

# The ALLA COMMUNICATOR

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## ALLA COMMUNICATOR Deadlines 2012

Please send Alabama Library Association and library-related news and announcements to [hcover@bham.lib.al.us](mailto:hcover@bham.lib.al.us) by the **DEADLINES** listed below.

March 19th for the April issue  
April 23rd for the May issue  
May 21st for the Summer issue



## *Last Message From the Editor . . .*

*I have such exciting news: Carolyn Jo Starkey has agreed to be the new Editor of the ALLA Communicator! Carolyn is a media specialist at Buckhorn High School and the current Co-Chair of ALLA's Children's & School's Library Division. She has lots of experience with newsletters and some great ideas for taking this online publication into the future.*

*I want you all to know that I've really enjoyed my time as Editor. Serving in this position has given me greater knowledge about what libraries and librarians are doing across the state. I know that Carolyn will continue to bring that information to you - with a few surprises as well.*

*But, as always, we can't publish information that we don't have! We want to hear from you, so please send your press releases, new employees, and other newsletter information to **our new editor, Carolyn Jo Starkey** ([admin@jojo-starkey.com](mailto:admin@jojo-starkey.com))!*

**Heather Miller Cover**

## Executive Council Meetings

**Upcoming dates to be announced.**

**Unless otherwise notified, all Executive Council meetings are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. at the Homewood Public Library, 1721 Oxmoor Road, Homewood, Alabama.**

**Please note: All Executive Council meetings are open to the ALLA membership.**

# *ALLA's 2011– 2012 Executive Council*

## Voting Members

President . . . . .	Steven Yates
President Elect . . . . .	Emily Tish
Immediate Past President . . . . .	Jodi Poe
Secretary . . . . .	Alyssa Martin
Treasurer . . . . .	Tim Bailey
Member at Large North . . . . .	Paula Barnett-Ellis
Member at Large Central . . . . .	Maya Jones
Member at Large South . . . . .	Jeff Simpson
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## Non-Voting Members

### Round Table Moderators

ALIRT Moderator . . . . .	Harold Goss
CDMRT . . . . .	Kevin Walker
GODORT Moderator . . . . .	Lucy Farrow
MCRT Moderator . . . . .	Tim Dodge
PART . . . . .	Anthony (JP) Pendleton
RASRT . . . . .	Pamela Sage
TSSRT . . . . .	Debra West
YASRT . . . . .	Crystal Camp

### Ex-Officio Members

Association Administrator – Dena Luce  
Web Administrator – Jodi Poe  
ALA Councilor – Henry Stewart  
SELA Representative – Tim Dodge  
Archivist – TBA

### Other Positions

AVL Representative – TBA  
Scholarship Fund Inc., President – Maya Jones

For names of Committee Chairs and other information go to:

[http://www.allanet.org/about\\_council.cfm](http://www.allanet.org/about_council.cfm)

**Below is the latest financial report  
of the Alabama Library Association's accounts.**



TREASURER'S TABLE		
As of January 27, 2012 account totals were reported as follows:		
Name of Fund	Description of Fund	Amount
General Fund	Funds for operation and support of the organization as a whole.	\$19,143.28
Convention	Funds for support of annual ALLA Convention.	\$17,400.42
Auxiliary Accounts	Funds for support of round tables.	\$7,784.4
<b>Total – Checking</b>		<b>\$44,328.10</b>
Savings	Savings account of the organization.	\$39,213.07
Small Business CD	Started in July 2009 as an interest-gaining certificate of deposit. It matured in September 2010 at 1.0% and will mature at .3% in May 2011.	\$12,297.21
Special Projects	Started in June 2011 to coordinate funds to assist libraries affected by the April 2011 storms.	\$2,808.2
<b>Total of all Accounts</b>		<b>\$98,646.58</b>



## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**April 24-27, 2012  
(Tuesday – Friday)**

Annual Convention  
at the Wynfrey Hotel  
in Hoover, Alabama.

If you are interested in serving on a committee, please contact  
Carrie Steinmehl at [carries@bham.lib.al.us](mailto:carries@bham.lib.al.us) or 205-444-7748.

## Legislative Update

As of this date there has been no change in regard to the following three bills reported on in January's column: H.R. 3261, the Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA) also known as the Enforcing and Protecting American Rights Against Sites Intent on Theft and Exploitation (E-PARASITE) Act, and S. 968, the Preventing Real Online Threats to Economic Creativity and Theft of Intellectual Property Act of 2011 (PROTECT IP Act of 2011), and the S. 1328, the SKILLS (Strengthening Kids' Interest in Learning and Libraries) Act.

