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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.



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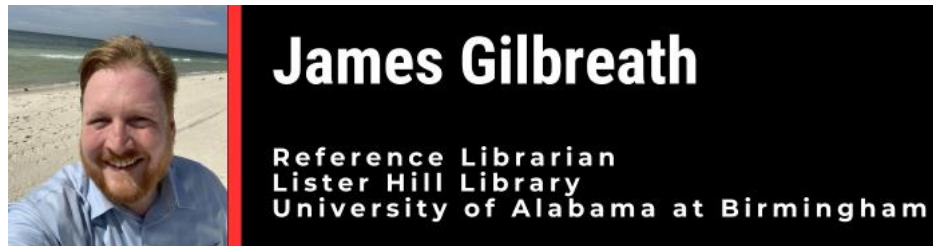
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## From the President

### ALLA President



Fellow Librarians, Library Staff Members, and Library Friends,

I am profoundly humbled to serve you as this year's President of the Alabama Library Association. My name is James Gilbreath, and I have been a librarian since 2011. I currently serve as a reference librarian in Lister Hill at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

I was born and raised in Birmingham, and I have lived in Alabama my whole life. My mother was a school media specialist, and I grew up in the school library. After school, I would sometimes help straighten the library, read, or fall asleep under a table while my mom made lesson plans, cataloged books, and learned new computer technologies. Thus it was that in college, when I was uncertain how to proceed after undergrad, I turned to UA's School of Library and Information Studies, graduating in 2009.

We are living through difficult times as a profession, and our core values are being challenged on local, state, and federal levels. I promise to strive with and for you each day to protect our library employees, our libraries, and our users. Additionally, our association is here to serve you and your needs. If you have any suggestions for services we can provide or things we can do better, please let me know. Feedback is a gift, and we can't improve things if you don't receive feedback. You can reach me any time at [jngilbreath@gmail.com](mailto:jngilbreath@gmail.com) , and feel free to reach out to me on social media as well.

I became a librarian to help and serve others, and look forward to serving and working with you this year. And thank you, all of you, for the work you do every day. Wherever and whatever population you serve, you're continually making a difference.

James Gilbreth

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### ALLA Past President



Past President's Message to the Members of the Alabama Library Association,

It has been a tremendous honor to serve as President of the Alabama Library Association over the past year. As I wrap up my term, I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to James Gilbreth, our newly elected President, as he begins his 2025-2026 term. I know he will lead ALLA with passion, vision, and deep commitment to our profession.

I'd also like to thank each and every member—and all of library supporters—who attended the annual ALLA Convention just two weeks ago at the beautiful Lake Guntersville State Park Lodge & Convention Center. It was an outstanding time of sharing ideas, learning from one another, and making meaningful connections.

A special thank you goes out to our incredible keynote speakers:

- **Lisa Varga**, Associate Executive Director of ALA's Public Policy and Advocacy Office in Washington, D.C.,
- **Sam Helmick**, incoming President of the American Library Association, and
- **Former Senator Doug Jones**, who joined us as a surprise guest for our President's Awards Reception.

Finally, I must recognize the incredible work of **Mandy Broadhurst**, Chair of the 2025 Convention Committee, whose leadership and dedication made this year's convention—

attended by over 200 librarian and library champions—a true success. Thank you, Mandy, and to your amazing committee for your tireless efforts!

Serving this association has been a true privilege. Thank you for the opportunity and for the continued support you show each other and your communities.

Craig Scott

Past President, Alabama Library Association

Director, Gadsden Public Library



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#### **ALLA News**

##### **Memories of the 2025 ALLA Convention**

*Scroll through the slideshow to see photos from the convention. Click the grey box in the top-left corner to read the captions.* These photos, and more, are also available on the [ALLA Facebook](#) page.



