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**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

### From the President:

### **Hello ALLA Members and Friends!**



Save the Date: ALLA will have a virtual day-long event "Alabama Libraries: Celebrating and Serving Diverse Communities" on April 27, 2023 starting at 9AM! With the exponential uptick in book challenges and bans, librarians are at the forefront in the battle for intellectual freedom. I want to express my deepest appreciation to Alabama librarians and library staff for rising to the "challenge" and working to defend the right to read for all people. ALA's

Statement on Censorship of Information Addressing Racial Injustice, Black American History, and Diversity Education proclaims a commitment "to upholding our core values, which include equitable access to knowledge, social justice, and intellectual freedom." To that end, our April event will celebrate diversity, inclusion, and social justice by centering voices that have historically been and are currently being silenced. While details are still being hammered out, I can tell you that this event will be interesting, relevant, and inspiring!

Please also mark your calendars for ALLA's combined Association and Author Awards event on the evening of Friday, August 4, 2023 at the Homewood Public Library's Large Auditorium. This merged awards event will showcase the incredible literary talent of Alabama writers, along with the dedication, innovation, and hard work of Alabama library professionals. You do not want to miss it!

Past ALLA President and Chair of the Nominating Committee, Laura Pitts, will be reaching out to members very soon to elicit nominations for ALLA leadership positions. If you have any questions or recommendations, please contact Laura.

The Planning Committee and Chair, Lori Northrup, have created a framework for ALLA's 2023-2027 strategic plan. The goals are as follows:

1. Empower AL legislators to confidently support libraries and library funding



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### ALLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFICERS

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### **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):

- 2. Empower AL librarians to advocate with local and state governments and officials
- 3. Empower AL librarians to defend the freedom to read and condemn censorship
- 4. Build partnerships with other library and educational organizations in the state
- 5. Focus on recruitment and retention of members
- 6. Create paths to leadership within divisions and committees.
- 7. Provide relevant professional development/continuing education opportunities
- 8. Encourage engagement with current standards and emerging trends in librarianship

The planning committee asks ALLA members and leaders to help create action steps that are

measurable and meaningful to help meet these goals. These action steps will hopefully grow organically

out of the planning that's already happening. Watch for a message on the listserv with more details.

Contact Lori for more information.

Finally, if you have noticed any handbook or bylaws issues that need to be addressed, please send them to me to possibly be included in a vote in the coming months.

Thanks for all you do to make ALLA strong and relevant!

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** 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 <u>AlabamaLibrariesJournal@gmail.com</u> 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 <u>Alabama Libraries</u> website for more information, or contact the editor, Jessica Platt.

