FROM THE EDITOR
CAROLYN JO STARKEY

Sandy Hook Elementary School Tragedy

As an educator and school librarian approaching the 25-years experience marker, I have watched thousands of children move safely through the halls of my schools. I have tied shoes, read stories, opened milk cartons, and wiped away tears. I have basked in the pleasure of an emergent reader who reads a story alone for the first time and rejoiced with seniors who received acceptance letters from the universities of their choice. And, yes, I have attended the funerals of several students. But never have I been called upon to deal with senseless school violence such as that suffered by the Sandy Hook Elementary School community. My heart bleeds for them, and I am reminded of their tragic loss and our country’s heartache every time I glance through the atrium windows of the Shades Valley High School/Jefferson County IB School Library and see the U.S. flag flying at half-mast.

That half-mast flag is a constant reminder that the Sandy Hook violence has had repercussions far beyond Newtown, CT. Never has it been a more difficult time in our society to protect children from violence and to ease the loss of their innocence when that protection fails. The urge to offer comfort and be comforted in turn is deeply ingrained in our human nature but in times of great adversity, many feel they lack the words or skills to make a difference. To assist adults in offering comfort to our youth, school and public librarians across the country have compiled resource lists of media and materials and made them available online. You will find links to some of these lists on the left side of this page.

During this coming year I hope you will hug the little ones around you extra tight, practice additional patience with increased security precautions at schools, and remember the children and survivors of Sandy Hook.

Carolyn
AVL Needs Our Help

The Alabama Virtual Library Executive Council is asking your help with advocating for funding for the AVL in the fiscal year 2014 Education Trust Fund budget. In the past we have put together a legislative tree, based in the local communities so that when calls are needed, we know we can count on you to help. If you have a personal relationship with a Senator, Representative, or in the Governor’s office, please volunteer to be the contact in your legislative district.

Here is how it will work. Once the contacts are designated they will be placed on an email list. The email list will only be used to update you on the AVL advocacy effort and request calls, letters, or contacts to the legislators as needed. The email list nor your name will be given to any other organizations so you will not be inundated with unwanted emails or requests to contact legislators. Our aim is to build a grass roots effort that really speaks to each representative. It is much more effective coming from a local voter than those of us who work in state business every day.

We especially need people who can contact the funding committee members. I am listing them below. Please email doliver@asc.edu and state your name, email, and phone number and the legislator/s you can contact. If you need to contact me further, please email or phone me at 334-832-2405. The AVL is counting on you to preserve this resource for all of our citizens!
Preliminary Program


Call for Poster Session Proposals

http://www.allanet.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=26
The 2013 Convention preliminary website is up and running! Check back often for updates and plans. You can access the site at https://m360.allanet.org/event.aspx?eventID=52880.

Paul Blackmon, 2013 Convention Chair, has asked all libraries consider purchasing an ad in the convention program. The ads subsidize the cost of printing the program. The online form is available at http://alla.affiniscape.com/associations/13211/files/2013ProgramAdsForm.pdf.

Paul has also asked that we distribute the Conference Exhibitor Form to any vendors with whom we might do business. To print it out, just right click on it and copy the image. Paste into Word or another word processing program and print.
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Meeting Schedule

2012-2013
Friday, June 8, 2012
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Right: Incoming officers and division chairs at ALLA Convention 2012.

Below: Incoming officers, ex-officio members, roundtable chairs, and committee chairs at ALLA Convention 2012/
Roundtable Moderators

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ALLA Book Volunteers for Alabama Book Festival

April will be here before we know it! In addition to the 2013 ALLA Convention, the 2013 Alabama Book Festival will arrive and we will need volunteers to man the ALLA booth. ALLA has been a sponsor of the ABF for several years. We have a booth where we highlight ALLA, its services and programs, provide scholarship information and information about our Library Disaster Relief Fund. Volunteers will answer questions, possibly provide directions to events/buildings at ABF, and generally show a friendly face to the public. We generally have candy, pens, etc. as giveaways, along with informational brochures. If you might be willing and interested to volunteer for at least 1 shift, see the information below; we need 2-3 people for each shift.