1 - Convention Planning Committee 2024 and 2025





2 - Angie Moore and Jodi Poe (wo)manning the registration desk



3 - Audience at Opening Session



4 - President Craig Scott at the Opening Session





5 - President Craig Scott, Awards Chair Anna Mary Williford, and Elizabeth Swift, winner of the Eminent Librarian Award



6 - Lindsay Gardner at the Association Awards



7 - Opening Session Keynote Speaker Lisa Varga



*8 - Sam Helmick, keynote speaker, President's Program*



*9 - Swearing in new officers 2025-26*





10 - Author Awards Recipients



11 - President's Bash and Association Awards





12 - Craig Scott, Amanda Borden, and Doug Jones at President's Bash and Association Awards

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## *Association Awards Committee*

*Anna Mary Williford, Chair*

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The 2025 Association Awards were presented on Friday, April 12th at the ALLA Conference. Congratulations to these deserving individuals and organizations.



### EMINENT LIBRARIAN AWARD

**Elizabeth Swift**  
 Recipient of the Eminent Librarian Award

Elizabeth Swift began her career as a cataloger for the Birmingham Public Library in 1992, after graduating from Auburn University with a B.A. in History and from Florida State University with a MS in Library Science. In 1997 she began working for the Jefferson County Library Cooperative (JCLC) as their System Librarian, and in 2006 she became their Integrated Library Systems Administrator. She is responsible for coordinating the services provided via the "one county, one card" system for the JCLC, a non-profit organization made up of 20+ independent library members and multiple branches.

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## OUTSTANDING YOUTH SERVICES AWARD

### Jeremy Davis

Recipient of the Outstanding Youth Services Award

Jeremy Davis, MLIS, is a librarian from Birmingham, AL, with 31 years of experience in public library service. Since 2017, he has served as the Youth Department Coordinator at the Hoover Public Library. Known for his innovation, passion, and kindness, Jeremy has played a pivotal role in launching many impactful library initiatives and programs, including the Little Free Libraries, a Food Pantry, a Bookmobile, and a free summer lunch program for children. From the outset of his library career, Jeremy has demonstrated a profound commitment to expanding library services beyond traditional offerings. Through his community outreach efforts, he has provided invaluable support to underserved populations and consistently worked to make the Children's Department a dynamic, welcoming space for all families. Outside of his professional life, Jeremy is an avid doodler, board game creator, and enjoys spending time with his family as a husband, father, and uncle.

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## OUTSTANDING YOUTH SERVICES AWARD



### Rachel "Cat" Sandler

Recipient of the Outstanding Youth Services Award

Cat Sandler started her library career before she knew it, working as a Digital Archivist for Image Hive in Birmingham for museums, national parks, and other clients. She worked as the Head Librarian in Pell City and then came to Homewood Public Library where she served as a Library Technician II for the Teen Department while working on her MLIS from the University of Southern Mississippi. She has served as the Teen Librarian and Assistant Department Head for the Adult/Teen Services Department since 2023. She won Full-Time Employee of the Year in 2023 and, in 2024, received Homewood Public Library's inaugural Above and Beyond: Leadership Award.

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## HUMANITARIAN AWARD



### Greater Birmingham Humane Society

Recipient of the Humanitarian Award

FOR THEIR "READING BUDDIES" PROGRAM

The Greater Birmingham Humane Society's "Reading Buddies" Program features their PAWsitive Education Ambassador dogs and gives children the opportunity to practice reading skills with a four-legged friend. GBHS volunteers bring the dogs to area libraries for Reading Buddies events, and the Humane Society also has its own Reading Buddies Book Club which meets once a month at their Adoption Center. The program's impact has been wide-ranging and far-reaching, fostering not only children's literacy development, but adoption events and community connections as well.

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*Author Awards Committee*

## Wendy Stephens and Debbie Walker, Co-Chairs

All of the 2025 ALLA Authors Awards recipients were honored a luncheon at the Alabama Library Association Annual Convention on Thursday, April 10th.

