Hello, Hardworking Library Colleagues!

Happy Spring! Although we are not having a “conventional” in-person convention this spring, exciting things are still happening! ALLA’s FREE April 27th day-long event Alabama Libraries: Celebrating and Serving Diverse Communities will start at 9 AM with our keynote speaker Ashley Jones. Jones, the youngest individual and first person of color to be named Poet Laureate of Alabama, will kick off our day by celebrating the power of diverse perspectives in libraries and life. This event is a team effort, with representation from ALLA’s divisions, roundtables, and committees. Click HERE to register!

There is an outstanding new issue of Alabama Libraries available. Having our very own peer-reviewed association publication is something to be especially proud of. I encourage you to read the great articles and to submit your own!

Hopefully, you were able to respond to the survey distributed by ALLA’s Task Force on Convention Planning. Convention is a pivotal time each year for Alabama library professionals to gather to exchange ideas, get advice, network, and plan for the future of our libraries and the association. Thank you for completing the survey, it will help our Task Force plan the best events for our members and all Alabama library employees. ALLA’s Task Force on Convention Planning has scheduled three Delphi groups to further delve into the survey input.

Continued on next page
2023

ALLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFICERS

Amanda Melcher—President
Matt Layne—President-Elect
Laura Pitts—Past President
Danny Stewart—Secretary
Jessica Hayes—Treasurer
Emily Allee—Member-at-Large: Central AL
Craig Scott—Member-at-Large: North AL
Wendy Congiardo—Member-at-Large: South AL

DIVISION CHAIRPERSONS

Caitlin Rogers—Youth Services & School Library Division
Wendy Stephens—College, University & Special Libraries
Rosanna McGinnis—Public Library

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Angela Moore—Association Administrator
Jodi W. Poe—Web Administrator
Paula Laurita—ALA Councilor
Chris Shaffer—SELA Representative

OTHER POSITIONS

Jessica Platt—Editor of Alabama Libraries
Cha Webster—Editor of the ALLA Communicator
Donnelly Walton—Archivist
VACANT—President, Scholarship Fund, Inc.

From the President (continued):

If you indicated an interest in participating in focus groups to plan convention, please mark your calendars for one of these dates/times:

- Thursday April 13 2pm
- Wednesday April 19 7pm
- Monday April 24 10am

Thanks to Cha Webster for her work on this Newsletter and best of luck in her future endeavors. As I work to finish it, I understand more clearly how much work goes into putting each issue together. If you have any interest in editing an ALA publication, now is your chance! Please let me know if you’re interested in being the new editor of the ALLA Communicator.

For a myriad of reason, the executive council voted to postpone the ALLA Association awards and event until 2024. 2023 has been a transitional year, so by waiting until 2024, we will be able to honor our deserving colleagues in person instead of online.

I’m excited to announce that ALLA has a new Association Archivist! Thank you to Alex Boucher for his willingness to take on this role. Please send any ALLA records to Alex: taboucher@ua.edu.

Finally, ALLA will hold elections in April. I’ll take this moment to encourage you to participate in ALLA by serving on a committee, roundtable, and/or division. I am undoubtedly an introvert, but serving has been an incredibly fulfilling experience. I would love to answer any questions about the many opportunities.

Amanda Melcher (melcheras@montevallo.edu | 205-665-6104) ALLA President

Promote Your Library!

Share these hashtags on your social media accounts:

#HowWePTA

#OnlineLearning

#AlabamaLibraries
Alabama Libraries: Celebrating and Serving Diverse Communities

Please join ALLA on 4/27 for this free, virtual event as we celebrate diversity, inclusion, and social justice by centering voices that have historically been and are currently being silenced. This day-long event is a team effort, with representation from divisions, roundtables, and committees. Special thanks to our sponsors: EBSCOhost and Alabama Humanities Alliance. Register HERE

FREE VIRTUAL EVENT, Click Here to Register

ALABAMA LIBRARIES: CELEBRATING AND SERVING DIVERSE COMMUNITIES
APRIL 27, 2023

PROGRAM & SPEAKER DETAILS

9 AM  Keynote: Ashley Jones, the youngest individual and first person of color to be named Poet Laureate of Alabama, will kick off our day by celebrating the power of diverse perspectives in libraries and life.

