents/fallforum/fallforum>

## American Library Association 2013 Midwinter Meeting 2013 Annual Conference



Bundle your 2013 Midwinter and Annual Conference registration through Midnight **September 30th** at <http://www.alamidwinter.org/bundle/>

# CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

The **ALLA Communicator**, the publication of the Alabama Library Association, is seeking articles, announcements, news, and photos for publication. See publication for bi-monthly deadlines. Items should be sent to Editor Carolyn Starkey at [alla.communicator@gmail.com](mailto: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.

For Author Instructions and deadlines, visit <http://www.alasla.org/Default.asp?PN=Articles&L=1&DivisionID=7820&LMID=315719&ToggleSideNav=ShowAll>. Items should be sent to Editor Carolyn Starkey at [admin@jojo-starkey.com](mailto:admin@jojo-starkey.com).

## Online Northwest 2013

Call For Proposals - Deadline October 15, 2012

Online Northwest is a one-day conference focusing on topics that intersect libraries, technology and culture. The conference is sponsored by the Oregon University System Library Council.

The 2013 conference will be held at CH2M Hill Alumni Center, Corvallis, Oregon (on the Oregon State University campus) on Friday, February 8, 2013.

The conference explores how technology is applied within library settings and its impact on access and services for patrons. Academic, public, school, and special librarians are strongly encouraged to submit proposals.

Online Northwest seeks 45-minute presentations or 5-minute lightning talks on all topics relating to technology and libraries.

Submit Proposals: <http://www.ous.edu/onlinew/>

For more information and examples of past presentations, see: <http://www.ous.edu/onlinew/>

## Call for Chapters: Pre-School through Teen Library Outreach

Chapters sought for an anthology by U.S. practicing academic, public,

# CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

school, special librarians, LIS faculty, sharing practical how-to chapters on: creative outreach activities that work and are fun for staff, children, parents, and teachers. With budget and staff cuts, changes in technology, and security concerns in an increasingly diverse society, librarians more than ever need successful, inexpensive outreach to young patrons-their future library supporters. Knowing what programs work saves time, effort, and resources for librarians.

Creative methods are needed to use in various types of libraries. Concise, how-to chapters 3,000-3,500 words using bullets, headings, based on experience. No previously published or simultaneously submitted material. One or two authors; one complimentary copy per chapter as compensation, discounts on additional copies.

Please paste proposed titles of 2-3 topics each briefly described by October 30, 2012 with biography sketch (s); place YOUTH/Last Name on the subject line to Carol:

[smallwood@tm.net](mailto:smallwood@tm.net)

## **Cyber Zed Shed**

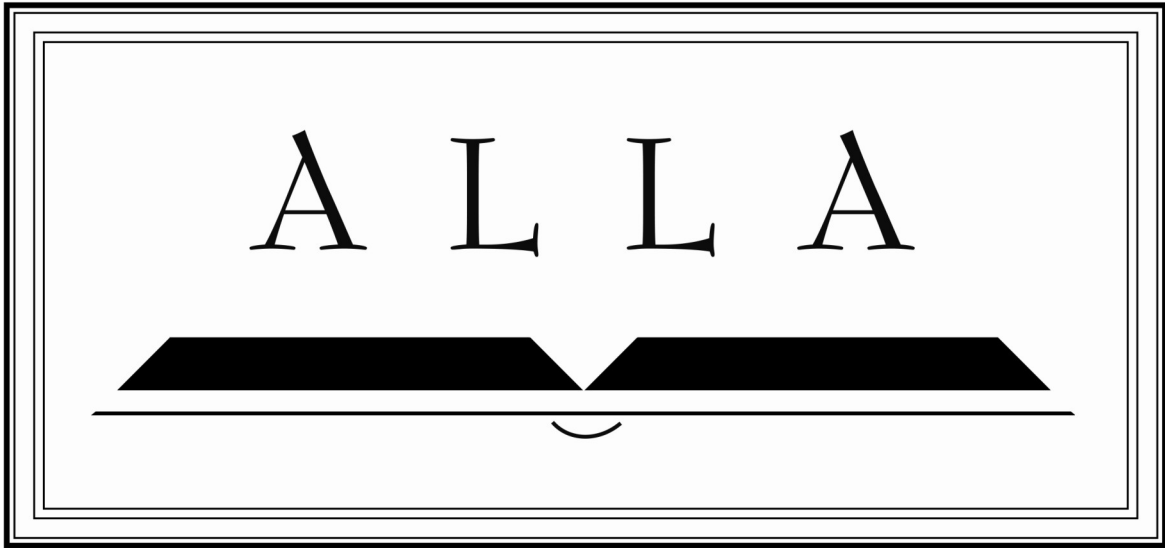
### **ACRL 2013 in Indianapolis**

Are you a tech savvy librarian using new technologies in innovative ways to help your students and faculty? Adapting existing technologies

to reach user needs? Here is an opportunity to share your innovations with your colleagues, library administrators, and others at ACRL 2013 in Indianapolis. The Cyber Zed Shed Committee is looking for proposals that document technology-related innovations in every area of the library. Cyber Zed Shed presentations provide an opportunity to share ideas that can inspire your colleagues to incorporate a new technology in their library or find a new application for an existing technology to address new and old problems in various library environments: teaching in a classroom; providing answers to questions from patrons; acquiring, cataloging, processing or preserving materials; providing other library services.

Cyber Zed Shed presentations are 20 minutes, with 15 minutes to present a demonstration, and five additional minutes for audience questions. Presentations should document technology-related innovations in academic and research libraries. A computer, data projector, screen, microphone, and stage will be provided. You will be responsible for bringing all other equipment required for your demonstration, except as agreed to in advance.

Submissions are due by November 9, 2013 and may be submitted via the online form available in the [Call for Participation](#).



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