### CHILDREN'S BOOKS



***Sick! The Twists and Turns  
Behind Animal Germs***  
by Heather L. Montgomery  
(BLOOMSBURY CHILDREN'S BOOKS, 2024)

Heather L. Montgomery has spent over 20 years educating both in and beyond the classroom, including directing a school-based environmental center. She has developed curricula, trained hundreds of educators, naturalists, and librarians, and helped thousands of children connect with the natural world. Each year, she engages with more than 10,000 students through festivals, school visits, and environmental programs.

Known for her dynamic presentations, she uses unexpected natural artifacts—such as petrified body parts and tree interiors—to spark scientific curiosity and inspire reluctant readers. Her professional development programs for teachers have received awards and widespread acclaim.

[heatherlmontgomery.com](http://heatherlmontgomery.com)

### YOUNG ADULT BOOKS



***My Selma: True Stories of a Southern Childhood  
at the Height of the Civil Rights Movement***  
by Willie Mae Brown  
(FARRAR, STRAUS AND GIROUX BYR, 2023)

Willie Mae Brown left Alabama in 1970 at the age of seventeen to start a new life in Brooklyn, New York, where she worked for the New York Telephone Company until 2003. A visual artist and author, she began writing about her childhood in 2012, weaving the vernacular of her Southern upbringing into her storytelling. Brown has shared her work at numerous public events, including Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebrations at Brooklyn Borough Hall and various gatherings across the country.

In her debut book, she offers a compelling coming-of-age narrative, blending family stories of both the everyday and the extraordinary through the eyes of her twelve-year-old self, set against the backdrop of a town at the crossroads of history.

[williemaebrown.com](http://williemaebrown.com)

## ADULT FICTION



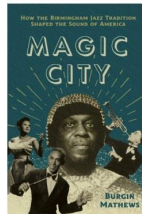
***The Heiress***  
by Rachel Hawkins  
(ST. MARTIN'S PRESS, 2024)

Rachel Hawkins was born in Newport News, Virginia and moved to Dothan, Alabama at a young age. Her writing journey began in kindergarten with a story about a unicorn, a witch, and a princess and was praised as "very imaginative" by her teacher and "a searing work of genius" by her mother.

She earned a degree in English literature from Auburn University in 2002 and later wrote her debut novel, *Hex Hall*, while teaching English at Sparkman High School in Madison County. She also writes paranormal comedies under the pen name Erin Sterling. Her latest novel, *The Heiress*, is a thriller full of unexpected twists.

[rachelhawkinsbooks.com](http://rachelhawkinsbooks.com)

## ADULT NONFICTION



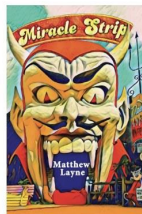
***Magic City: How the Birmingham Jazz Tradition Shaped the Sound of America***  
by Burgin Mathews  
(UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA PRESS, 2023)

Burgin Mathews, born in Montgomery, taught English, Creative Writing and Film Studies at an Alabama high school. As an author and radio host, he wrote *Magic City*, exploring Birmingham's jazz scene and the educators, club owners, and civic leaders who shaped its culture in the segregated South.

In 2023, he was the founding director of the Southern Music Research Center, a nonprofit dedicated to documenting and preserving the musical histories, communities, and cultural expressions of the American South.

[burginmathews.com](http://burginmathews.com)

## POETRY



***Miracle Strip***  
by Matthew Layne  
(BRICK ROAD POETRY PRESS, 2023)

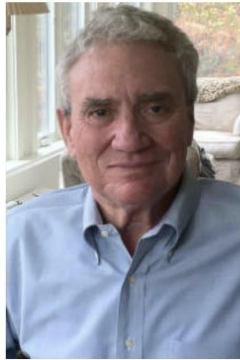
Poet, librarian, and storyteller, Matt Layne has been exploring the world with curiosity and creativity since childhood. A founding member of the 1990's improvisational poetry collective The Kevorkian Skull Poets, he encourages others to write and share their truths through poetry.