### **GET INVOLVED**

### **ALLA Divisions:**

YSSLD

Youth Services & School Librarians Division

College, University and Special Libraries

PLD

Public Library Division

### **ALLA Roundtables:**

**ALIRT** 

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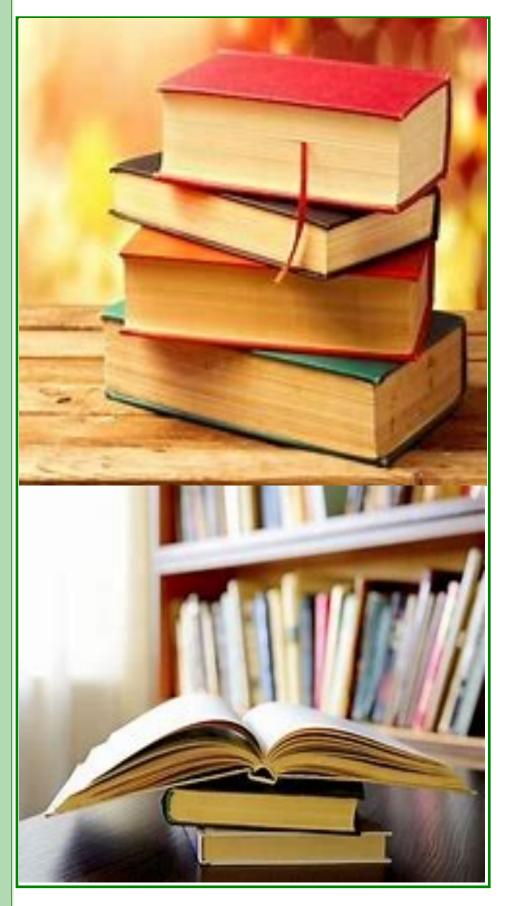
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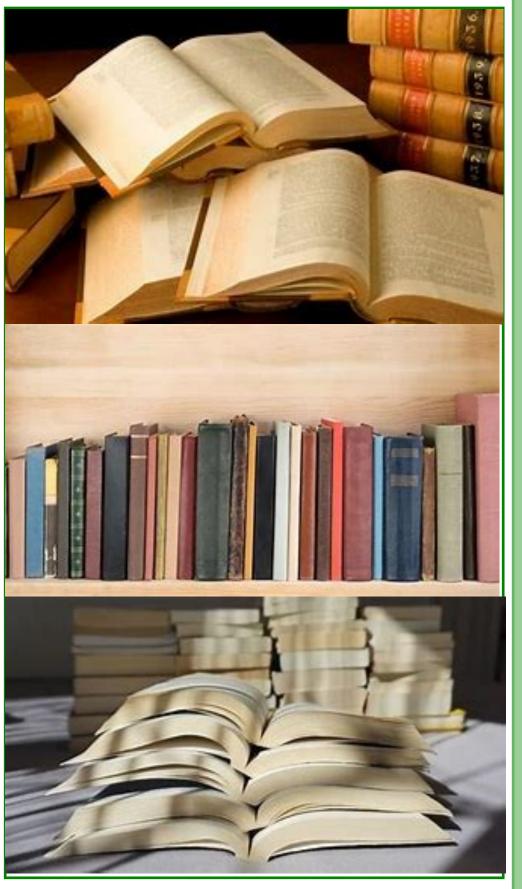
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To get involved with an ALLA Committee, fill out the Committee Interest form at: https://goo.gl/forms/ tS79Dg6YqFbjiS812

### Mobile Public Library Local History & Genealogy

- First Friday Mobile History Talks, with Tom McGhee
  - Jan. 6, 2023, 12pm 1pm, Ben May Main Library Bernheim Hall
- Meet & Greet, with Mobile Creole Cultural & Historical Preservation Society
  - Jan. 14, 2023, 10:30am 12:30pm, Ben May Main Library Meeting Room
- African American Genealogy Workshop: African Americans and the Homestead Act
  - Jan. 28, 2023, 10am 2:00pm, Ben May Main Library Meeting Room and Zoom
- First Friday Mobile History Talks, with Cart Blackwell
  - Feb. 3, 2023, 12pm 1pm, Ben May Main Library Bernheim Hall
- Mobile's African American Heritage, with Karlos Finley
  - Feb. 11, 3pm 5pm, Ben May Main Library Bernheim Hall
- First Friday Mobile History Talks, with Russell Blount
  - Mar. 3, 2023, 12pm 1pm, Ben May Main Library Bernheim Hall
- First Friday Mobile History Talks, with John Sledge
  - Apr. 7, 2023, 12pm 1pm, Ben May Main Library Bernheim Hall

### For more information please contact:

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### **Hoover Public Library**

- Novelist Elin Hilderbrand will be headlining the 2023 Southern Voices Festival. She is scheduled to speak in the Hoover Library Theatre on Friday, February 24, 2023. There will be seven other authors will be at the conference the next day, Saturday, February 25, 2023. The lineup includes Will Leitch, Sarah Penner, Kristin Harmel, Ashley Winstead, Ben Raines, Vanessa Riley and Robin Peguero.
  - ♦ Tickets go on sale January 12, 2023.
- There is a new facility dog that has joined the staff. Her name is Libby and she starts training in January. She will be officially a part of the staff in the summer.



