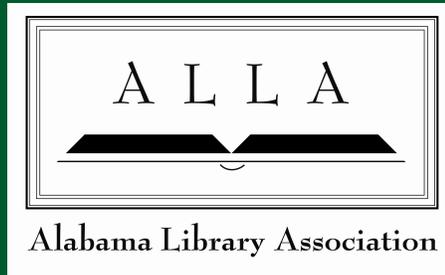


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# FROM THE EDITOR

CAROLYN JO STARKEY

## Alabama School Libraries Week

The week of November 12 -16, 2012 has been designated as the fourth annual celebration of Alabama School Libraries Week. All librarians across the state are encouraged to celebrate and advocate to your communities the importance of school library programs in student achievement and in lifelong learning. Activities suggestions, posters, downloadable materials, and more are available under Membership Resources on the Alabama School Library Association (ASLA) website at <http://www.alasla.org>.

Carolyn

**Learning4LifeStarts**  
**@your library**  
 Support Your School Library!

**ALABAMA K-12 SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA PROGRAMS WORK!**

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Alabama School Libraries Week  
 November 12-16, 2012  
 Celebrate and Support  
 Your School Library  
 Media Program!

**School Libraries Work!**

**What does the research show?**

*"This research foundation paper from Scholastic Publishing, updated from the 2006 edition of School Libraries Work!, brings together...nearly two decades of empirical studies that cite the measurable impact school libraries and library media specialists have on student achievement."*

Download a pdf file of the research at this link:  
[http://www2.scholastic.com/content/collateral\\_resources/pdf/ci/slw3\\_2008.pdf](http://www2.scholastic.com/content/collateral_resources/pdf/ci/slw3_2008.pdf)

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# A CONVERSATION

WITH STEVEN YATES



ALLA Past President  
and Nominating  
Committee Chair  
Steven Yates

I caught up with Steven Yates to discuss his current role as ALLA Nominating Committee Chair. Steven, having served terms as ALLA President and YASRT Moderator and as chair of various committees, is the perfect person to discuss the effect of association leadership on the career of a professional librarian. He says, “I have ALLA to thank for quite a few things—most importantly, my first professional job. I took a personal day from my first paraprofessional job to attend one day of the last Mobile convention. There I was able to meet Pat Ryan, director of the Jefferson County Library Cooperative, who introduced me to Vicky Dennis, a school librarian who was retiring later that year. Without that face-to-face meeting, I would not have been asked to interview at Spain Park High School. In my mind, the networking opportunities that the Association provides along with our scholarships and disaster assistance grants are our most tangible benefits of membership.”

An impediment to service in a professional organization is often a simple lack of knowledge about how an association functions and about the time commitments and responsibilities of the leadership positions. Steven suggests that a great place to start is by approaching any person you know who has previously held the office. “I am happy to answer questions or give any interested member a list of people to contact for information on a specific office. If someone wants to learn more about the structure of the Association before deciding which office is best suited for their talents, taking time to peruse the Handbook is a must. Go to [www.allanet.org](http://www.allanet.org) and click on “About ALLA” to find Word and PDF versions of the document. The Handbook committee is diligently working to update the Handbook, so readers may notice some out-of-date language. Rest assured, it is a work in progress, but it will give readers insight into our great organization.”

In order to fill an elected position within ALLA, an interested party must fill out and return [ALLA Form C-3 Nominee Biographical Information](#) to Steven ([yatess@mtnbrook.k12.al.us](mailto:yatess@mtnbrook.k12.al.us)) or ALLA Administrator Dena Luce ([admin@allanet.org](mailto:admin@allanet.org)). “Once Association Administrator Dena Luce or I receive a nomination form, we add the name to the slate that will be presented for Executive Council approval on December 14, 2012. Once the slate is approved, we forward the slate and all nomination forms to ALLA Web Administrator Jodi Poe so she has time to prepare for the election, which commences in early 2013.”