10 AM  Tribal Libraries are for Everyone with Deidra Dees and Ms. Leasha Martin, sponsored by the Multicultural Information Roundtable

11 AM  DEI Initiatives in Academic Libraries and Spaces Roundtable Discussion with Michael S. Fitts, Charlcie Pettway Vann, Miriam Sweeney, and Paul Blackmon sponsored by College, University and Special Libraries and the Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries

12:00 PM Break for Lunch

1 PM  Our Stories Matter Tool: Defending Diverse Youth Books in Your Library with Jamie Naidoo and Cristina Castor

2 PM  Government Documents in the Time of the Civil Rights Movement with Tim Dodge, sponsored by GODORT

3 PM  Alabama State University's Role in Civil Rights History and the Efforts of the Library and University to Preserve the History with Dr. Janice Franklin, Dr. Howard Robinson, and Raegan Stearns

4 PM  "Don’t Say Gay" in Alabama: A Taxonomic Framework of LGBTQ+ Information Support Services In Public Libraries with Bharat Mehra and Baheya S. Jaber

Special thanks to our sponsors:
2023 ALABAMA AUTHOR AWARD WINNERS

Authors Awards Committee:
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.

Juvenile
Saving American Beach
by Heidi King

Teen
That’s Debatable
by Jen Doll

Fiction
Under the Bayou Moon
by Valerie Fraser Luesse

Nonfiction
The Last Slave Ship
by Ben Raines

Poetry
Reparations, Now!
by Ashley Jones
**Alabama Libraries** is seeking articles relevant to librarianship in Alabama. The Alabama Library Association’s peer-reviewed journal publishes scholarly articles biannually in an open access format.

**Guidelines for Submissions of Articles:**

- All manuscripts must be submitted to [AlabamaLibrariesJournal@gmail.com](mailto:AlabamaLibrariesJournal@gmail.com) as attachment to an email, preferably in MS Word.
- Manuscripts must be written in APA style and include an abstract and keywords.
- Although longer or shorter works may be considered, 2,000- to 5,000-word manuscripts are preferred.
- The name, position, and professional email address of the author should appear in the bottom left-hand corner of a separate title page. The author's name should not appear anywhere else in the document.
- Submissions will undergo a double blind peer review process.
- Photographs and other images relevant to the submission will be accepted for consideration but cannot be returned. Digital images are preferred.
- No other publisher should be simultaneously considering a manuscript submitted to *The Alabama Librarian*.
- If the manuscript includes analyses of survey results, please acknowledge approval by the appropriate Institutional Review Board either through direct reference in the manuscript or acknowledgement as part of the manuscript submission.

Upon receipt, manuscripts will be acknowledged by the Editor-in-Chief, who will then assign manuscripts to two reviewers. The reviewers who receive the manuscript will have no direct information on the author or the author’s affiliation. Following the review, a decision will be communicated to the writer. Upon acceptance, publication can be expected within six months.

Please visit the [Alabama Libraries](https://www.alabamalibraries.org) website for more information, or contact the editor, [Jessica Platt](mailto:Jessica.Platt@birmingham.edu).
Alabama Library Association Awards

Started in the mid-70s, the Alabama Library Association has been honoring excellence in Alabama libraries for over 40 years. All of us know a deserving librarian, paralibrarian, public official, or friends group that contributes significantly to libraries in the state! If you can think of a worthy person, there is an ALLA award for which they qualify!

The Awards Committee is now accepting nominations for Eminent Librarian, Merit Award, Distinguished Service, Humanitarian Award, Public Servant, Honorary Membership, Library Roll of Honor, Intellectual Freedom, Paralibrarian, and Outstanding Youth Services Award. ALLA is proud to honor the individuals and groups that make Alabama libraries exceptional. This year’s award winners will be honored at the next in-person ALLA Convention in 2024. Visit the Association Awards webpage to see a list of previous award winners and access the nomination form. The deadline for applications is April 30, 2023. Don’t wait, nominate!

Chair Anna Mary Williford
GET INVOLVED

ALLA Divisions:
YSSLD
Youth Services & School Librarians Division
CUS
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

Get involved with an ALLA Committee today:

To get involved with an ALLA Committee, fill out the Committee Interest form at:
https://goo.gl/forms/tS7yDg6YqPbjiS812
Alabama's libraries are institutions with programs and resources to help every community member succeed. Our libraries are also digital anchors — connecting individuals to computers and broadband, technology classes and expert, trusted staff.

The Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) is the only federal program exclusively for libraries, administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Each state determines how best to use these grants based on local, not federal, priorities.