Date: Saturday, April 20, 2013
Time: TBD—generally we do 2-hour shifts from 8 am - 4 pm
Location: 301 Columbus Street, Montgomery, AL 36104--Old Alabama Town
Contact Person: Dena Luce, dena.luce@gmail.com or 334-414-0113

http://alabamabookfestival.org/general.html
The ALLA Handbook is available in Word and PDF formats. Simply go to http://www.allanet.org/ and click on the ‘About ALLA’ tab at the top left of the screen. Then click on the link for the format you wish to view.

Quick tip...FIND what you want. Whether you use the Word or .Pdf version of the handbook, one quick way to find what you are looking for is the Find function.

- In Word, you can do Ctrl + F and a box will pop up. You enter the word(s) you wish to find and specify what part(s) of the document you wish to search. Then click on Find Next and each time the word(s) is mentioned in the text, you will see it highlighted. Simply click on Find Next to move to the next appearance of the word(s).
- In Adobe Reader, you will see the Find search box at the top of the window. Enter your word(s) and press Enter. The word(s) will show up highlighted where it is located in the text. You can go forwards and backwards by clicking on the arrow icons next to the search box.

The Table of Contents can be your best friend. Never forget to use this handy tool as it will guide you to the page or section of the document that you need. Once you know the page or section number you want, you can then activate the Go To function in either Word or Adobe Reader.

- In Word, do Ctrl + F as you do for Find. This time, select the tab for Go To and then choose the portion of the text you wish to maneuver—page, section, line, etc. Next enter the page number (or other number) and click on Go To. You will be taken to the specified area without having to scroll or hit page down continuously.
- In Adobe Reader, you will see this feature at the top of the window just below the toolbar. Type in the page number and press Enter. You will be taken to the page in the document (this will not be the number on that page but the number of the page within the total document).

Don’t forget the Appendices. Just like the Table of Contents, an appendix can be a quick tool to locate charts, lists, forms, and other specialized content that supplements the text of the document. For example, Appendix C of the ALLA Handbook contains the various forms used by the Association.

NOTE: the most current version of all ALLA forms is available on the website under the ‘Forms’ tab.
**HOW TO...**

**ACCESS YOUR MEMBER PROFILE**

To renew membership or update your profile

- Go to [http://www.allanet.org/](http://www.allanet.org/)
- Click on the Member Login link in the upper right-hand corner of the screen. Then log in with the user name and password you received via email/welcome letter OR you may contact the Association Administrator if you do not have a login and password.
- Once you sign in, you should be looking at your member profile page. You now have the options to add an image, edit your profile, and change your password.
- If you need to renew your membership, you should have received a renewal invoice with an invoice number via email. This invoice should appear in the Accounting Information section of your profile screen.
- Click on the link for the appropriate invoice to open it and make a payment.
- You can either print the form and mail it to the Association Administrator along with your check payment OR pay online by credit card.
- You must click on the submit button to finalize your transaction. Once your payment is processed, you will receive a receipt via email that you can print for your records.

To register for an event

- Go to [http://www.allanet.org/](http://www.allanet.org/)
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- Once you login as a member, all of the events show up on your member profile page. Click on the Register link next to the desired event.
- Simply complete the registration form and click to continue as prompted.
- As with membership renewal, you will have the option to pay by check or credit card online. If paying by check, submit a copy of your registration invoice with your check and mail to the Association Administrator.

**Forgot your password?**

If you forget your password, type in your user name and then click on the “Forgot Password” link. You will receive an email with instructions to reset your password. The ALLA office does not have access to passwords.
ANNOUNCEMENTS
COMPILED BY THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Upcoming Celebrations and Promotional Events

**ALA Youth Media Awards** - January 28, 2013 at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Seattle, WA at 8:00 a.m. PST: [http://www.ala.org/yma](http://www.ala.org/yma)

**Digital Learning Day** - February 6, 2013: [http://www.digitallearningday.org](http://www.digitallearningday.org)

**Teen Tech Week** - March 10-16, 2013: [http://teentechweek.ning.com](http://teentechweek.ning.com)


**Library Snapshot Day** - April 2013: [http://www.ala.org/librarysnapshotday](http://www.ala.org/librarysnapshotday)

**School Library Month** - April 2013: [http://www.ala.org/aasl/slm](http://www.ala.org/aasl/slm)


**National Library Week** - April 14-20, 2013: [http://www.ala.org/nlw](http://www.ala.org/nlw)


**Celebrate Teen Literature Day** - April 18, 2013 (Thursday of National Library Week)

**Money Smart Week®** - April 20-27, 2013: [http://www.moneysmartweek.org/ala](http://www.moneysmartweek.org/ala)

**Preservation Week** - April 21-27, 2013

**Children’s Day/Book Day - El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Día)** - April 30, 2013: [http://dia.ala.org](http://dia.ala.org)