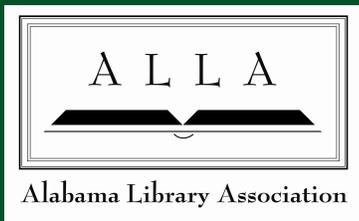
—Carolyn Starkey

## Available Offices for 2013-2014

- President-elect (3 year term of service)
- Secretary (1 year)
- Treasurer (2 years)
- Member-at-Large North (2 years)
- Southeastern Library Association Representative (4 years)
- Division and roundtable offices (terms vary)

All candidates must be current members of the Association.

Tradition holds that the president-elect rotates among the three divisions. It is CSLD’s turn in the rotation, but any members interested in president-elect should contact the nominating committee chair.



# OUR ORGANIZATION

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: VOTING MEMBERS

### Meeting Schedule

2012-2013

Friday, June 8, 2012

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### Officers

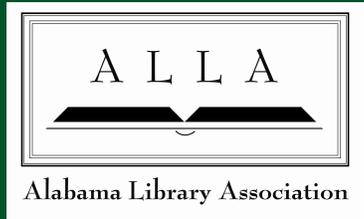
- President: Emily Tish, Trussville Public Library, 201 Parkway Drive, Trussville, AL 35173, (205) 559-4639, etish@bham.lib.al.us
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# OUR ORGANIZATION

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: NON-VOTING MEMBERS



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*Right: Incoming officers and division chairs at ALLA Convention 2012.*



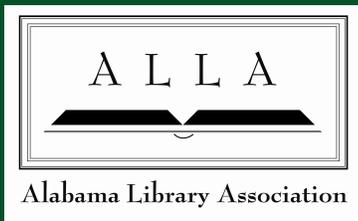
*Below: Incoming officers, ex-officio members, roundtable chairs, and committee chairs at ALLA Convention 2012/*



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### Roundtable Moderators

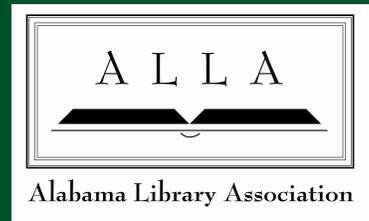
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Tim Bailey  
ALLA Treasurer



Tim at the June 7th  
Executive Board  
meeting at Home-  
wood Public Li-  
brary.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

TIM BAILEY

**As of October 16, 2012,  
account totals were reported as follows:**

<b>Checking</b>	<b>\$40,360.21</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Fund Funds for operation and support of organization as a whole \$21,492.49</li> <li>• Convention Funds for the support of annual ALLA Convention \$5,404.00</li> <li>• Auxiliary Accounts Funds for support of Roundtables \$13,463.72</li> </ul>	
<b>Savings</b>	<b>\$34,903.18</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Savings account of the organization</li> </ul>	
<b>Small Business CD</b>	<b>\$12,309.41</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Started in July 2009 as an interest-bearing certificate of deposit. It matured in Sept. 2010 at 1.0% and will mature at .3% in May 2011.</li> </ul>	
<b>Special Projects</b>	<b>\$483.20</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Started in June 2011 to coordinate funds to assist libraries affected by the April 2011 storms.</li> </ul>	
<b>Total of all accounts</b>	<b>\$88,056.00</b>

# CALL FOR PROPOSALS

JEFF SIMPSON, ALLA PRESIDENT-ELECT



Jeff Simpson  
ALLA  
President-Elect

## Call for Proposals Reopened

Greetings Again to All!

The 2013 ALLA Convention Program Subcommittee has reopened the call for programming proposals for our upcoming Apr. 23-26, 2013 ALLA Convention in Montgomery. This year's theme is "Alabama Libraries: Find Your Voice!" In conjunction with the theme, we are focusing on the topic of "advocacy" and the many different ways that Alabama Libraries and their staffs speak out.