A multiple-time Hackney Award winner, his work has also been recognized by the National Society of Arts and Letters and has appeared in *Peek Magazine*, *Birmingham Arts Journal*, *Steel Toe Review*, *B-Metro*, and other publications. His poetry collection, *Miracle Strip*, offers the added experience of hearing him bring each poem to life in his distinctive style.

[mattlaynepoetry.com](http://mattlaynepoetry.com)



## LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



**Howell Raines**

Born in Birmingham, Alabama, Mr. Raines earned a bachelor's degree from Birmingham-Southern College and a master's degree in English from the University of Alabama.

He began his journalism career as a reporter for The Birmingham News before working at The Birmingham Post-Herald, The Tuscaloosa News, The Atlanta Journal, and The St. Petersburg Times. In 1978, he joined The New York Times as a national correspondent based in Atlanta.

Over the years, he held several key positions at the publication, including Atlanta Bureau Chief, White House Correspondent, London Bureau Chief, Editorial Page Editor, and ultimately, Executive Editor. His essay *Grady's Gift*, published in The New York Times Magazine, received the Pulitzer Prize for Feature Writing in 1992.

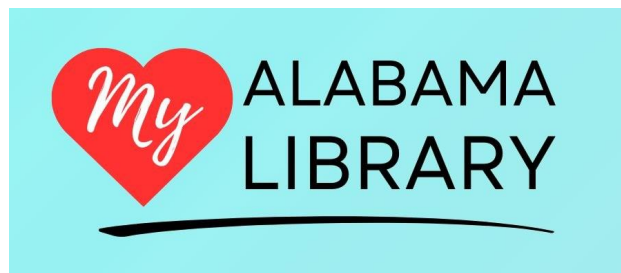
His other works include *Whiskey Man*, *My Soul Is Rested: Movement Days in the Deep South Remembered*, *Fly Fishing Through the Midlife Crisis*, *The One That Got Away*, and most recently, *Silent Cavalry: How Union Soldiers from Alabama Helped Sherman Burn Atlanta—and Then Got Written Out of History*.

In recognition of his distinguished career in journalism and authorship across Alabama and the Southeast, the Alabama Library Association is honored to present Howell Raines with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

## Library Happenings

### My Alabama Library: Share Your Story!

Attention Alabama Library Patrons and Staff: Do you love your local library? Please share your story with the new online publication, My Alabama Library: <https://myalabamalibrary.org/> (Library staff) or directly to Jennifer Butler Keeton: [jennifer@myalabamalibrary.org](mailto:jennifer@myalabamalibrary.org) (Library patrons). My Alabama Library will share stories about the life-changing impact of public libraries throughout the state. These will be YOUR stories—about how your Alabama library helped your kid learn to read, helped you find community after retirement, helped you find a new job, or any of the hundreds of other ways that libraries serve their communities every day.





## Homewood Library Children's Librarian Selected for Batchelder Award's Committee



Cristina Castor, Head of Children's Services at Homewood Public Library, has been selected to serve on the Mildred L. Batchelder Award Selection Committee for 2026. The purpose of this committee is to select the most outstanding books published in a language other than English in a country other than the United States and subsequently published in English in the United States. Cristina Castor says, "As a children's librarian, I am honored to be selected to be a part of the 2026 Batchelder Award Committee! I feel like it's a librarian's dream to be in a book award committee that will be known worldwide. While Newbery and Caldecott are the oldest and most well-known awards in children's literature, there have been more added. The Batchelder Award's mission to promote translated children's books from another country is a tremendous way to connect younger readers in America to other cultures and communities other than their own. I, too, share the same sentiment as the award and would like to put more books from other countries in the hands of American children. By being a part of this committee, I will have the privilege to read through various titles while opening my own eyes to other worlds. I am excited to work and network with other librarians across the nation to find the most outstanding book for these criteria." Learn more about past and current Batchelder Award winners at the [ALSC Awards site](#).

*Submitted by Laura Tucker, Administration Librarian, Homewood Public Library*

## March Fun @ Alabaster Library and Summer Reading Plans

Kids engaged in a variety reading and creating activities, as well as special visits, throughout the March.