Interestingly enough, there has been a response to the introduction of the Research Works Act (H.R. 3699) into the House of Representatives on December 16 by Rep. Darrell E. Issa (Republican – California): the introduction of the Federal Research Public Access Act of 2012 (FRPAA) (H.R. 4004) by Rep. Michael Doyle (Democrat – Pennsylvania), on February 9. This bill seeks to mandate free public online access to taxpayer-funded research for all federal agencies with extramural research budgets over \$100 million. H.R. 4004 explicitly opposes H.R. 3699 which has the support of the publishing industry. If this sounds familiar, there should be no surprise because this is the third time that FRPAA has been introduced since 2006. Some of you might recall the tremendous effort it took to implement the 2007 National Institutes of health (NIH) directive requiring NIH grantees to deposit their final manuscripts in the PubMed Central database to be made freely available to the public within one year. Remember, this is taxpayer-funded research so the publishing industry's complaints can't really be justified.

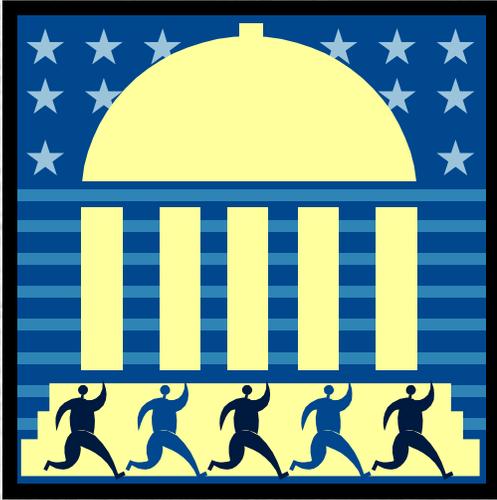
The Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature opened on February 7.

***Tim Dodge***

***ACRL Legislative Network Representative and  
AACRL Government Relations Committee Member***



# National Legislative Day



Registration for the 2012 National Library Legislative Day (NLLD) is now open! To get started simply visit the ALA website: <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/register-national-library-legislative-day>

On that page, you will also find information about making a hotel reservation at the official NLLD hotel. This year's event will be held at the Liaison Hotel in Washington DC on April 23 and 24.

For 38 years, there has been an annual National Library Legislative Day in the nation's capital. Each year, over 400

library supporters travel to DC where they receive training and briefings to prepare for meetings with their members of Congress. Many continue their advocacy activities when they return back home by building on the relationships they established at NLLD.

There is a funding opportunity available for NLLD. The White House Conference on Library and Information Services Taskforce (WHCLIST) and the ALA Washington Office are calling for nominations for the WHCLIST Award. Each year, the award is granted to a non-librarian participant in National Library Legislative Day (NLLD). The winner receives a stipend of \$300 and two free nights at the NLLD hotel. To apply go to: [ala.org/whclist](http://ala.org/whclist)

Each state has a coordinator who arranges the meetings with legislators, communicates with the ALA Washington Office and serves as the contact person for each state delegation.

To find your state coordinator, go to this website: <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/advleg/nlld/coordinators>

If you have any questions, please contact Ted Wegner in the ALA Washington Office at [twegner@alawash.org](mailto:twegner@alawash.org) or call 800.941.8478

## Multicultural Information Round Table (MCRT) Update

By the time you see this column the Multicultural Information Round Table's first workshop will have taken place. I look forward to reporting on the workshop in March. Meanwhile, I can report that the workshop will take place on Wednesday, February 24 at 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Mervyn H. Sterne Library at the University of Alabama in Birmingham. The topic is the Desegregation of the Alabama Library Association with speakers being Barbara Bishop (Auburn University), co-author with Kayla Barrett of "Integration and the Alabama Library Association: Not So Black and White," *Libraries & Culture* (Spring 1998), Charlcie Vann (Jacksonville State University), and Tim Dodge (Auburn University).

Looking ahead to the annual convention in Hoover in April, I am happy to report that we have engaged two outstanding speakers for the MCRT program to take place on Wednesday, April 25 at 2:00 p.m.: Wayne Coleman and Laura Anderson both of the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute. The topic will be "The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute: Promoting Civil and Human Rights through Education." The presentation will be followed by a very brief MCRT business meeting.

I am also very happy to report that there are two candidates running for the position of MCRT Moderator-Elect: Paula Laurita (Athens-Limestone Public library) and Connie Chow (Huntsville – Madison County Public library), so if you are a member of the round table, please be sure to vote!

**Tim Dodge**  
**MCRT Moderator**





We're official. Welcome and please join a new AASL Special Interest Group: *Retirees*.

