

**The Alabama Library Association (ALLA)** is a non-profit corporation formed to encourage and promote the welfare of libraries and professional interests of librarians in the State of Alabama. The Mission of the Alabama Library Association is to provide leadership for the development, advocacy, and improvement of library and information services and to promote the profession of librarianship, in order to enhance learning and ensure access to information for all.

# ALLA COMMUNICATOR

## 2020 ALABAMA AUTHOR AWARD WINNERS

The Alabama Library Association Announces the 2020 Alabama Authors Award Winners. The winners will be honored at the annual convention on April 15, 2020 at the Sheraton Birmingham Convention Center.

The Authors Awards Committee seeks to encourage and recognize Alabama authors and promote interest in local authors' books, whether the books are about Alabama or another subject. Awards are based on literary merit.

The winners of this year's awards include: *Becoming Mrs. Lewis* by Patti Callahan (Fiction), *The Story of Alabama in Fourteen Foods* by Emily Blejwas (Nonfiction), *Turtles All the Way Down* by John Green (Young Adult Fiction), *Meet Miss Fancy* by Irene Latham (Juvenile), and *The Magic City Gospel* by Ashley Jones (Poetry Award). The Association also honors a Lifetime Achievement Award to Charles Ghigna for his prolific career writing and encouraging reading in children.



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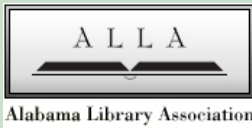
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## \*NEWS FROM THE ALBERT L. SCOTT LIBRARY\*

*Submitted by Frances Smith, Youth Services Librarian*

### ALABASTER CHILDREN CELEBRATE

### WINNIE THE POOH

Children and adults celebrated the birthday of Winnie the Pooh creator A. A. Milne during Toddler Tales at the Albert L. Scott Library in Alabaster on January 17. Milne was born on January 18, 1882. The fun session was led by professional storyteller "Miss" Laurie Kramer and included music, stories, and a coloring craft. After singing 'Happy Birthday' the group feasted on festive, tasty cupcakes.



Just a  
Reminder!



## ALABASTER LIBRARY CELEBRATES AWARD

Some members of the Albert L. Scott Library's Christmas Parade float committee show off the impressive gold and red trophy they received as creators of the float judged as conveying the 'Most Holiday Spirit' in the 2019 Alabaster Christmas Parade. The colorful float included a large, wooden gingerbread house-style library, two Christmas trees decorated with stuffed animals, giant lollipops, and wreaths. Members of the committee were: Tanya Blake and family, Candice Murdock, Kim Roberts, Candra Shockley, and Frances Smith. The gingerbread library currently is in the meeting room.



Register for the ALLA Convention at

<https://alla.memberclicks.net/annual-convention>



## GET INVOLVED

### ALLA Divisions:

YSSLD

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Division

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College, University and Special  
Libraries

PLD

Public Library Division

### ALLA Roundtables:

ALIRT

Alabama Library Instruction

CDMRT

Collection Development and  
Management

GODORT

Government Documents

MCRT

Multicultural Information

PART

Paraprofessional

RASRT

Reference and Adult Services

TSSRT

Technical Services & Systems

YASRT

Young Adult Services

### ALLA Committees:

Association Awards

Authors Awards

Bibliographic

Budget & Finance

Bylaws

Convention

Education

Emeritus Council

(Formerly Past Presidents)

Employee Evaluation

Handbook

Intellectual Freedom

Legislative Development

Membership

Nominating

Planning

Public Relations

Publications

To get involved with an ALLA  
Committee, fill out the Committee  
Interest form at:

[https://goo.gl/forms/  
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# PLD MIDWINTER 2020

## PUBLIC LIBRARY DIVISION MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

Co-Sponsored by: Birmingham Public Library, Emmet O'Neal Public Library, Gadsden Public Library, Homewood Public Library, Hoover Public Library, Trussville Public Library, Tuscaloosa Public Library, and Vestavia Hills Library in the Forest

### Registration Costs:

- Full day with lunch (member) = \$40
- Full day with lunch (non-member) = \$45
- Half day with lunch (member) = \$30
- Half day with lunch (non-member) = \$35
- Half day with no lunch (member) = \$25
- Half day with no lunch (non-member) = \$30

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS JANUARY 22, 2020

Contact Heather Cover ([heather.cover@homewoodpubliclibrary.org](mailto:heather.cover@homewoodpubliclibrary.org) or 205.332.6621) if you have any questions about the conference or Jodi Poe ([jpoe@jsu.edu](mailto:jpoe@jsu.edu) or 256.782.8103) if you have any issues registering.



## CREATING A DIVERSE ARCHIVE: LESSONS IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FROM STORYCORPS

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM) is partnering with the Public Library Association (PLA) to offer the free webinar “Creating a Diverse Archive: Lessons in Community Engagement from StoryCorps.”

When: Wednesday, March 25 11:00 AM-12:00 PM (Pacific) 12:00 PM-1:00 PM (Mountain) 1:00 PM-2:00 PM (Central) 2:00 PM-3:00 PM (Eastern)

Join StoryCorps, the national oral history project, for an in-depth look at how to engage your community and local stakeholders through storytelling.