**QUICK STATE FACTS**
- 291 Public Libraries
- 37,408 Children and Young Adult Programs Offered
- 4,757 Public Access Internet Computers
- 20,606,481 Annual Circulation

![LSTA Funding History in Alabama](image)

(Note: FY 2022 funding TBD) Figure 1: in millions. **Source: IMLS**

**LSTA funds are at work in libraries to:**
- **Support jobseekers** and the local economy through career planning programs.
- **Improve the health literacy** of the community, including with COVID-19.
- **Offer resources** and support for children, families, the elderly, veterans, and those facing homelessness.
- **Provide databases for scholarly research** and support academic resource sharing.
- **Help bridge the homework gap** and digital divide.
- **Advance small businesses** by building targeted resources, offering classes and expertise, and boosting entrepreneurship.

www.ala.org @LibraryPolicy

American Library Association
First Friday History Talks, with John Sledge
"The Gulf of Mexico and Its Blended Cultural Legacies"
April 7, 12 pm. Ben May Main Library Bernheim Hall

Second Saturdays, with Mobile Creole Cultural & Historical Preservation Society
"Forgotten African American Cemeteries of Southwestern Alabama," Dr. Jim Ellis
April 15, 10 am. Ben May Main Library Meeting Room

"Lost Treasures of Early Alabama," with Jim Phillips
April 20, 6 pm. West Regional Library

First Friday History Talks, with Paula Webb
"Historic Women of Mobile, Alabama"
May 5, 12 pm. Ben May Main Library Bernheim Hall

African American Genealogy Workshop, with Mary Jones-Fitts
"Reconstructing Family in the Enslaved Community"
May 20, 10 am. Ben May Main Library Meeting Room and Zoom
(email etheris@mplonline.org for Zoom access)

Family Research Day with the DAR
June 17, 10 am. Local History & Genealogy Division

For more information please contact:
753 Government Street
Mobile, AL 36602-1403
(251) 494-2190
mainlhg@mplonline.org
Hot Spot Lending Program

CHECK OUT A WIFI HOTSPOT TODAY!

CHECK OUT A HOTSPOT AT ANY PARTICPATING LIBRARY FREE OF CHARGE.

ALL YOU NEED IS AN ADULT LIBRARY CARD FROM ANY BALDWIN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, grant number ARPML-250538-0MLS-22
Wi-Fi hotspots now available across Baldwin County libraries

Wi-Fi hotspots are available for check out at many of the libraries across Baldwin County, courtesy of grants awarded to the Baldwin County Library Cooperative. Hotspots are portable devices that allow users to connect to the Internet using a computer, smartphone, tablet or other wireless-capable device. Their small size allows them to be taken anywhere and will enable library patrons to access the Internet wherever they are to do homework, look for and apply to jobs, or connect with loved ones. Like everything else from our libraries, the Wi-Fi hotspots are available free of charge to library patrons.

Many of Baldwin County’s rural communities lack adequate Internet connectivity. Often the local library is the one place in town where anyone can go to access the Internet free of charge. When COVID forced schools, businesses, and libraries to close, many Alabamians were suddenly left without Internet access to meet their increasingly pressing information needs. Students learning online, workers applying for unemployment benefits, and residents using telemedicine services were at risk of falling behind.

“The Baldwin County Library Cooperative, Inc. (BCLC) is excited to partner with the Institute for Museum and Library Services to provide Wi-Fi hotspots to our patrons,” BCLC Director Elizabeth Webb said. “If COVID-19 taught us anything, it’s important to prepare for a crisis before it happens. These devices will help people connect to important services they need now, but will also help the library be there for our community before the next crisis.”

Continue....
Alabama Library Happenings

Hotspots are available for two-week loans to patrons in good standing aged 19 and up. Limit one per household per loan period. Children under the age of 19 can connect to a hotspot checked out to their parent or legal guardian. Patrons should check with library staff for more details on the Wi-Fi hotspot program.

This project was made possible in part through funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (ARPML-250538-OMLS) and the Baldwin County Library Cooperative, Inc. with support from Alabama Public Library Service and the Baldwin County Commission.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's libraries and museums. We advance, support, and empower America’s museums, libraries, and related organizations through grantmaking, research, and policy development. Our vision is a nation where museums and libraries work together to transform the lives of individuals and communities. To learn more, visit www.imls.gov and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

For more information please contact:
251-970-4010
Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm
Hoover Public Library

Celebrate National Library Week April 24-April 30

We have over 200,000 books at the Hoover Public Library. But there’s more . . . we have movies, music, puppets, games, plants, puzzles, symphony passes and now, introducing our . . .