### Book Clubs

- \* Visit hooverlibrary.org/book-groups to see our monthly offerings.
- \* True Stories—Jan. 12 and Feb. 9
- \* Insatiable Readers Jan. 14 and Feb. 11
- \* NovelTea Jan. 8 and Feb. 12
- \* True Crime -Jan. 31 and Feb. 28

### **For More Information:**

https://www.hooverlibrary.org/sites/default/files/promo/2022-11/

HPLcalendar2022d.pdf

### **Hoover Public Library**

### **January**

- Homeschool Hub: Coding with Bots Wed, Jan 11, 1 pm
- Purple Crayon Party Sat., Jan. 14, 10:30 am
- Young Artist Reception Sun., Jan. 15, 3 pm
- Make a Display: "Kindness" Tues., Jan 24, 4 pm.
- Best Books of 2022 Tues., Jan. 24, 4 pm
- Once Upon a Puppet Storytime Fri., Jan 27, 4 pm
- Nailed It!: Polar Pals Edition Tues., Jan 31, 4 pm

### **February**

- Pizza with the Author: Derrick Barnes Tues., Feb 7, 5 pm
- HSH: Birmingham Civil Rights Institute Thur, Feb. 9, 10:30 am
- Animal Crossings: Library Edition Sat., Feb 11, 10:30 am
- Young Artist Reception Sun., Feb 12, 3 pm
- Dear Storytime Fri., Feb 24, 4 pm
- Black History Art with Mr. P!

### **For More Information:**

https://www.hooverlibrary.org/sites/default/files/promo/2022-11/KidsWinterWeb.pdf

### **Book Club**

- "The Miserable" By: Lemony Snicket
  - January 11
- "The Austere Academy" By: Lemony Snicket
  - January 25
- "Black Panther" By: Ta-Nehisi Coates
  - February 8
- "Kindred" By: Octavia E. Butler
  - February 22
- "The Ersatz Elevator" By: Lemony Snicket
  - March 8
- "The Vile Village" By Lemony Snicket
  - ♦ March 22

### For more information please contact:

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Email: libhelp@troy.edu

### **Troy University**

### **Decatur Public Library**

The Festival of the Cranes is an annual event organized by the Wheeler Wildlife Refuge Association, in partnership with the Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge, the International Crane Foundation, and local venues and businesses. Complete details of Decatur Public Library's event involvement are available at <a href="https://www.myDPL.org/cranes">www.myDPL.org/cranes</a>, as well as a link to the Festival of the Cranes website with complete event listings.

- Festival does not take place until January  $13^{th}$  and remains available to the public through January  $30^{th}$  .
- Decatur Public Library will host crane activities for kids from 10am to 4pm on the Saturday and Sunday of the Festival.
  - We will have crafts and activities, a photo backdrop, a scavenger hunt and goodie bags available on both days.
  - January 14th, from 12:30pm to 1:30pm.
  - Library will host Story Time with Zellie the Zoologist, a character provided by Magical Memories AL. All events at the library are free.
  - January 15<sup>th</sup>, at 2:30pm.

For more information please contact:

Call 256-353-2993

### **Spring Events**

- Presentation by Dr. Andrew Akin, Assistant Professor of National Security studies at the Air Command and Staff College, and a specialist on Russia, on the current Russia-Ukraine situation and its broader implications.
  - This will be co-sponsored with Huntingdon College's Presidential
     Fellows Team on Politics, Culture and Civic Engagement.
- One, possibly two, faculty panels titled "So, You Want to Become a Published Author."
  - Faculty who have successfully published (fiction, non-fiction, scholarly work) would speak with students about the process of becoming published.
- Tentatively titled, "Using the Media Bias Chart to Become an Informed News Consumer." Presented by the library faculty.
- The Salon, a biannual reading series co-sponsored with the Department of Language and Literature.
  - (topic to be determined)
- Series of "book talks" may be genre-based, event-based (e.g. a History month or historical anniversary occasion), author-based, topic-based.
   Presented by members of the library faculty.