An Initial Survey Form has been provided for Divisions, Roundtables, Committees, and ALL others who wish to request programming in the 2013 Convention Schedule. That Initial Survey form can be found as an attachment and at the following location: <http://www.allanet.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=42>

In addition, a link to the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa at the Convention Center, Events & Ca-

tering Menu document is listed below to assist in your planning considerations – as necessary.

[http://www.marriott.com/hotelwebsites/us/m/mgmbbr/mgmbbr\\_pdfs/EventsMenu1.pdf](http://www.marriott.com/hotelwebsites/us/m/mgmbbr/mgmbbr_pdfs/EventsMenu1.pdf)

This is a great opportunity to share your ideas with your colleagues, associates, friends, both old and new, and the Alabama Library Community. If you missed the previous deadline for submitting the programming proposals Initial Surveys, now is the time to act and tell us how "Alabama Libraries: Find Your Voice!"

All completed Initial Surveys and programming proposals should embody the 2013 ALLA Convention theme and be sent to the address below, by the DEADLINE of Nov. 16, 2012. Thank you in advance for your participation and support of our 2013 ALLA Convention!

Jeff Simpson  
[simpsonj@troy.edu](mailto:simpsonj@troy.edu)



Renaissance Montgomery Hotel and Spa at the Convention Center

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mgmbbr-renaissance-montgomery-hotel-and-spa-at-the-convention-center/>

## ALLA 2013

### ALABAMA LIBRARIES: FIND YOUR VOICE



# ALLA ADMINISTRATOR

DENA LUCE

## HOW TO...

### NAVIGATE THE ALLA HANDBOOK

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/>
- 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

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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?

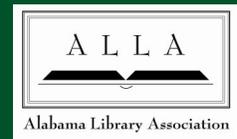
If you forget your password, type in your user name and then click on the "Forgot Password" link. You will receive an email with instructions to reset your password. The ALLA office does not have access to passwords.



<http://www.allanet.com>

Mailing address for payments:

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Montgomery, AL  
36117



Dena hard at work at the June 7th Executive Board meeting at Homewood Public Library.



Dena and Steven Yates at the 2012 ALLA Convention.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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>. The contest deadline is March 15, 2013.

### ALLA Awards

#### Your Chance to Recognize Library Superstars



Alabama Library Association

Do you have a colleague, board member, administrator, or volunteer who consistently goes beyond expectations? Do you know a librarian who has made a unique and lasting impact on librarianship in Alabama?

Now is your opportunity to recognize those you admire and appreciate in the library profession.

The Alabama Library Association recognizes eight individuals (or groups) each year who have made significant contributions to library science or library service in Alabama. Awardees are librarians, library directors, board members, public officials, volunteers, and scholars. Winners are recognized at the President's Reception at the annual convention each year. The 2013 conference is in Montgomery from April 23-26.

To nominate an individual or group, visit the Alabama Library Association website for full descriptions of each award and to download a nomination form (<http://www.allanet.org>). Click on the "About ALLA" tab and then select

"Committees." The Association Awards page is listed first.

Nominations are due Monday, December 10, 2012. Please e-mail, fax, or mail your forms to Mary Moore, Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, PO Box 443, Huntsville AL, 35804; [mmoore@hmcpl.org](mailto:mmoore@hmcpl.org); 256-532-5997.

To view a slideshow of last year's award winners, please visit <http://go.hmcpl.org/allaawards>.

### Library Advocacy

#### LibGuide Published

Following upon the 2012 ALLA conference program on library advocacy that was sponsored by the Alabama chapter of ACRL, the ALLA Legislative Development Committee, CUS, and PLD; the Government Relations Committee of AACRL has published a library advocacy LibGuide. This LibGuide provides information on how to become a library advocate and offers some tools to help one be successful in advocacy (including two of the PowerPoint presentations from the library advocacy program at the 2012 ALLA conference). You can find the library advocacy LibGuide by going to <http://libguides.huntingdon.edu/libraryadvocacy>.