**Choose Privacy Week** - May 1-7, 2013: [http://www.privacyrevolution.org](http://www.privacyrevolution.org)

**National Library Legislative Day** - May 7-8, 2013: [http://www.ala.org/nlld](http://www.ala.org/nlld)

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3rd Annual NAESP National Children’s Book Award Contest

Sponsored by the National Association of Elementary School Principals, the NAESP National Children’s Book Award Contest discovers, publishes and launches two aspiring writer’s careers. There will be two winners, a children’s picture book winner and a children’s chapter book winner. NAESP’s endorsement is to its 30,000 national membership (plus hundreds of thousands of teachers and students) with Charlesbridge’s (a top national publisher from Boston) publishing of the top winners. It is an incredible opportunity for children’s book authors. You can enter at the NAESP website: [http://www.naesp.org/naesp-foundation/national-childrens-book-year-contest](http://www.naesp.org/naesp-foundation/national-childrens-book-year-contest). The contest deadline is March 15, 2013.
Library Director

The University of Alabama in Huntsville invites applications for the position of Library Director. Reporting to the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Director will have operational, strategic, and fiscal responsibility for all aspects of the M. Louis Salmon Library. The Director will provide strategic planning and policy direction in the areas of collection development, public and technical services, facilities planning, budget development and personnel. The Director is expected to lead, and support, an ongoing transformation into a changing digital environment and the expanding instructional and scholarship role of an academic library. With a strong record of fostering innovation and building an inclusive climate, the Director will have the experience and professional qualifications to support teamwork, set high standards, and craft long-term strategies for the library, while growing outreach efforts and undertaking fund-raising in collaboration with the Development Office. The Director will also provide vision and leadership in developing strategies for maintaining, developing, and providing access to archives, including those related to the history of the US Space Program in Huntsville.

Leadership, vision, excellent communication skills and extensive knowledge and experience related to a modern research University based library are required. This individual must be a transformational leader capable of building on current University and community strengths while considering the library’s future role in information technology, teaching, learning and research. The candidate must possess the ability to lead and collaborate with diverse groups of people providing support for the University community. The ideal candidate is expected to have seven or more years of broad-based library experience with five years in a supervisory or management role within an academic library. The candidate must have demonstrable experience in academic administration, budget management, personnel management and strategic planning. The successful candidate must have a Master’s Degree in Library Science or related field, and equivalent professional experience. A second Master’s or Ph.D. in a relevant discipline is preferred as well as demonstrated experience integrating library services with University curricula, academic support, information literacy and research. Demonstrated experience with digital media and in developing and supporting access to archival collections are preferred. A demonstrated track record of securing external funding, including grants and gifts is desirable.

Confidential review of materials will begin immediately and continue until the appointment is made. It is preferred, however, that all nominations and applications be submitted prior to February 22, 2013. For a complete position description, please visit http://www.uah.edu/jobs/academic-affairs/library-director. Send nominations and applications (letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and the names and contact details of 5 professional references) to LIBDIR-SEARCH@uah.edu. Inquiries can be addressed to the same email address or by telephone at 256-824-6254.

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The elections are over but as of this date (December 6), the fiscal cliff looms and Congress appears to be no closer to passing S. 3295 (the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2013), than before. You may recall this bill provides level funding for the LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) portion of S. 3295 at $184.7 million and also level funding for the Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) portion at $28.6 million for Fiscal Year 2013. I sincerely hope that by the time you read these words the Congressional impasse has been solved and that we, as a nation, have not been driven over the fiscal cliff and that all appropriations bills for Fiscal Year 2013 have finally been passed.