If you are retired, anticipating retirement or want to advocate for retiree activities in AASL, join us.

The RetireeSIG is a community for passionate school librarians to gather, connect, and continue to be actively engaged in a profession they love and value.

A school librarian is a learner4life. Maintain and improve your skills. Participate in lively discussions. Discuss the latest books. Get involved in research opportunities. The possibilities are endless and member driven.

Pay it forward. Mentor or advise school librarians. Discuss what works or what you have discovered. You have expertise to share.

Advocate for what matters. The school library community needs your voice.

Continue to participate in what matters to you and to AASL, a win-win for everyone.

See you on [ALA Connect](#) and at annual in Anaheim to celebrate this new, vibrant SIG!

Irene Kwidzinski  
AASL Retiree Task Force Chair

# Library Job Postings

## Jackson County/W.A. Billingsley Memorial Library, Arizona

*Director*

For more information:

[http://www.jacksoncolibrary.net/library/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=124&Itemid=77](http://www.jacksoncolibrary.net/library/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=124&Itemid=77)

Closing date not specified.

## Fort Vancouver Regional Library District, Washington

*Executive Director*

For more information:

<http://www.fvrl.org/aboutus/jobs.cfm>

Closing date March 30, 2012

## North Suburban Library District, Illinois

*Adult and Teen Services Librarian*

For more information:

<http://www.innovationexperts.com/open-position%E2%80%93adultteenserviceslibrarian/>

Open until filled.

## University of New Orleans, Louisiana

*Acquisitions Librarian*

*Instruction Librarian*

For more information:

<http://library.uno.edu/aboutus/jobs/acquisitions.cfm>

Closing date not specified.

## County of Columbia, North Carolina

*Librarian III, Youth Services Coordinator*

For more information:

[www.co.cumberland.nc.us](http://www.co.cumberland.nc.us)

Open until filled.

## **Kent State University, Ohio**

*Director, School of Library Information Sciences*

*Youth Services Librarianship Assistant/Associate Professor*

For more information:

<http://bit.ly/ksuSLIS-search2012>

Closing date July 1, 2012.

## **Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, Ohio**

*Administrator of Branch Services*

For more information:

<http://www.JuneGarcia.com>

Closing date: March 30, 2012.

## **Vanderbilt University, Tennessee**

*Assistant/Associate Dean for Collections*

For more information:

<http://joblist.ala.org/modules/jobseeker/AssistantAssociate-Dean-for-Collections/18240.cfm>

Closing date not specified.

## **Liberty University, Virginia**

*Head of Collection Management*

*Associate Dean, Research and Customer Services*

For more information:

[https://jobs.liberty.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/Welcome\\_css.jsp](https://jobs.liberty.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/Welcome_css.jsp)

Closing date not specified.

## **Suffolk Public Library System, Virginia**

*Librarian I - Children's Services*

*Librarian I - Cataloger*

For more information:

<https://eservices.suffolk-va.gov/Candidate/default.aspx?Tab=ddb54a17-24f1-480a-8fe4-7e521f94c2ff>

Closing date not specified.

# Grants

**and Other Opportunities**

## **NHPRC Grant**

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) is offering a grant for digitizing historical records. The types of projects this grant will fund include digitization of governmental records, manuscripts, photographs, video and audio recordings, and visual materials that will be accessible to the public. Applications must demonstrate national significance, a reasonable budget, and a well thought out plan. The grant is for 1 to 3 years and up to \$150,000. State or local government agencies, nonprofits, universities, and Native American tribes may apply. Cost sharing is required. For more information and to apply: <http://www.archives.gov/nhprc/announcement/digitizing.html>

**Deadlines: optional draft due April 2, 2012 and the final deadline is due June 7, 2012.**

Contact NHPRC:  
Nancy Melley  
Email: [nancy.melley@nara.gov](mailto:nancy.melley@nara.gov)  
Phone: 202-357-5452



## **Libri Foundation Grant**

Rural public libraries are eligible for The Libri Foundation's donation of new, quality, hardcover children's books. To qualify, county libraries should serve a population under 16,000 and town libraries under 10,000.

For more information and to apply visit their website:  
<http://www.librifoundation.org/apps.html>

Contact:  
The Libri Foundation  
P.O. Box 10246  
Eugene, OR 97440-2246  
Phone: (541) 747-9655; Fax: (541) 747-4348;  
Email: [libri@librifoundation.org](mailto:libri@librifoundation.org)

**Deadline: May 15, 2012.**

## **Brinker International Grants**

Brinker International's Charitable Committee gives to organizations with a nonprofit 501(c)(3) status. Their main areas of giving are health, arts and culture, and social services. To request a donation, submit the exact amount you are requesting and the specific purpose for the funds, information about your organization, and information, if any, concerning past or current involvement with Brinker International Team Members.