# SELA UPDATE

TIM DODGE, SELA REPRESENTATIVE



## SELA Representative Update for September/October 2012

The joint SELA (Southeastern Library Association)/GaCOMO (Georgia Council of Media Organizations) conference took place in Macon, Ga. October 3 – 5 at the Macon Marriott City Center/Centreplex. There were dozens of excellent programs offered and, I am happy to note, a number of these programs featured Alabama librarians as speakers and presenters. There were four keynote speakers: Dr. Siva Vaidhyanathan (cultural historian and media scholar at the University of Virginia), novelist Joshilyn Jackson, Dr. Annette Laing (who left a tenured academic position to become a children's history program creator), and Dr. Mark Bauerlein (Emory University professor and author of books concerning the digital divide, social media, and more). I only was able to hear two of the speakers (Vaidhyanathan and Jackson) but they were both entertaining and thought-provoking.

Plans are not yet fully in place but, very likely, there will be a SELA "Summer" Conference in May in Birmingham in 2013 and there may be a joint SELA/South Carolina Library Association conference in the Fall next year.

As the Alabama Representative (and also SELA Government Documents Round Table Chair), I attended the SELA Executive Board meeting held on October 3. I am very pleased

to announce that Alabama has finally reached an undisputed second place in terms of membership numbers in SELA. The previous three years Alabama was either in third place or tied for second place with Tennessee. Currently, there are 31 members in SELA from the state of Alabama. Georgia is in first place with 48 and the grand total is 206 members. If you have not yet joined SELA or if you are a lapsed member who would like to rejoin, please do so at <http://selaonline.org/membership/index.htm>. Feel free to contact me at [dodgeti@auburn.edu](mailto:dodgeti@auburn.edu) or (334) 844-1729 if you want to know more about the Southeastern Library Association. I've been a member for 20 years and an active member for 13 years, so I can attest that this is indeed an excellent regional professional association.

Finally, I would like to remind those of you who are CURRENTLY members of both SELA and ALLA, that ALLA Past-President Steven Yates is seeking nominees for the position of SELA Representative. This is a four-year commitment and my term will end in April 2013. While I would enjoy serving another term, I really would like to encourage others to consider running for this position since it's a great opportunity to get involved on a regional basis and we need new people to serve in leadership positions. Please contact me if you are interested in running.

For more information about SELA, visit <http://selaonline.org/>.



# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

TIM DODGE, LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR

After a lengthy Summer Recess, Congress briefly went back into session before, once again, going into recess. Consequently, there is not very much legislative news to report this time around. As we all know, this is election season, so many Members of Congress are busy on the campaign trail and otherwise distracted. The Alabama Legislature is not in session either, so there is no real state-level legislative news either.

One casualty of Congress's inaction is that there has not yet been a vote on the Fiscal Year 2013 annual funding for the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) which includes funding for school libraries. As of June the bill, S. 3295 (the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2013), provided level funding for the LSTA portion at \$184.7 million and also level funding for the Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) portion at \$28.6 million. The IAL provides direct funding for school libraries. The last Congressional action taken on this bill was on June 14 when Senator Tom Harkin (Democrat - Iowa) reported on the bill to the Senate from the Committee on Appropriations. The bill was then placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar for further action (which has not, as of October

12, yet taken place).

Regarding Alabama, some of you may recall that the State Legislature ended up cutting the budget of the AVL (Alabama Virtual Library) by 6.62% which is better than the proposed cut of 16.54%. Nonetheless, this still has caused some pain with the AVL budget ending up at \$2,822,627 compared to the Fiscal Year 2012 budget of \$3,022,627. Here is what I mean by causing pain. As of October 1, the AVL is no longer providing access to the following databases: Britannica's add-on databases including Annals of American History, Enciclopedia Juvenil, Enciclopedia Universal en Espanol, Global Reference Center (supplied by APLS); the following EBSCO databases: Auto Repair Reference Center and Biography Reference Bank; and the following Gale/Cengage databases: Academic OneFile, Agriculture Collection, Communication & Mass Media, Educators Reference Complete, Expanded Academic ASAP, and LegalTrac.