LIBRARY OF THINGS Check out an ice cream maker, GoPro camera, air fryer, cornhole yard game and more. Items are located in the Nonfiction Department and check out for one week!

Library Grab Bag Monday, April 24 - Saturday, April 29

Pick up a special gift from your librarians. Register to win daily prizes!

National Library Workers Day Tuesday, April 25, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Come share a cupcake with us!

For more information please contact:

Circulation / Information
205-444-7800
The Americans and the Holocaust Traveling Exhibition will be at the Troy University Library (Main Floor), Troy, AL, March 17 – April 24, 2023. More information about the exhibit: https://www.ushmm.org/information/exhibitions/traveling-exhibitions/americans-and-the-holocaust

Along with the exhibit, the following speakers are scheduled.

SCHEDULED SPEAKERS

March 20th (noon to 1 p.m.) Jonathan Wiesen, International Responses to Nazi Race and Jewish Policy, 1933-1939.

March 22nd Opening Reception and Lecture, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Dan Puckett, In the Shadow of Hitler: Alabama’s Jews, the Second World War, and the Holocaust.

March 30th (noon to 1 p.m.) Ann Mollengarden, My Father’s Story.

April 3rd (noon to 1 p.m.) Lisa Leff, The Archive Thief: The Man Who Salvaged French Jewish History in the Wake of the Holocaust.


April 12th (noon to 1 p.m.) Amy McDonald, Determined to Survive: A Story of Survival and One Teacher’s Passion to Bring That Story to Life.

For more information please contact:
David Chroust
334-670-3256
dchroust@troy.edu
Alabama Art Education Association
Southern Region

STUDENT ART SHOW

Reception March 30th, 2023
4:30 - 6:30 PM

AAEA SOUTHERN REGION END OF YEAR ART SHOW
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA
MARX LIBRARY GALLERY HALL
5901 USA N DR, MOBILE, AL 36688

March 6th - April 26th, 2023
AAEA SOUTHERN REPRESENTATIVE
AAEA.VACA1@GMAIL.COM
TWO POINTS OF VIEW

Art and Photography by
Stacey Howell and Bill Dumas

March 6 - April 28, 2023

On display in the ArtSpace@Biomed
3rd Floor of the Biomedical Library
5791 USA Drive North

Reception on March 16 @ 6pm
@ the ArtSpace
Refreshments will be served

For more information contact:
Gail Kouame - gmkouame@southalabama.edu

A BURST OF HUE

ANNA C. SIRK MORATÓ

March - April 2023
2nd Floor Student Gallery
@ Marx Library

WEATHER THINGS IN PHOTOS

The Glass Program Open
Theme Faculty
and Student
Show
March - April
Reception:
March 23rd, 2023
@ 4 pm
Marx Library
3rd Floor
Rodning Gallery

Photography by Alan Sealls
March-April 2023
Marx Library Rodning Gallery
March 16
Presentation @ 6PM Marx Library Auditorium
Reception @ 7PM Rodning Gallery

For more information contact Paula Webb: pwebb@southalabama.edu
GODORT remains active as we enter a new year. On February 16 yours truly plus Liza Weisbrod (Auburn University) were co-presenters of a webinar concerning “Locating Race and Ethnicity Census Data.” We focused on providing brief historical information plus Census Bureau definitions of race and ethnicity and sources of data plus several sample searches locating recent Census data on race and ethnicity via the Data.census.gov web site (https://data.census.gov/).

GODORT will also participate in the forthcoming April 27 ALLA online event concerning Serving Diverse Populations: Strategies and Concrete ideas for Reaching Everyone. being organized by ALLA President Amanda Melcher (University of Montevallo) in lieu of an in-person annual convention this year that will feature “expanding on the convention themes of social justice and inclusion by centering voices that have historically and are currently being silenced.” Round table members identified three possible program topics and ranked in first place this one: “Government documents in the time of the Civil Rights Movement.”
Originally, this topic was to have included also “what was ignored and not published and how to find that information,” but owing to a lack of possible presenters and my own commitments which include working on a book manuscript under contract with a publisher, I decided to keep the topic more manageable by focusing only on those government documents that actually were printed during the Civil rights era. As it turns out, there is a large and fascinating variety.