### For more information please contact:

Contact the Library via phone: (334) 833-4421 or (334) 833-4512

## **Huntingdon College**

# niversity of South Alabama

### **Alabama Library Happenings**

THE CHARLES M. BAUGH BIOMEDICAL LIBRARY AND THE USA ARCHAEOLOGY MUSEUM PRESENTS:

### **IMAGES OF SCIENCE**

FROM THE MAX-PLANCK SOCIETY IN GERMANY

On display in the ArtSpace@BioMed 3rd floor of the Biomedical Library

JANUARY 10TH- FEBRUARY 24TH

### RECEPTION IN THE ARTSPACE

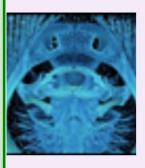
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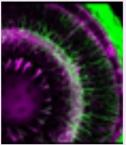
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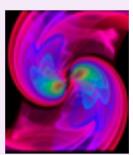
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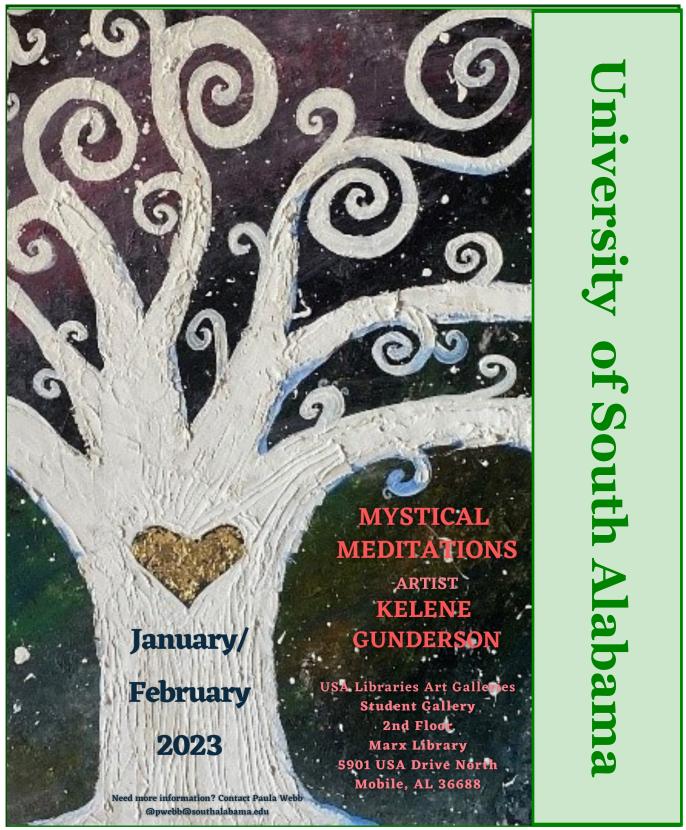








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## Alabam

The M. Louis Salmon Library will be kicking off the Spring 2023 semester with it's traditional Week of Welcome events January 23 through January 29. Events will include a hot cider bar, a pizza and trivia event (where different colleges compete), pop-up tea and coffee tables, and an event to show off the Glowforge in the Makerspace.

Other events throughout the semester will include craft events like Make Your Own Worry Pet and Wildflower "Bee Bombs" as well as various food grabs and food bars including some DIY food demos. Tabletop and Boardgame Days will have at least a couple of outings.

There will be events promoting the usage of the Multimedia Lab, Makerspace, and Recording Studio (how-tos, demos, and general creation workshops).

The big event will be on March 2nd and will be a Health Fair.

For that the library is hoping to partner with various campus organizations and clubs, as well local folks, to bring a wide variety of healthy lifestyle and food topics to students and faculty.