For many of us it’s likely that a proposed amendment to the Electronic Communications Privacy Act was passed in 1986, so, clearly, some updating is necessary, but our Congresspeople need to be careful about infringing on our privacy rights. Sen. Chuck Grassley (Republican – Iowa) has taken a position many of us as both private citizens and library supporters might find objectionable. Apparently, H.R. 2471, the Video Privacy Protection Act Amendment (introduced by Rep. Bob Goodlatte, Republican – Virginia, on July 8, 2011) was placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders as Calendar item Number 556 on November 29, 2012 by Sen. Grassley. In a statement prepared for the Senate Judiciary Committee, Sen. Grassley stated, “While I agree with the business and privacy groups that there is merit to harmonizing the legal requirements for obtaining emails with a search warrant, we would be abdicating our duty if we did not examine the concerns raised by federal, state, and local law enforcement.” (See http://www.grassley.senate.gov/news/Article.cfm?customel_dataPageID_1502=43283)
for the full statement). Do we really want law enforcement officials to be able to read our e-mail correspondence without first seeking a warrant to do so?

The November 6 elections also featured 11 amendments proposed for the Alabama Constitution. Perhaps the most controversial was Amendment 4. This amendment sought to remove offensive language mandating racial segregation in public education. However, what appeared to be a progressive amendment was “a wolf in sheep’s clothing” to quote State Senator Hank Sanders (Democrat – Alabama 23rd Senate District). Two African American-oriented political groups, the Alabama Democratic Conference and the Alabama New South Alliance, both opposed Amendment 4 because under the guise of removing racist language providing for separate schools and poll taxes, it would also undermine funding for public education by affirming that there is no right to a public education at taxpayers’ expense in Alabama. Perhaps some of you heard Sen. Sanders’s radio spot opposing the amendment where he recom-

mended that Alabama voters “close the door on Amendment Four.” Alabama voters defeated the amendment, removing at least one threat to the public funding of education (including school libraries) in our state.

In January the 113th Congress will open its first session and President Barack Obama will begin his second term. The Alabama Legislature will convene its Regular Session on February 5.

Watch for more legislative updates. In the meantime, best wishes to all for a Happy Holiday season and a Happy New Year in 2013.

Submitted by:
Tim Dodge

ALLA Legislative Development Committee Chair

ACRL (Association of College and Research Libraries) Chapters Council Legislative Network Representative

Alabama ACRL Government Relations Committee Member
In 1851 Charles Coffin Jewett published one of the early inventories of public libraries in the United States. At the time Jewett was Librarian and Assistant Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution; he moved to the Boston Public Library as Superintendent in 1858 and worked there until his death a decade later. The report, *Notices of Public Libraries in the United States of America*, was issued as an appendix to the 1850 report of the Smithsonian’s Board of Regents.

A free download of this book is available from Google Books at

In some 200 pages Jewett gives state-by-state library listings and descriptions. Listings are organized by town within each state. In his “Preliminary Remarks”, Jewett tells the reader:

As might be expected, Jewett found through his tedious methods of circulars and private correspondence only a few libraries in Alabama at that time. His first entry for the state, under “La Grange”, says simply “College Library—3,000 vols.” He refers of course to LaGrange College, the state’s first chartered college established in 1830; the site is located eight miles southeast of Muscle Shoals. More at http://www.recall-lagrange.oome.com/index.html The college was burned in April 1863.

From that brief entry Jewett moves on to Howard College, founded in Marion in 1842, with a library containing 1500 volumes. “It is opened once a week for half an hour”, he notes. Organized by Alabama Baptists and chartered in 1841, Howard was moved to the East Lake area of Birmingham in 1887 and finally to its present location in Homewood in 1957 and renamed in 1965 as Samford.

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In Mobile Jewett located the library of the Franklin Society, founded in January 1835. “The library contains 1,454 volumes, with a few coins and maps....The library and reading-room are open daily for the use of members of the society and subscribers to the reading-room.”

In Spring Hill Jewett found the state’s second largest library of the time, that of the Catholic college holding 4,000 volumes. The school was founded twenty years before Jewett’s report was published. He gives no other library details.

Jewett’s longest entry is the last, as expected the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa with 7,123 volumes. This figure included the 4,500 volumes in the “Rotundo” and two student libraries containing 2,623 volumes. He notes an annual circulation of some 800 volumes, a “stated annual appropriation of $200” and two extra $500 appropriations within the past five years. “The library is opened twice a week, and kept open about an hour each time.”

Jewett also mentions the two library catalogs that had been prepared by Richard Furman and Wilson G. Richardson. He notes that Richardson’s effort “is on the plan of the catalogue of...
Brown University Library.” In 1841 Jewett became librarian at Brown, re-organized its library and published a catalog in two parts: an alphabetical description of items and an alphabetical index of subjects.