Each year, StoryCorps collaborates with hundreds of community partners in order to record and preserve diverse voices from across the U.S. In this webinar, we'll share insights from our partnership model, discuss StoryCorps' efforts to create a representative archive, and provide best practices and case studies for engaging your library community through storytelling. Sponsored by the National Network of Libraries of Medicine/All of Us Community Engagement Network.

For more information and to register, please visit: <http://www.ala.org/pla/education/onlinelearning/webinars/storycorps>



## 2020 AFFORDABLE LEARNING CONFERENCE

The agenda is jam packed! Three of our directors will be speaking about the future of OER in Alabama: Phill Johnson, Charlotte Ford, and Elizabeth Dill. Please register by Friday, March 13th to confirm attendance and to choose your meal preference.

The Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) cordially invites you to attend the 2020 Alabama Affordable Learning Conference on Friday, March 20 at Troy University-Montgomery Campus. This all-day event will include presentations by nationally recognized and local speakers about ways to make educational materials, such as college textbooks, more affordable. All faculty and staff at Alabama's two- and four-year institutions are welcome to attend. This event is free of charge and lunch will be provided.



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## **LIBRARY BOOK MENDING & REPAIR WORKSHOP**

**2020**

### **You Bend Them, We Mend Them Book Mending and Repair Workshop**

Presented by:

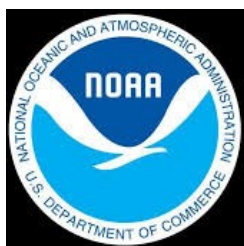
Athens State University Kares Library  
Auburn University Libraries  
Jacksonville State University Houston Cole Library  
University of North Alabama Collier Library

Thursday, February 20, 2020

8:00am – 4:00pm

Basement Classroom Collier Library  
University of North Alabama

For more information, call 256.765.4241 .



### **NOAA: NAVIGATING THE FLOOD OF INFORMATION**

ALLA and GODORT (Government Documents Round Table) are presenting a webinar, NOAA: Navigating the Flood of Information, on February 12, 2020, beginning at 9:00 a.m. (NOAA = National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration).

This webinar will be an introduction to the NOAA website. We will be covering the various resources and tools provided by the NOAA foundation. This website is highly informative, especially to those living in areas that are frequented by natural disasters such as hurricanes and tornadoes. Finally, we will go over what education resources are provided by NOAA that you can share with your students and patrons.

The speaker is Kelly Marie Wilson. Ms. Wilson is the Social Sciences and Government Documents Librarian at Troy University in Troy, Alabama. She has many years of experience working in academic libraries, and, more specifically, in government documents. Currently, Ms. Wilson is the editor for the ALLA GODORT Connection as well as one of the primary content contributors. She is also the moderator for the ALDOCS listserv, and one of the many awesome moderators for the national GOVDOC\_L listserv.

Register at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7941416650395855628>.

ALABAMA STORY:  
HOW A LIBRARIAN CHALLENGED RACISM  
IN CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

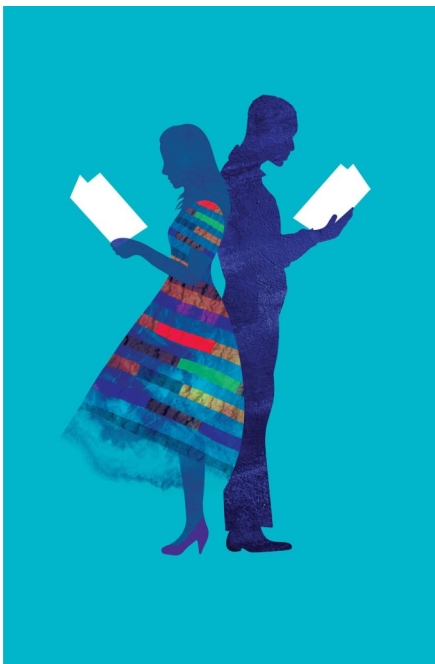
Alabama Shakespeare Festival, in celebration of the important role that librarians play in a strong and healthy society, cordially invites you to join us for a pre-show reception and performance of Alabama Story on Sunday, March 15.

Tickets for the event are \$35 and include the luncheon reception and performance. The reception will begin at 12:30 p.m., with a 2 p.m. start to the performance. You are welcome to bring guests.

*About Alabama Story*

Alabama Shakespeare Festival presents Alabama Story by Kenneth Jones on the Octagon Stage March 5 through March 22, 2020. Directed by ASF Artistic Director Rick Dildine, this production brings home a play that was inspired by true events from 1959 Montgomery and was created at Alabama Shakespeare Festival. Rich with all the complexities of human nature, this tale from Alabama history remains stunningly relevant to today's world.

At the center of the story is State Librarian Emily Wheelock Reed – a champion of intellectual freedom – and her stand against a segregationist state senator seeking to ban a gentle children's book, in which a black rabbit marries a white rabbit. A parallel story unfolds between two young adults – an African-American man and a white woman – reunited after being torn apart as children.