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Belinda Ong: belinda.ong@uah.edu



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### **Exhibit Coming to Troy University Library**

### "Americans and the Holocaust"

Troy University Library will host the "Americans and the Holocaust" exhibit next spring, from March 17 to April 28, 2023. This traveling exhibit is a collaboration of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) in Washington, DC, and the American Library Association (ALA) in Chicago. It will be free and open to the public in Troy University Library's Wallace Hall in Troy, Alabama. USHMM has compiled and issued many resources to accompany the exhibit, including bibliographies for hosting libraries, teachers' guides, a guide to using primary sources, and Americans and the Holocaust: A Reader, which is a book with over one hundred primary sources. Some of these resources (and others) are available on the USHMM website.

The exhibit portrays Americans and America in relation to the persecution and genocide of Jews in Germany and Europe from the 1930s to World War II. Persecution and, later, genocide were the policies of Adolf Hitler, the Nazi Party, and their collaborators after the Nazis took power in Germany (1933). From there, they took these policies to the many European countries that they occupied and conquered, before and after they launched World War II, from France to the Soviet Union. The genocide culminated in the industrialized mass murder of Jews and others in the last three years of the war, in a system of death camps equipped with gas chambers.

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In the United States, Jews had joined mass immigration that Congress ended with its quota laws after World War I. Jews came both in the "old immigration" of Western Europeans, when their main country of origin was Germany, and then, from the 1880s, in the "new immigration" of Eastern and Southern Europeans, when Jews mostly came from the Russian Empire, including Poland and the Baltic States, and from the Habsburg Empire (Austria-Hungary), including western Ukraine.

The Covid-19 Pandemic disrupted and delayed the original schedule for the "Americans and the Holocaust" exhibit, which is now traveling the country in the years 2021-2023. Throughout these two years, successive cohorts of four libraries at a time host the exhibit for six weeks each. Earlier cohorts included libraries in neighboring states (the University of Mississippi, Georgia Southern University), but now, in spring 2023, the exhibit will come to Alabama, thanks to the initiative of Troy University Librarian Alyssa Martin, who wrote the pre-Pandemic grant proposal for hosting the exhibit, and thanks to the support and work of Troy Libraries Dean Dr. Chris Shaffer. The program of events for the exhibit at Troy will include five speakers, including Dan Puckett, from Troy's History faculty, who wrote the book *In the Shadow* of Hitler: Alabama's Jews, the Second World War, and the Holocaust, published by the University of Alabama Press in 2014. Another event will be the opening of Troy University Library's Holocaust research collection in its own dedicated room overlooking one of three landscaped quads on Troy's scenic campus. Continue...

Readers who want to learn more about the "Americans and the Holocaust" exhibit can write to me as the new librarian for social sciences at Troy, where I also teach as the new instructor for German in the Department of World Languages and Cultures. The exhibit is especially meaningful to me: I came to America at the age of seven from a refugee camp after starting school in Czechoslovakia. There, forty years earlier, my grandfather served in the Czechoslovak Army at Terezín, not long before the Nazi occupiers of our country turned it into the Theresienstadt concentration camp and sent him to Germany as a forced laborer. He took me to Terezín when I was seventeen and on summer vacation from high school in America, the year before he died. My father's sister lived on the street in Prague where the Czechoslovak resistance assassinated Reinhard Heydrich, whom the USHMM (and scholars elsewhere) call "one of the main architects of the 'Final Solution'," the last stage of the Holocaust. And I have known Czech people connected to those who died in the reprisals that followed.



In response to ALLA President Amanda Melcher's invitation to divisions and round tables to participate in an online event in April in lieu of the annual convention which will not be taking place in 2023. President Melcher wants "to build on the 2022 convention themes of social justice and inclusion by centering voices that have historically been and are currently being silenced. I was thinking that ALLA could have a one or two-day online event, possibly in April 2023, to highlight and celebrate library services for diverse voices."

Consequently, I have solicited ideas for such a program that could be hosted by GODORT and, as of this writing, am in the process of seeking consensus from the GODORT membership as to which of the three submitted ideas we will want to bring forward for the April 2023 online event. The three ideas submitted include (in no particular order):

"Government Documents in the time of the Civil Rights
 Movement what was printed, and what was ignored and not published and how to find that information."

- How to Find Race and Ethnicity Data from the Census
- United Nations Digital Library.