Thus Jewett found six “public libraries” in Alabama ca. 1850; he seems to have missed the one in Huntsville and probably others. By way of comparison, he found eight in Georgia, four in Mississippi and three in Florida.

Jewett knew this effort was only the beginning:

The publication of them, in their present state, is considered a step necessary to their completion and perfection. Copies will be distributed to librarians and others interested in these matters, and all persons who may receive the work are earnestly requested to furnish corrections, additions, and suggestions for a second edition. It is hoped that within a few years materials may be obtained for accurate accounts, embracing all historical facts of importance with reference to every library and every institution possessing a library in this country; and including the history and statistics, with a description of the bibliographical and scientific treasures of each.
School News
SLIS celebrated its 40th anniversary with an elegant dinner on November 1. Faculty, staff, retirees, alumni, and friends gathered in Room 205 Gorgas Library for delicious hors d’oeuvres and dinner served at beautifully decorated tables. Light jazz was played before dinner by students from the UA School of Music, and a slideshow featuring scenes of campus and SLIS life was shown on the large screen throughout the evening. Lists of graduates from the inception of the School to the present day were mounted around the room and a display featured books published by current SLIS faculty.

The LSA (Library School Association) and SLIS celebrated SLIS Alumni Day on November 2. The occasion featured former Dean of the School, Dr. Philip Turner, who gave the luncheon address, and an awards ceremony. For the past four years in December, SLIS has awarded over $7600 in free books to elementary, middle, and high school libraries in the Black Belt region of the state via the Book Bonanza for the Black Belt Program, which is organized and spearheaded by faculty member Dr. Jamie Naidoo. Five schools were chosen through a rigorous process and will receive over $1500 each in brand new children’s and young adult books. The winning schools are:

- Notasulga High School, serving grades K-12 (Macon County)
- Akron Community School, serving grades K-12 (Hale County)
- Pike County Elementary School, serving grades K-5 (Pike County)
- Barbour County Jr. High School, serving grades 7-9 (Barbour County)
- Russell County High School, serving grades 9-12 (Russell County)

Student News
Danilo M. Baylen, MLIS student and Project ALFA fellow, presented a poster titled “Accessing Archives for All: Challenges, Guidelines and Recommendations” at the Society of Georgia Archivists’ annual conference in November. Danilo has also been appointed as member of the Education Committee of the Library and Information Technology Association (LITA) for a two-year term (2012-2014).

MFA students Mo Fiorello and Amy LeePard presented research on their experiments with bamboo husks for hand papermaking at the National Outreach Scholarship Conference held at The University of Alabama from October 1-3, 2012.

Christina Golm, a Project ALFA fellow, received a $5,500 grant for the Henika District Library in Wayland, Michigan as the result of a proposal written in a class taught by Dr. Bon-
nici. The project, to set up a laptop lab for seniors, was funded by the Robert C. Reinhardt Library Fund.

MLIS student Nicholas Pleasant has been awarded the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (SEAALL) 2012-2013 scholarship. In addition to their monetary award, recipients also receive a one-year membership to SEAALL. Nicholas will have the opportunity to contribute an article to the SEAALL newsletter as part of his award.


Six MFA in the Book Arts students attended the Chicago annual meeting of the American Printing History Association on October 12 and 13, 2012.

All the Book Arts students participated in two demonstrations, simple bookbinding and letterpress printing, and sold their work at the annual Kentuck Festival of the Arts in Northport, Alabama in mid-October. They also held their annual sale on the UA campus in December.

Alumni News

Marcia Barrett, 1993 SLIS graduate and adjunct professor, and associate professor and Special Collections Cataloger in the University Libraries at Alabama is now the Head of Technical Services at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

SLIS has received news of the passing of alumna Jeane Beaird in California in September 2012. Jeane earned her MLIS from UA in 1991 and had been working most recently as a librarian with the Riverside County Library System in California.

Vanjury Dozier has been hired at Stillman College in Tuscaloosa as the new Technical Services Librarian. http://www.stillman.edu/new-librarian-vanjaury-dozier-discusses-books-and-technology--.html

Adelia Grabowski is the new Health Sciences Reference Librarian at Auburn University, AL.