- Teen Chapter Chat
- Teen Craft Breaks: Perler Bead Keychains, Custom Stickers, Needle Felting, and Mosaic Coasters
- Shelby 4-H Drama Club
- Homeschool Happening: Pi Day Fun!
- Glad Scientists Club: Graham Crackers
- Science Saturday: Bond of Braids
- Slime Sunday: Glitter Slime
- Winnie the Pooh on Stage!
- Garden Club
- Story Time Fun

And starting in June, the Albert L. Scott Library's Color Our World™ Summer Challenge is set to bring a rainbow of reading and programming. Art and literature have the power to transform, uplift, and connect us. They offer new perspectives, fostering empathy and understanding. This summer, we invite everyone to embrace the beauty of art through books and activities—creating a vibrant tapestry of experiences. We will have reading opportunities and fun prizes for pre-K youngsters ages 0 to 4 years old, children ages 5 to 11 years old, teens and tweens ages 12 to 18 years old, and adults. There will be two kickoffs on June 2nd for all ages with Russell Davis' The Art of Magic. Learn more about the Summer Reading Challenge [on the library's website](#).

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*13 - Teens enjoy snacking and talking at the Teen Chapter Chat at the Albert L. Scott Library in Alabaster. On March 19 they discussed Divergent by Veronica Roth.*



*14 - Teenagers show off their keychains of favorite figures and cute characters they made with perler beads on March 24 at the Albert L. Scott Library in Alabaster during spring break.*



*15 - A proud teenager reveals one of the stickers he made using makerspace equipment at the Albert L. Scott Library in Alabaster. The March 25 spring break session used a custom sticker program and a Silhouette cutting machine.*



*16 - Happy teenagers display their creations after learning the basics of needle felting at the Albert L. Scott Library in Alabaster. On March 26, during spring break, they created creatures and food with materials supplied by the library.*





17 - Teens learn how to craft during spring break at the Albert L. Scott Library in Alabaster. On March 27 they made colorful plaster of Paris mosaic coasters.



18 - Members of the Shelby 4-H Drama Club prepare sets at the Albert L. Scott Library in Alabaster. the sets, built on March 6, will be used during the groups Showcase in April.





19 - Math fans take part in activities to mark Pi day (March 14--3,1,4) during Homeschool Happening at the Albert L. Scott Library in Alabaster. Various stations and stories set up on March 10 helped students learn the significance of 3, 1, and 4 to Pi and celebrate Albert Einstein's birthday which was March 14.



20 - The creation of graham crackers was revealed during the Glad Scientists Club on March 12 at the Albert L. Scott Library in Alabaster. Guests played an animal cracker guessing game, watched graham cracker STEM activities demonstrating earth formations, built structurally strong graham cracker houses, and read the book Make More S'mores by Cathy Ballou Mealey.



21 - Young scientists explore Rapunzel science with braids on at the Albert L. Scott Library in Alabaster. On March 15, they tested tensile strength using hair and yarn.



22 - Youngsters make gold glitter slime just in time for St. Patrick's Day at the Albert L. Scott Library in Alabaster. It may not have been a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, but it was lots of fun on March 16!



23 - Children from toddlers through 11 years old have fun with Winnie the Pooh and other friends from the Hundred Acre Wood at the Albert L. Scott Library in Alabaster. On March 21 actors from the Bright Star Children's Theatre Touring Company brought this beloved classic to life in an interactive play. The audience watched Pooh and friends explore playful predicaments first imagined by A.A. Milne in 1926.



24 - Eager young gardeners gather at the Albert L. Scott Library in Alabaster to welcome spring at the Garden Club. During the March 26 session, they seeded the pollinator garden at the library's front entrance.



25 - Babies, toddlers, and other young children and their caregivers have fun learning through stories, music, movement, and crafts at the Albert L. Scott Library in Alabaster during the month of March.