Does library legislative advocacy matter? "You betcha!" to quote a controversial politician made famous in the Presidential election of 2008.

On Friday, September 7 I taught two Constitutional Law bibliographic instruction classes and, among the resources I covered, was the LegalTrac database, a really good and convenient source for locating law review articles, full-text included. Literally, the next

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Monday, September 10, I found out that, lo and behold, the LegalTrac database was going away on October 1! You can imagine my alarm as well as sense of humiliation with which I frantically contacted the Political Science professor whose Constitutional Law classes I had just addressed to inform him that LegalTrac was about to disappear and to ask him to notify his students. (Fortunately, I had also covered a couple of other databases that provide access to law review articles).

I mention my own little drama above not to garner your sympathy but to provide a concrete example of how budget cuts can cause damage to li-

braries (not to mention their patrons) and that legislative advocacy really does matter.

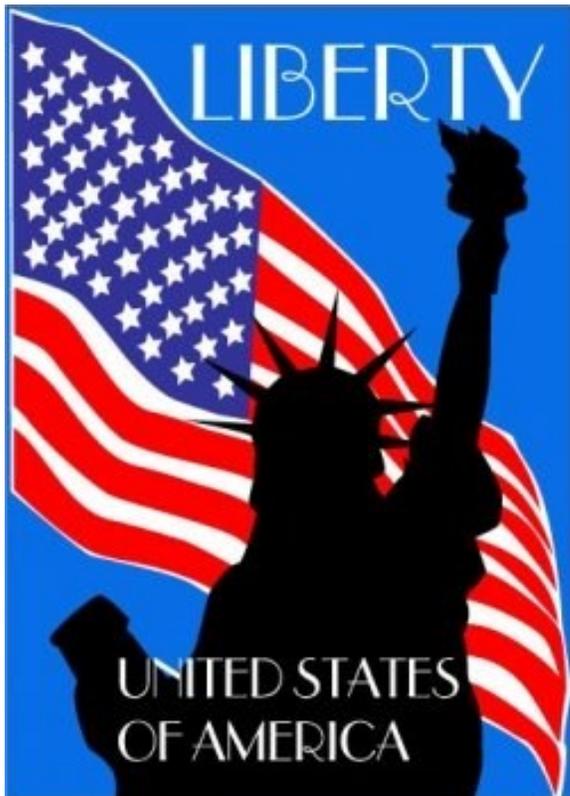
Be sure to exercise your right and responsibility to vote on November 6. It does matter who gets voted into or out of office.

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



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# FEATURE

Alabama's oldest operating library is now known as the Huntsville Madison County Public Library. An effort to open a library began in 1817 when the city was still part of the Mississippi Territory. Records show that on December 10 of the following year, William Atwood purchased two shares of stock in the Huntsville Library Company. Thomas G. Percy was listed as President and Robert Fearn as Treasurer. In the following year, during the assembly called to form the State of Alabama, James G. Birney gave notice that he would ask to incorporate the Huntsville Library Company. *Editor's Note: Find out more about the history of the Huntsville Madi-*

*son County Public Library by visiting their digital archives at <http://digitalarchives.hmcpl.org/cdm/search/searchterm/Libraries--Alabama--Huntsville>.*

Printed books and printing itself arrived even earlier. In July 1540 Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto and his expedition entered what is now Alabama; among their supplies were some books. All were burned in the battle of Maubila on October 18. The two most extensive accounts of the expedition describe the destruction by de Soto's men of many of their own supplies as they tried to trap Native American forces. The burning included clothes, ornaments and chalices,

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	Scientists reading at the Huntsville Public Library	Libraries--Alabama--Huntsville	Huntsville's rocket scientists would often be found in the Huntsville Public Library's magazine	Huntsville Photographs

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wafer molds and wine for mass. The books destroyed may have been mostly religious in nature.