Laura Gricius-West, who has worked as a cataloging assistant for 20 years at St Anselm’s College in Manchester, New Hampshire, was hired into the new position of E-Resources Librarian at that library. http://geiselnews.wordpress.com/2012/09/05/new-e-resources-librarian/

Sonja Greentree-Rossow, recent SLIS MFA graduate, now teaches for the UA art department. She has a recent blog posting at http://spousebuzz.com/blog/2012/09/friends-have-babies.html that ties into the content of her MFA thesis.

Annie Herlocker, MLIS and MFA alumna, had an article published, “Shelving Methods and Questions of Storage and Access in Artists’ Book Collections” in the Spring 2012 issue of Art Documentation (U. Chicago Press.)
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Matthew Layne, MLIS 2010, is featured in the December issue of B-metro, the Magazine of Birmingham Metro Living. Mr. Layne is the Young Adult Librarian at the Emmet O’Neal Library in Mountain Brook, AL and is also a well-known poet, especially in the Birmingham area. The article may be viewed at: http://b-metro.com/matt-layne/8778/

Katie McMillan Huffman, who has held the position of Reference and Adult Services Librarian at the Wilmington Memorial Library since 2008, became the Director of the Gleeson Public Library in Carlisle, Massachusetts on October 1, 2012.

Kate Ragsdale, SLIS alumna, received the Distinguished Alumni Award on Alumni Day. A retired associate professor in the University Libraries, Kate has contributed richly and selflessly to SLIS, the University, and the library community in Tuscaloosa, the region, and the nation.

Dorothy Smith is now Public Services Librarian at the University of Mobile in Alabama.

Faculty News

Laurie Bonnici has been elected as the Director for Membership Services of ALISE (Association for Library and Information Science Education) for 2013.

Jennifer Campbell-Meier held a session at the University of Georgia in October titled “Bridging the Gap: Examining Faculty Perceptions of Open Access Publishing and Repositories.” The session focused on the findings from her recent survey of faculty in the University System of Georgia about their perceptions of open access publishing and the use of digital repositories for teaching and research.

Associate Professor Anne Edwards retires on January 1, 2013 with 26 years and 5 months of service to The University of Alabama. She held the position of associate dean for access services for fifteen years in the University Libraries, followed by several years as grants coordinator. In 2007, she joined the SLIS faculty where she coordinated the School’s reaccreditation process, and has assisted faculty with grant proposals, students with career planning, and the School with public relations efforts.

Anna Embree attended the annual Friends of Dard Hunter meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, from October 17-21, 2012. The Friends meeting is the largest gathering of individuals devoted to hand papermaking in the nation. Professor Embree also has a handmade book included in an exhibition in The Netherlands from Dec. 8-Jan. 5. The exhibition is sponsored by the Archive of the Dutch province of North Holland and the Dutch Hand Bookbinding Foundation.

Melissa Johnston joined the SLIS faculty as Assistant Professor in August. Dr. Johnston’s teaching and research is focused on the education of school library media specialists and she coordinates the SLIS program for students in that field.

During her visit to Japan in September, Heidi Julien gave the following pres-
News

Steven MacCall has been named a faculty fellow of a new program at The University of Alabama: the Program in Sports Communication. http://sportscom.ua.edu. Dr. MacCall was one of several local collaborators in the creation of the Tuscaloosa Area Virtual Museum (http://tavm.omeka.net) which was unveiled in September. It consists of photographs and images of documents with accompanying descriptions, and is fully searchable. Dr. MacCall’s contributions included the choice of software (Omeka) and the item descriptions, which, of course, comply with national standards.

Steve Miller visited Mexico during September on a multiple scouting mission. First he traveled to a remote Otomi Indian village, San Pablito, where he worked with local papemakers. Together they created an Amate spirit paper from Alabama fibers. Professor Miller then spent time at La Ceiba, a print and papermaking hacienda, where he explored opportunities for collaborative book projects between the hacienda’s artists and studios and the UA Book Arts students. Professors Embree and Miller attended the Guild of Book Workers Annual Standards of Excellence Meeting in Salt Lake City from October 11-14, 2012. SLIS students Amy LeePard and Suzanne Sawyer also participated and Professor Miller was one of four presenters. Professor Miller presented the annual Susan Swartzburg Lecture at Wells College, in Aurora, NY, on October 18, 2012. He was Visiting Artist at the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) in Atlanta, GA, on October 24, 2012, and he gave a presentation on November 14 at "The Next Chapter: Rare Books in Modern Times" conference, held at The American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia, PA.