For more information see the website:  
<http://www.brinker.com/company/givingback.asp#how>

Contact:  
Brinker International Charitable Committee  
6820 LBJ Freeway  
Dallas, TX 75240

**Applications accepted year round.**

## ***Ford Foundation Grants***

The Ford Foundation helps fund U.S. organizations and individuals with the purpose of bettering lives in several areas including education, creativity, and free expression. The application process starts by submitting an online grant inquiry. Grant amounts range from several thousands of dollars to a million dollars. The Foundation offers various types of grants such as general support, projects, and planning.

For more information or to get started:

<http://www.fordfoundation.org/grants/organizations-seeking-grants>

Contact:

Ford Foundation  
320 E. 43rd St  
New York, NY 10017  
Phone: 212-573-5000  
Fax: 212-351-3677

**Applications accepted year round.**

## ***RGK Foundation Grant***

The RGK Foundation helps fund nonprofit organizations with a 501(c)(3) status in the areas of education (K-12 education particularly in math, science, and reading), community (a broad range of human services, community improvement, abuse prevention, and youth development), and health/medicine (programs that promote the health and wellbeing of children). All applicants must complete an electronic Letter of Inquiry from the web site as the first step. The average grant is \$25,000.

For more information:

<http://www.rgkfoundation.org/public/guidelines#faq>

Contact:

RGK Foundation  
512-474-9298

**Applications accepted year round.**

## ***Walmart Foundation's State Giving Program***

The Walmart Foundation's State Giving Program awards grants starting at \$25,000 to nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations that offer programs meant to better the lives of people in the community. The Foundation has 4 areas of focus: education, workforce development/economic opportunity, health and wellness, and environmental sustainability; however, they will consider programs outside of those areas as well.

For more information visit their website:

<http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/8169.aspx>

**Applications accepted year round.**

## ***Verizon Foundation Grants***

The Verizon Foundation helps nonprofit organizations with a 501(c)(3) status fund projects that increase literacy and educational achievement. Grant requests of \$10,000 or more require a project budget breakdown.

For more information and to see sample grants visit their website:

<http://foundation.verizon.com/grantguidelines.shtml>

Contact:

Email: [Verizon.foundation@verizon.com](mailto:Verizon.foundation@verizon.com)  
Phone: 800-360-7955  
Fax: 908-630-2660

**Proposals are reviewed from January 1st to October 31st each calendar year.**

\*Simmons GSLIS Continuing Education\*

# Continuing Education Opportunities

## Online (asynchronous) Workshops

March 1-31, 2012

\$250 (Simmons GSLIS Alumni price \$200)

PDPs: 15

### Designing Effective Library Spaces

<http://alanis.simmons.edu/ceweb/workshop.php?id=89>

### Marketing Your Library

<http://alanis.simmons.edu/ceweb/workshop.php?id=20>

### School Media Center 2.0

<http://alanis.simmons.edu/ceweb/workshop.php?id=69>

### Secrets of Successful Searching for Business, Public, and Academic Librarians

<http://alanis.simmons.edu/ceweb/workshop.php?id=30>

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### Book Arts and Artists Books: A Workshop Series

<http://alanis.simmons.edu/ceweb/bookarts.php>

(GSLIS - Simmons Campus)

### Practical Origami - March 24, 2012

<http://alanis.simmons.edu/ceweb/workshop.php?id=65>

### Looking at Print Methods for the Collector and Conservator - March 31, 2012

<http://alanis.simmons.edu/ceweb/workshop.php?id=84>

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For our full Spring/Summer schedule, additional information, or to register: <http://gslis.simmons.edu/ce>

For mobile access: <http://alanis.simmons.edu/ceweb/m/>

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## Remember Your Ebenezer:

### Starting an Archive to Preserve Your History

This is an introductory level archival workshop geared for churches but anyone interested in the basics of starting an archive is welcome.

Participants will learn how to; define basic archival terms, create a policy statement, evaluate your building/church for storage, choose supplies, prepare documents for storage, create a scheme of organization, and create an inventory.

Participants will also receive archival materials and enjoy an opportunity to fellowship and network with other organizations. Snacks will be provided.

The workshops will be led by Jennifer Taylor, Technical Archivist at Samford University.

There are two workshops available:

March 23, 2012 at Samford University

9:00 - 12:30

Information and Registration:

<https://www.123signup.com/event?id=ckxsp>

April 14, 2012 at Gadsden State Community College

9:00 - 12:30

Information and Registration:

<https://www.123signup.com/event?id=ckbts>

Cost is \$30 for each workshop.