The ranking/vote turned out to place "Government Documents in the time of the Civil Rights Movement what was printed, and what was ignored and not published and how to find that information" in first place. I am submitting this as a proposal to Amanda Melcher for consideration.

Most likely, Liza Weisbrod (Auburn University) and I will develop How to Find Race and Ethnici-

ty Data from the Census into a webinar for presentation in February.

As we enter a new year, I would like to encourage existing members to RENEW their GODORT membership, lapsed members to RENEW their GODORT membership or to REJOIN the round table, and for anyone else interested in Government Documents, to JOIN GODORT. You do NOT need to be currently working in a Government Documents department or unit or have a background in this fascinating area of librarianship.

Best wishes to all for a Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year!

Tim Dodge GODORT Moderator

### **U.S. Supreme Court Opinions Online**

Whether one is a lawyer, a concerned citizen, or simply a curious member of the general public, there are times when one wants a quick and easy way to see the text of a U.S. Supreme Court opinion. Throughout American history the Supreme Court has issued many important opinions and many of them have been controversial and consequential, for example, *Plessy v Ferguson* (1896) that declared "separate but equal" racial segregation in public facilities was legal; *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954) that declared racial segregation of public education was not legal; or *Citizens United v Federal Election Commission* (2010) that, essentially, equated money with free speech thus allowing corporations (but also associations like labor unions) to contribute to political campaigns without any financial limitations.

I would like to draw your attention to an authoritative freely available online source for locating the full text of U.S. Supreme Court opinions covering the period 1991 to the present. This would be the "Opinions" link found on the U.S. Supreme Court's official website at

### https://www.supremecourt.gov/.

The first type of document that shows up is what are known as slip opinions. This is a reference to the physical format, literally, a slip of paper (if a brief opinion) or a document consisting of several or many slips (pages) if a longer opinion. These are usually brief summaries that provide the Court majority opinion plus concurring or dissenting

opinions of individual justices. The Supreme Court runs on a term lasting from October through October of the following year. However, the Court is usually in recess from June through the start of October. Thus, as of this writing, the Court is in the October 2022 Term. These slip opinions appear in reverse chronological order. The latest available so far appear only for the October 2021 term. To see the text, simply click on the party names (for example, Biden v. Texas decided on June 30, 2022. It concerns the contentious issue of immigration. The Court upheld the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as the federal agency able to end the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP) program. You will find slip opinions here dating back through the 2016 Term.

You will find the final form of opinions in what is known as Bound Volumes which are available here for the terms covering 1991 through 2015.

A quick note about the publication of U.S. Supreme Court opinions. They appear as temporary printed publications starting with Bench Opinions, usually printed the day of the ruling by the Court. These are followed by the Slip Opinions, described above. In turn, Slip Opinions are followed by Preliminary Prints. These are soft-cover volumes that contain the opinions plus announcements, indexes, tables, and other associated materials to provide a more complete record. Finally, these are followed by the Bound Volumes which are a more formal compilation of the material found in the Preliminary Prints and are intended as a permanent,

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official record. The U.S. Supreme Court web site described here provides access to only the Slip Opinions and the Bound Volumes.

This website is an excellent and convenient access point to the full text of U.S. Supreme Court opinions of the past thirty years. The website has many other features and additional important legal information as well. Please be aware this is only the tip of the iceberg of U.S. Supreme Court information you can find via this website.

Tim Dodge Auburn University

### ALLA COMMUNICATOR SUBMISSIONS

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Submissions must include:

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- 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

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### From the Editor

Cha Webster Troy University Science Librarian

Hello readers . My name is Cha Webster and I am the new editor. I want to thank Rodney Lawley for passing this privilege to me.



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 Rodney Lawley, Kelly Reeves, and Rachel Hooper for proofreading everything before submission.

I wanted to focus on events that libraries offer so we can all visit and support one another. I hope everyone enjoys the events and the articles in this issue. If you would like your library to be in the next publication, do not hesitate to contact me.

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