*Editor's Note: Read more about the Battle of Maubila in the History of Alabama and Incidentally of Georgia and Mississippi from the Earliest Period by Albert James Pickett (available at <http://goo.gl/w3Pbo>). A brief description of the supplies is included.*

In September 1807 a political pamphlet was published at Wakefield, a town in Washington County that no longer exists. This is the first known example of

printing in what is now known as Alabama. On February 19 of that year former vice-president Aaron Burr was arrested in Wakefield as he attempted to flee to Spanish West Florida and escape President Jefferson's warrant.

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*Editor's Note: Read more about the chronology of Alabama's libraries at A. J. Wright's website below.*

## ALABAMA LIBRARIES PRIOR TO WORLD WAR I: A CHRONOLOGY IN PROGRESS

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FEATURE



# SHADES VALLEY HS / JCIB

CAROLYN JO STARKEY AND CARLA CREWS



*ALLA Members and Shades Valley High School / Jefferson County IB School librarians Carlyn Starkey and fellow Carla Crews with "To Kill a Mockingbird," a selection on the SVHS / JCIB 9th grade reading list and Number 10 on ALA's Most Challenged Books of 2011. For more information, visit ALA's Frequently Challenged Books of the 21st Century at <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/banned/frequentlychallenged/21stcenturychallenged>*

## Banned Books Week Campaign

In honor of the 30th Anniversary of the American Library Association's Banned Books Week (October 1-5), the awareness campaign that fights censorship in libraries and schools, the Shades Valley High School / Jefferson County IB School Library offered two activities to students.

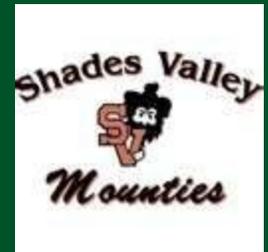
The first was a daily drawing for one of the following banned books: *Twilight* by Stephanie Meyer; *Beloved* by Toni Morrison; *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou; *The Golden Compass* by Philip Pullman; and *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini. Students could enter the drawing once per day and each day's winner was announced in the afternoon announcements. Registration entry forms and the drawing box for the entries were available in the library, which encouraged foot traffic to view the Banned Books display.

The second library activity was an essay contest. Entries described in 100 words or less what the "The Hunger Games Trilogy" by Suzanne Collins meant to students and why librarians should continue the fight to protect it from censorship. The winner of the essay contest received a Hardback Boxed Set of *The Hunger Games Trilogy* with a retail value of \$54.00.



# SHADES VALLEY HS / JCIB

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## Mountie Visitors

Visitors to the Shades Valley High School / Jefferson County IB School Library in September and October included Marvel superheroes, zombies, Mr. Bones, college and military recruiters, playwright Frank Higgins, and Ken Lass! The SVHS / JCIB Library will soon be enjoying a new wireless printer to use with our wireless laptops, courtesy of the "One Classroom at a Time" grant program sponsored by CBS 42, Pepsi Buffalo Rock, and American's First Financial. You can find out more about the grant program and view the video awards video on the CBS 42 website at <http://www.cbs42.com/content/oneclass/default.aspx>.

*Students were encouraged to drop by the SVHS / JCIB Library during the month of October for "Books with a Bite", "Haunting Reads", and spine-chilling Stephen King books. Of course, Mr. Bones was always willing to share his forensic anthropology book with students and faculty!*





Children display items collected for the Shelby Humane Society during the Lego League .

# ALBERT L. SCOTT PUBLIC LIBRARY

FRANCES SMITH, YOUTH SERVICES LIBRARIAN



Girls were happy to donate canned goods for Manna Ministries during the American Girls Club meet.