Seating is limited.

# Library 2.012

Meet Online for Library 2.012!!

As information professionals from all around the world digest the wealth of information shared during the inaugural Library 2.011 Worldwide Virtual Conference, a second round of inspiration is underway with the announcement of the Library 2.012 Worldwide Virtual Conference!

Save the dates of October 3-5, 2012, for an inspiring global conversation about the future of libraries. The fully online Library 2.012 Conference will be held in multiple time zones, available in multiple languages, and feature multiple tracks. The conference is sure to be brimming with knowledge as information professionals worldwide meet online for this free forum. Sign up for conference news and updates at <http://www.library20.com/>

In the meantime, if you missed one of the 160 presentations given at the Library 2.011 Conference, don't worry. We understand that you had to sleep at some point during the 24-hour, two-day conference! All the presentations were recorded and can be accessed on the Library 2.0 website.

**ON CAMPUS  
OR  
ONLINE**



**The University of Alabama  
School of Library  
and Information Studies**

Students interested in attending classes on campus (in Tuscaloosa, at the Gadsden Center, or in Birmingham) are admitted on a rolling basis beginning with any semester.

The online Master of Library and Information Studies (MLIS) program is custom designed for busy and disciplined students entering the information studies professions.

Email: [info@slis.ua.edu](mailto:info@slis.ua.edu) or go to [www.slis.ua.edu/](http://www.slis.ua.edu/) for information.



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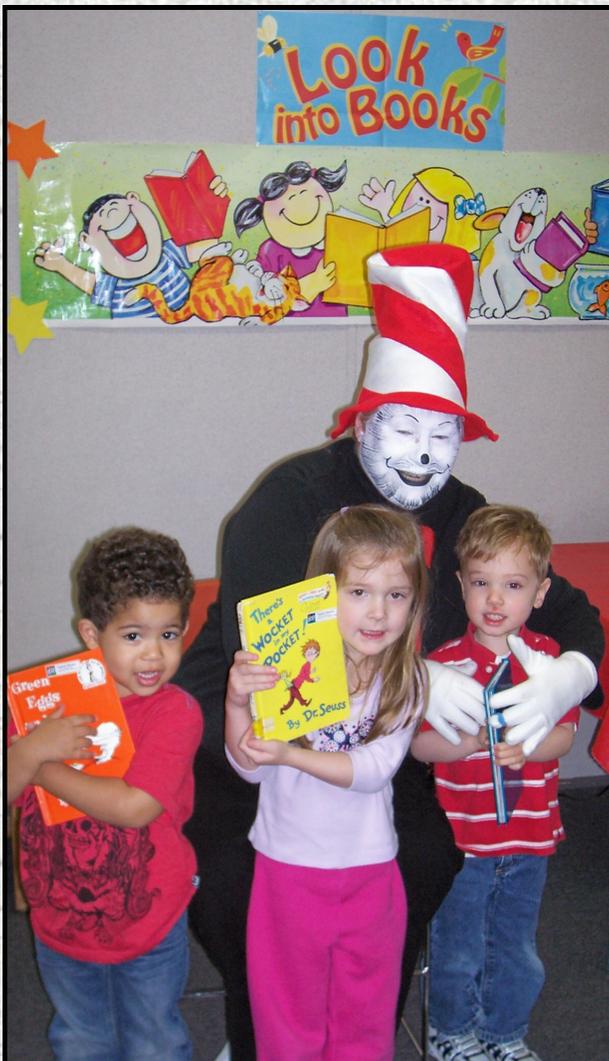


*Have you heard...*

# Albert L. Scott Public Library

Boys and girls get into the act with the Dr. Seuss character, The Cat in the Hat, during *Toddler Tales* at the Albert L. Scott Public Library in Alabaster

on February 24. March 2 was the birthday of Theodor Geisel, known as the beloved children's writer and illustrator Dr. Seuss.





## South Eastern Library Association

### *Join SELA!*

For a regional perspective on the issues all of us in libraries deal with daily ... join the Southeastern Library Association (SELA). Offering a biennial regional conference, continuing education, mentoring, an opportunity to publish, and more ... SELA complements our state library association ... extending our professional community throughout the 12 Southeastern States ... for \$25-\$65 in annual dues, a bargain when compared with other associations.

Look SELA over at: <http://selaonline.org>.

Join SELA, today at:

<http://selaonline.org/membership/2010MembershipForm.pdf>

For more information contact Tim Dodge, ALLA SELA Representative, [dodgeti@auburn.edu](mailto:dodgeti@auburn.edu).