Submitted by Frances Smith, Youth Services Librarian, Albert L. Scott Library

## About Alabama Libraries





*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. The journal accepts four types of articles: Scholarly (peer-reviewed), practical, student research, and guest columns. Submissions by all professionals who work in any type of library are welcome. To review the specific guidelines for each of type of article submission, review the [Call for Articles](#) information on the [Alabama Libraries](#) website.

## The GODORT Corner



While the primary focus of this round table is on U.S. federal government documents, both state and international documents are of interest as well. For this GODORT Corner, I'd like to focus on an important state resource, *The Code of Alabama*.

Before looking at this specific resource, it might be helpful to review what goes into the creation of a legal code. A code can be described as a systematic compilation of laws current at the time of compilation and usually broken down by specific topic such as, for example, crime and punishment, taxation, or infrastructure (highways, bridges, etc.). *The Code of Alabama* has a structure that is basically similar to that of the *United States Code* and the various codes of the other states within our country: a systematic arrangement by title (i.e., topic or subject). Currently, Alabama has 45 titles in its code while the United States Code has 54.

Without going into a full explanation of the legislative process (perhaps something for a future column), here's how a legal code typically is created and/or updated. During a legislative session, a bill is passed and signed into law by the executive (governor or president). Depending on its applicability and specificity, a session law usually ends up as a public law once it has been passed. Typically, these session laws or public laws are compiled yearly in the form of statutes – but statutes are NOT the same thing as a code since statutes are simply a compilation of laws in chronological order, not by title or topic order. A public law may then end up in whole or in part in one or more of the titles of the code. Codes usually will provide a reference to session or public laws to indicate the authority from which a title derives. Over time as laws are repealed, amended, or replaced, so too is the code of laws updated to reflect current legal understanding. Since the United States is also a common law country, derived from British antecedents, some parts of the code are based on common law interpretations and understanding in addition to any of the session or public law authorities.

While codes such as *The Code of Alabama* are normally updated on a continuous basis, the actual compilation into titles may not take place for many years or even decades. The full title of our state's code actually is *The Code of Alabama, 1975*. Yes, the last time the state code was systematically (re)compiled was 50 years ago. However, as mentioned earlier, the code has been continuously updated and revised, so, despite the title, our state's legal code is not 50 years out of date.

*The Code of Alabama* is available both in print and online. I will focus on the online version since it is available to anyone with an Internet connection. The Alabama Legislature provides online access [via this link](#). Please note there are other online access points such as from the [Justia website](#) and the [FindLaw website](#), both reputable legal resource websites, but I will focus only on the online version supplied by the Alabama Legislature itself. Additional online versions are available from commercial databases such as Nexis Uni and Westlaw, but, obviously, are not freely available to just anyone with an Internet connection.

There are two ways of navigating the *Code* as presented on the Alabama Legislature's website: browsing by title, chapter, section, etc. or by entering keywords in the search box that appears under the red-font Table of Contents heading. The greyed-out font in the search box states "Filter by catchline, section number" but this is the place to enter keywords relating to your inquiry. Browsing brings up the 45 titles each of which has a hot link. Each title, in turn, is broken down into chapters with hot links and, in turn, each of these chapters is then broken down into sections with its own hot link for each. Unless one is willing to invest a significant amount of time browsing and clicking on various links hoping to find the portion(s) of the code most relevant to one's interest, one is probably better served by using the search box option. NOTE: the print edition of the code has a rather good index. Unfortunately, the index is not provided with the online version even though the print index refers one to title, chapter, and section, and not by volume or page number.