Jamie Naidoo’s recent book, “Rainbow Family Collections: Selecting and Using Children’s Books with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Content,” received a glowing review on page 13 at the following URL: http://www.ala.org/glbtq/sites/ala.org.glbtq/files/content/newsletter/newsletters/2012Fall.pdf. Dr. Naidoo presented two sessions at the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color at Kansas City, MO in September. He also continued consulting work with the Children’s Defense Fund’s Freedom Schools and with Sesame Street.

Taste Treat for Library Board and Guests

Alabaster Mayor Marty Handlon joined members of the Albert L. Scott Public Library’s Board of Trustees for the November 27th board meeting and a holiday taste treat at the library. A buffet was prepared for them by the library staff. The board members are: Nancy Hicks, chairperson, Bob Fitzgerald, Myles Owens, Mark Harwood, and library committee city council members Rick Walters, Stacy Rakestraw, and Bob Hicks.

Among the goodies they enjoyed were: an apple-bacon-smoked pork tenderloin and a special recipe marinated pork tenderloin with rolls, cranberry brie and fruited cheese with crackers, devilled eggs, sandwich wreaths featuring chicken salad and pimento cheese sandwiches, a vegetable tray, and spinach dip and chips. The dessert table included homemade turtles, plum cake, lemon curd tartlets, cranberry-white chocolate chip cookies, and graham cracker surprise.

The staff treated the board members to thank them for their service to the library and the community.
Children show off the certificates they earned by attending the four week American Sign Language Basics class at the Albert L. Scott Public Library in Alabaster. The class helped mark the 125th anniversary of Anne Sullivan teaching her blind and deaf pupil, Alabama’s Helen Keller, the meaning of the word “water” as spelled out in the manual alphabet. Families and individuals attended the workshop conducted by expert Darrell Revel. The workshop focused on learning beginning manual communication skills: the manual alphabet, counting, vocabulary, frequently used phrases, and the grammatical use of ‘classifiers.’ It also included an overview of deaf culture and etiquette.

The last Toddler Tales of October was the scene of a special story time performance by professional story teller “Miss” Jennie Bunton at the Albert L. Scott Public Library in Alabaster. She enacted the elaborate tale of “The Little Old Woman who was not Afraid of Anything.” Using several props, voices, and exaggerated gestures Miss Jennie revealed the perfect not so scary story for the Halloween season.
TOP PHOTO: Story Time celebrated ALABAMA and AUBURN DAY, Tuesday, November 13.

BOTTOM PHOTO: The Town of Woodville Christmas parade was held Saturday, December 1st. Woodville Public Library's Preschool Reading group float won for best entry. Float was built by Shelia, Ronnie, Kettie and Joey Johnson, and Samantha Golden. Van provided by SWAIM PLUMBING SERVICE.
The preschool reading group paid a visit to the WOODVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 for National Fire Safety week. Secretary Steve Helms conducted the tour. Steve and Nancy Helms provided coloring books and crayons and other goodies for the children. Photo by Sam Clark.

STORY TIME held its HALLOWEEN PARTY on October 30, 2012, The ghosts and goblins came out in force. Photo by Sam Clark.
CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

The **ALLA Communicator**, the publication of the Alabama Library Association, is seeking articles, announcements, news, and photos for publication. See publication for bi-monthly deadlines. Items should be sent to Editor Carolyn Starkey at alla.communicator@gmail.com.

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**Libraries for Children and Young Adults : Call for Papers Singapore 2013**

**Future Libraries – Future Librarians – Future Skills : Directions for the education and training of children and youth librarians - the challenge of identifying competences and encouraging professional development in the digital age**

Library services for children and young people are at their most effective and inspiring with enthusiastic, highly skilled staff. The range of skills required to be effective in the role can be overwhelming, and the target user group is incredibly diverse, as young people move through many developmental stages from 0 to 18 years, with huge diversity in their changing interests and needs. It is a dynamic and innovative area of the profession and this presents challenges for professional education, training and development. What competences are needed today? How are education and training helping librarians to acquire them?

Proposals for papers must be sent before **February 4th 2013** to Kirsten Boelt

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