Girls had fun dressing up and learning about Molly's world during the September American Girls Club session.



Frances Smith, youth services librarian, donates platelets during the first-ever whole blood and platelet drive.



Josh Manis of LifeSouth, Don Pierini of the Liquid Gold Foundation, and Frances Smith, of the Albert L. Scott Public Library chat about community partnerships during the library's first-ever whole blood and platelet drive.



Boys and girls listen to story teller "Miss" Jennie Bunton during the Little House Book Club.

## Alabaster Library Celebrates Social Action Month

*Patrons Programs Help Others*

September was "Social Action Month" and patrons participated in programs and helped the community at the same time. Even children helped out as they enjoyed the fun of learning during activities.

During the Lego League on September 11, children of all ages played with Legos of all sizes. In keeping with "Social Action Month," kids brought several items that were donated to the Shelby Humane Society. Items included paper towels, dish washing detergent, bleach, and cat litter.

Members of the American Girls Club on September 14 collected nearly two dozens cans of food to donate to Manna Ministries. More than a dozen girls with and without a doll learned about Molly and her world during World War II when Americans chipped in to share and conserve resources. While dressed in grass Hawaiian skirts and leis like Molly and her friends in the book, *Meet Molly*, the girls participated in a reading grab bag, enjoyed refreshments, and played American Girl Bingo.

On September 20 the library held its first-ever whole blood and platelet drive. The library joined forces with the nonprofit Liquid Gold Foundation and LifeSouth to try to alleviate the shortage of blood and platelets in Alabama. The platelet shortage is a chronic problem according to Birmingham's

Donald E. Pierini, founder of the Liquid Gold Foundation. "Liquid gold is a metaphor for blood platelets which are goldish in color... after they're filtered out of your whole blood," Pierini explained. "Platelets are real important to people in hospitals because they help patients stop bleeding." Pierini said the state of Alabama collects only half of what it needs in platelets every year. LifeSouth's Talynn Moore, donor specialist and apheresis, said the drive went very well with 6 whole blood and 2 platelets collected. More information can be found at the Liquid Gold Foundation's website:

[www.liquidgoldfoundation.org](http://www.liquidgoldfoundation.org).

One-size-fits-all socks were collected during the library's first meeting of its new Little House Book Club on September 21. Children explored the characters and world brought to life in the Little House book series by Laura Ingalls Wilder. They learned about Wilder's life and listened to a reading of *Going West* an adaptation of the *Little House* series. Professional story teller "Miss" Jennie Bunton retold the story using a felt board. The boys and girls also played 'Little House Bingo,' examined a display board, several books, and other items including an old-fashioned lantern. The youngsters began the on-going project of building their own town reminiscent of one from the 1800s.

# ALBERT L. SCOTT PUBLIC LIBRARY

FRANCES SMITH, YOUTH SERVICES LIBRARIAN



American Sign Language Class with expert instructor Darrell Revel.

## Kids FALL Into Fun @ Our Library in October

### American Sign Language Class

The Albert L. Scott Library in Alabaster is offering a series of sign language classes to mark the 125<sup>th</sup> 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. More than two dozen people are attending the *American Sign Language Basics* that kicked off at our library on October 2. The class is meeting on consecutive Tuesday evenings. It's great for all ages – entire families are learning as well as individual adults and children 8 years old and older. Expert Darrell Revel is teaching the class and is focusing on learning beginning manual communication skills: the manual alphabet, counting, vocabulary, frequently used phrases, and the grammatical use of 'classifiers.' An overview of deaf culture and etiquette is also part of the series.