Having had a most unpleasant series of encounters in early 2020 that finally resulted in being bitten by one member of a pack of vicious dogs owned by a very inconsiderate neighbor, I thought I might see if *The Code of Alabama* had anything to say about such a situation. (NOTE: the search process was a bit different in the 2020 online version of the code so I will describe here how one might conduct this search via the 2025 online version). Typing "vicious dogs" into the search box with or without quotation marks brings up nothing. Typing in "dogs" brings up several dozen matches. These matches provide about a paragraph's worth of text each plus a hot link to the chapter, title, and section. Like any online search, coming up with synonyms or alternative terms is worth trying, so I tried "dangerous dogs" rather than "vicious dogs" or "dogs" and this time was rewarded with some promising entries found under Title 3



Animals, Chapter 6A Control of Dangerous Dogs which listed eight Sections from this chapter (all hot-linked).

While it turns out there is still no single easy way to find what I want, it is much easier to use these links than to simply browse. The most relevant citation was to Title 3 Section 6A-2, Legislative Findings." Clicking on the link I came upon this brief statement: "The Legislature finds that certain dogs are an increasingly serious and widespread threat to the safety and welfare of citizens of this state by virtue of their unjustified attacks on and associated injury to individuals; that these attacks are in part attributable to the failure of owners to confine and properly train and control these dogs; that existing laws inadequately address this problem; and that it is therefore appropriate and necessary to impose a uniform set of state requirements on the owners of dangerous dogs."

"Clicking on Chapter 6 A Section 3 -6A-5 Violations, I see (among other things), "b) If a dog that has not been declared by a court to be dangerous, when unjustified, attacks and causes serious physical injury or death to a person, and the owner of the dog had prior knowledge of the dangerous propensities of the dog, yet demonstrated a reckless disregard of the propensities under the circumstances, the owner of the dog shall be guilty of a Class C felony." I had notified the owner three times before the incident that his dogs were terrifying me and my wife on our own property 500 feet or more away. Long story short: the dog owner was unable to provide proof his dog had been vaccinated against rabies, the dog (suspiciously) could no longer be found for observation by a veterinarian, which meant I had to submit to a series of seven rabies shots to ensure I might not have contracted this ghastly and fatal disease. Curious what this means, I tried a search for "Class C Felony" (including quotation marks) but nothing shows up. Back to browsing, I went to Title 13A Criminal Code. Two sections ultimately proved informative: Chapter 5 Section 13A-5-3 Classification of Offenses which listed four categories of felonies (A – D) by seriousness of offense. D was least serious. Section 13A-5-6 Sentences of Imprisonment for Felonies informed me that such a sentence for Class C merits 1 – 10 years in prison.

While tempted to bring charges against my inconsiderate neighbor, I decided against it for a variety of reasons. That particularly vicious dog had mysteriously disappeared although the dog pack still existed and still, at times, acted aggressively toward me and my wife on our own land for up to a year following the incident. The pack has been reduced to two slightly aggressive but manageable dogs nowadays. Since then, we have had an uneasy détente with our neighbor, but I now am aware of legal recourse should this happen again. I suspect our neighbor knows of this too, judging from my telephone conversations with the Tallapoosa County Board of Health in 2020 who investigated (no animal control officer being available for my portion of the County and not much assistance provided by the Camp Hill Police).

*Submitted by Tim Dodge, GODORT Moderator*

## Promotions



- [Preservation Week](#) (April 27 - May 3)
- [Children's Book Week](#) (May 5 - 11)
- [Choose Privacy Week](#) (May 5 - 11)
- [Dia: Children's Day/Book Day](#) (April 30)
- [Rainbow Book Month](#) (June)

## From the Editor

### A Note from the Editor



As you may have noticed, this issue features information and photos from the 2025 Annual ALLA Conference. I would like to thank the ALLA leadership team, and especially the conference committee, for their efforts that culminated in a wonderful professional gathering. It was great to learn from and connect with so many fellow librarians from across the state. From the beautiful setting to the inspiring speakers, it was an awesome experience.

### ALLA COMmunicator Submissions

#### Submission Guidelines

Please feel free to submit your library related news to [communicator.alla@gmail.com](mailto:communicator.alla@gmail.com).

Submissions must include

- Your Name
- Job Title
- Library or organization name
- Contact email or phone
- Article in PDF or Word

- .jpg images may be attached
- Description of image



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