In 2013, Jones spent time in residence at Alabama Shakespeare Festival workshopping the script as part of the Southern Writers Festival. Since then, Alabama Story has resonated across the nation as a reminder of the importance of the free flow of information and why protecting this constitutional right is healthy for citizens and society.

<https://asf.net/alabama-story>



## UPCOMING EXHIBITS & PROGRAMS AT USA LIBRARIES MARCH/APRIL 2020

### **Robby Amonett Exhibit**

March/April 2020  
Gallery Hall, Marx Library

### **Eboni Raine Exhibit**

March/April 2020  
Gallery 181, Marx Library

### **Terrell Griffin Exhibit**

March/April 2020  
2nd Floor Student Gallery, Marx Library

### **Thomas Jackson Exhibit**

March/April 2020  
Rodning Gallery, Marx Library

### **Concert & Reception**

March 19th, 2020  
Marx Library Auditorium

### **Jackie McMillian Exhibit**

March/April 2020  
Rodning Gallery, Marx Library  
**Reception & Guest Speaker**  
Speaker: Blair Cowan  
Rodning Gallery of Art @ 6 pm

## USA'S CATALOGING DEPARTMENT MAKES DONATION TO MCKEMIE PLACE

For the second year, the Cataloging Department of University Libraries sponsored a donation drive for McKemie Place, a homeless shelter for women in Mobile, AL. The donation drive took place from November 4, 2019 thru November 25, 2019 and the various items were delivered by the department before the Thanksgiving holiday. The drive was a great success with many items on the shelter's "Needs List" collected. – Muriel Nero, Head of Cataloging







## **ATTENTION NEW LIBRARIANS:** **CALL FOR PAPERS FOR *NEW VOICES* 2020**

Submissions must:

1. Be from a new professional librarian with no more than five years of experience.
2. Address an idea or perspective on current library issues.
3. Have a broad southeastern scope and/or address topics identified as timely or important by SELA sections, round tables, or committees.
4. Submitted in electronic format as an attachment to an email, preferably in MS Word or a compatible format.
5. Provide complete and accurate bibliographic citations.

Although longer or shorter works may be considered, 2,000- to 5,000-word manuscripts are most suitable. Authors agree to assign copyright of manuscripts to The Southeastern Library Association, subject to certain limited licenses granted back to the author. The winner will be invited to present their paper at an upcoming SELA conference. The monetary award for New Voices is sponsored by EBSCO.

The complete guidelines can be found at <http://www.selaonline.org/sela/publications/SEln/guidelines.html>.

CALL FOR PAPERS

## ALLA COMMUNICATOR SUBMISSIONS

Please feel free to submit your library-related news to:  
**communicator.alla@gmail.com**  
Submissions must include:

- Your Name
- Job Title
- Library or organization name
- Contact Email and Phone
- Article in PDF or Word
- .jpg images may be attached
- Description of images

## ALLA COMMUNICATOR PUBLISHING SCHEDULE

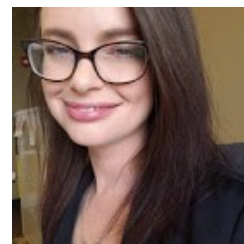
Edition	Submission Deadline	Publication Date
Jul/Aug/Sep	Mid-June	July
Oct/Nov/Dec	Mid-Sept.	October
Jan/Feb/Mar	Mid-Dec.	January
Apr/May/Jun	Mid-March	April

## UPCOMING EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS

Friday, March 06, 2020  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CDT

## FROM THE EDITOR

*Contributed by Jessica Platt,  
Education Doctoral Librarian  
Alabama State University*



Thank you for reading the *ALLA COMMunicator*. In order to increase awareness of successful library programs and those who are making a difference across the state of Alabama, the *ALLA COMMunicator* needs YOU! If your organization would like news or accomplishments published in a future issue, please submit your contributions following the guidelines listed to the left. If you have any questions or comments, please send them to

[communicator.alla@gmail.com](mailto:communicator.alla@gmail.com).

As always, thank you for reading—and/or submitting content to—the *ALLA COMMunicator*, the official newsletter of the Alabama Library Association.

I'd like to thank Kelly Wilson, who proofread this issue. Kelly, your assistance is greatly appreciated!

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Bad libraries build collections, good libraries build services, great libraries build communities.

—R. David Lankes

## ITEMS OF NOTE

- The APLS Executive Board Meeting will be January 6, 2020, 10:30am-1:00pm at the APLS Tombigbee Conference Room.
- The Summer Reading Program Meeting will be January 8-9, 2020, at the Montgomery City County Public Library.
- SAVE THE DATE! The next ALLA Convention will be April 14-17, 2020 in Birmingham, Alabama. #allabham2020
- This year's ALLA Legislative Day will be held at the Alabama State House on Wednesday, May 1, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. The event will feature demonstrations of Alabama Virtual Library, Legal, and APLS databases.
- Librarians and Patrons are encouraged to share information with their Legislative members. Providing information and sharing your library success stories can have a powerful impact. [https://aplsws1.apls.state.al.us/aplsnew/content/advocacy\\_a](https://aplsws1.apls.state.al.us/aplsnew/content/advocacy_a)