Once again, GODORT officer nominees for the forthcoming ALLA elections will be Moderator-Elect: Tim Dodge (Auburn University) and Secretary-Treasurer: Rickey Best (Auburn University at Montgomery) but also Allison Boswell (Jacksonville State University). Rickey and I are both happy to serve GODORT for yet another year but I strongly encourage GODORT members to seriously consider running for these offices when I solicit nominees next year. Not only is retirement on both of our horizons but getting newer and younger officers (such as Allison) in place helps bring in new ideas and approaches.

I would also like to encourage ALLA members reading this who are not yet GODORT members to consider joining the round table next time they renew their ALLA membership. You do not have to have a Government Documents background to join. The world of government documents is vast and is relevant to our lives as librarians and citizens ranging from local municipality to state to country, to the world.

Continue....
SIC and NAICS

SIC and NAICS are acronyms used by the federal government to classify, in a numerical form or code, industries for the purpose of compiling information and making this information available in a standardized way. This is helpful both for humans and computers. SIC came before NAICS but even in 2023 it is a good idea to have a basic understanding of both classification schemes.

SIC, or the Standard Industrial Classification system, was established in 1937 by the Office of Statistical Standards, Bureau of the Budget (which became the Office of Management and Budget in 1970). SIC features numerical codes for 10 major divisions of industrial activity, for example, Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing through Public Administration, with Manufacturing being the largest division. Within each division Major Groups subdivide the Division, for example, under Manufacturing, one finds Paper and Allied Products (Major Group Number 26) which, in turn, are divided into Industry Groups. There is yet another level of subdivision. Let’s look at Setup Paperboard Boxes (SIC Number 2652). This provides an official definition of what is meant by Setup Paperboard Boxes as an industry: “Establishments primarily engaged in manufacturing setup paperboard boxes from purchased pasteboard” and then lists three types of paperboard boxes.
The Standard Industrial Classification Manual (PrEx 2.6/2: In 27) was published irregularly (roughly once a decade) from 1941 through 1987. The online version available at (https://www.osha.gov/data/sic-manual) from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor doesn’t have any obvious “last updated” notice but, presumably, it has more current information than what appeared in the 1987 print edition.

In response to major technological changes affecting industry in general and the implementation of NAFTA (the North American Freed Trade Agreement) of 1992, the Office of Management and Budget created NAICS: the North American Industry Classification System, which went into effect in 1997. You may recall NAFTA more closely integrated the economies of Mexico and Canada with the United States, hence, the need to harmonize or standardize the classification of economic (industrial) activity the same way as had been done via SIC but now on a more international basis. NAICS has been updated and revised approximately every five years since 1997 with the 2022 edition now available as the most recent version of the system. NAICS is available from the Census Bureau, Department of Commerce, at https://www.census.gov/naics/.

NAICS is a bit different from SIC although the concept is the same. There are 25 Sectors or economic activity divisions ranging from Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting (Sector 11) through Public Administration (Sector 92). There are some new
Sectors that go beyond the Divisions found within SIC such as Information (Sector 51) and Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services (Sector 56).

SIC and NAICS are not directly translatable from one code to the other, but, for broadly comparative purposes, let’s take a look at how NAICS classifies Setup Paperboard Boxes. The good news is there are online Concordances that can at least help one compare or relate SIC and NAICS (see https://www.census.gov/naics/?68967). The Concordances appear as Excel files. The first step is to match up the 1987 SIC code for Setup Paperboard Boxes (2652) to the 2002 NAICS code for Setup Paperboard Box Manufacturing (322213) which is the most recent one listed for Setup Paperboard Boxes. The name of this industrial activity is slightly different and the code number is different and longer in NAICS than in SIC. With updates being made to NAICS every five years, it is a good idea to see if the NAICS code has changed since 2002. As it turns out NAICS 322213 (Setup Paperboard Box Manufacturing) changed in the 2012 update to 322219 (Other Paperboard Container Manufacturing). This classification remains the same as that of the 2022 update. The 2022 NAICS definition of Other Paperboard Container Manufacturing is described as “This U.S. industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in converting paperboard containers (except corrugated, solid fiber, and paperboard boxes) without manufacturing paperboard.” More details follow. The fact that NAICS lists this as a “U.S. industry” suggests that neither Mexico nor Canada has any such establishments.
Very roughly analogous to Library of Congress Subject headings and call numbers, the definitions found within these codes and the code numbers are a way of describing and standardizing and thus making comparable industrial/economic activity of the United States economy and, since 1997, the industrial/economic activity of Mexico and Canada as well.

Tim Dodge
Auburn University
Multicultural Information Round Table (MCIRT)

The round table has been fairly active of late. Among other things, I am happy to report on a successful webinar held November 4, 2022 featuring Jaena Alabi (English, Psychology, and Africana Studies Librarian, Auburn University) who gave a very informative presentation on “I Don’t Know What to Say!’ Strategies for Responding to and Supporting Targets of Racial Microaggressions.”

The round table has recently published the first issue of its online newsletter, Southern Spectrum (see Southern Spectrum Newsletter, Vol. 1). I would like to thank Cassandra Brindle (Youth Services Specialist, Guntersville Public Library) for taking on the demanding role of Editor of the newsletter. I would also like to thank the Newsletter Subcommittee for their crucial work in developing the newsletter idea and making it a reality: Cassandra Brindle, Dr. Wendy Stephens (Associate Professor of Library Media, College of Education and Professional Studies, Jacksonville State University), Kelsi Walters (Administrative Assistant Senior (to the Director), Hoover Public Library), and yours truly (History and Political Science Librarian, Auburn University) and, of course, for the contributions of the several authors who submitted articles for the newsletter.

I am also happy to announce that the Multicultural Information Round Table will have a program at the forthcoming April 27 ALLA
online event concerning Serving Diverse Populations: Strategies and Concrete ideas for Reaching Everyone. being organized by ALA President Amanda Melcher (University of Montevallo) in lieu of an in-person annual convention this year. Thanks to Amanda, we are able to secure Dr. Deidre Suwanee Dees, Director/Tribal Archivist for the Office of Archives and Records Management, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, as our featured speaker. The round table had identified the following topic for a program at this online event: “An indigenous person from Alabama to talk to us about their representation in libraries and archives around the state.”

Please take note of the following nominees for MCIRT offices in the forthcoming ALLA elections: Moderator-Elect: Dr. Tim Dodge (Auburn University) and Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. Wendy Stephens (Jacksonville State University). Some of you may note we both have served in both offices before – and we are happy to continue – but I would like to encourage others to consider running for these offices when the call for nominees goes out next year for the 2024 ALLA elections. This is a great service opportunity. I am happy to note that Paula Webb (University of South Alabama) will be serving as Moderator for 2023-2024, so y’all will get a break from hearing from me for a while (smile).

Tim Dodge
MCIRT Moderator
Word Search Puzzle

- Author
- Biography
- Book
- Borrow
- Catalog
- Data
- Database
- Desk
- Dictionary
- Fiction
- Index
- Keyword
- Librarian
- Nonfiction
- Novel
- Reference
- Renew
- Spine
- Words
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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Edition</th>
<th>Submission Deadline</th>
<th>Publication Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Jul/Aug/Sep</td>
<td>Mid-June</td>
<td>July</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oct/Nov/Dec</td>
<td>Mid-Sept.</td>
<td>October</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jan/Feb/Mar</td>
<td>Mid-Dec.</td>
<td>January</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Apr/May/Jun</td>
<td>Mid-March</td>
<td>April</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The Alabama Library Association

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. Want to help the Alabama Library Association? Consider making a donation.

Click here to donate to ALLA.

Alabama Libraries Call for Articles

By Jessica E. Platt

Education Doctoral Librarian, Alabama State University
Editor-in-Chief, Alabama Libraries

Alabama Libraries (ALLib) is seeking submissions for a Summer 2023 issue.

This open access journal published by the Alabama Library Association, and housed in the institutional repository of the University of South Alabama, features peer-reviewed articles and other scholarly information of relevance to Alabama’s library community. Submissions are invited for guest editorials and articles, as well as reviews of books and digital materials. While membership in the Alabama Library Association is encouraged, it is not required at this time. For more information, please visit https://jagworks.southalabama.edu/alabamalibraries_journal/ or email jplatt@alasu.edu.

From the Editor

Cha Webster
Troy University Science Librarian

Hello readers. This will be my last issue as editor. I am relocating out of the state. I have enjoyed putting this together and learning about what libraries have to offer the communities they serve.

Thank you to every library that contributed to this issue. Thank you to the librarians who wrote on important topics for this publication. Thank you Jana Slay for the word search idea. I hope readers enjoy it.

If you would like your library to be in the next publication, do not hesitate to contact the next new editor at communicator.alla@gmail.com.