### Special Library Visitors

Children from two kindergarten classes at Evangel Classical Christian School in Alabaster visited the Albert L. Scott Public Library for community helpers week on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Youth services librarian Frances Smith gave a tour of the library for the group of

more than 50 children, caregivers, and teachers. They discussed library manners and library cards. She presented a story time featuring *Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf* by Lois Ehlert and *Read & Rise* by Sandra L. Pinkney. After the stories the children made a "read" collage. Each child received goodies to take home.



Special visitors to the library were kindergarten classes from the Evangel Classical Christian School.

### Lego League

Kids of all ages turned out to play with Legos of all sizes during the October 9 meeting of the Lego League at the Albert L. Scott Public Library.



J.J. and friends at the October Lego League meeting.

### American Girls Gathering

Chatting and crafting were on the agenda for the October 12<sup>th</sup> session of the American Girls Club at the Albert L. Scott Public Library in Alabaster. The girls learned about Kaya, a Native American character who lives in the year 1764. The club members talked about what life was like back then. The girls took part in a reader's theater of a Native American Cinderella story, and they looked at a display of Kaya books and books about Native American crafts. The girls made a tipi craft incorporating beads and feathers and used crumpled brown paper to simulate rawhide.

Photos below: American Girls Gathering where the children performed in a reader's theater, beaded and feathered a tipi, and cared for their American Girl dolls.





# ALABAMA SOUTHERN C. COLLEGE

LA SHANNON HOLLINGER, DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES

The Kathryn Tucker Windham Museum Library Open House was a hit last September 6th! First, around noon, students came out in large numbers for the library's "Shoot the Hoops for a Nook" activity. Even though most students just chose to watch, approximately 25 students tested their library knowledge and basketball shooting skills to enter the drawing for a Nook. Edith Johnson was the winner.

The afternoon program began around 4:00 PM with a nice turnout. Dilcy Windham Hilley, Kathryn Tucker Windham's daughter, summarized the open house best on the Kathryn Tucker Windham Group Facebook page by commenting, "It was a perfectly wonderful day at the KTW Museum!" Dilcy and her brother, Ben, made a remarkable donation of both personal and historical items to the museum. For example, a 1917 Thomasville High School yearbook, the antique rocking chair where "Jeffrey" first made his presence known, original Proclamation from the Governor, proclaiming Kathryn Tucker Windham Day, and the Kodak Brownie Camera she won in 1930, her booties, and much more. Jim Cox, newspaper publisher and local history enthusiast, commented that he thinks we now hold the oldest copy of the Thomasville High School yearbook. Open House attendees were afforded the opportunity to be the first to see this special collection. This special Windham Collection will be made available to the rest of the public at a future date.



# ALABAMA SOUTHERN C. COLLEGE



LA SHANNON HOLLINGER, DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES

## I'm Committed! OPEN HOUSE

The Libraries at Alabama Southern Community College on the Gilberttown (August 28), Monroeville (August 21), and Thomasville (September 6) campuses celebrated their Open House with the Institutional Theme I'm Committed.

Gilberttown and Monroeville Libraries played a game of *Are You Smarter Than A...History Instructor, Nursing Instructor and Basketball Coach*. Faculty from both campuses played against students to find out who was smarter than the other on Information Literacy topics.

Each library also gave away a *Nook*. Janice Young on the Gilberttown Campus and Jennifer Montgomery on the Monroeville Campus were the winners of the *Nook*.



Below: La Shannon Hollinger-Director of Library, Janice Young-Student, and Ken Turner- History Instructor.



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Dressed in black in their I'm Committed Shirts left to right Ms. La Shannon Hollinger-Director, Linda Scruggs-Library Technician, and Danesha Wright- Library Assistant.



Students and faculty enjoyed the game and were informed of the various services provided by the library while enjoying pizza and other refreshments.

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Committed nursing students.

# 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 [al-la.communicator@gmail.com](mailto:al-la.communicator@gmail.com).

The **Alabama School Librarian** is a combined association newsletter and peer-reviewed (refereed) journal published by the Alabama School Library Association (ASLA). It is devoted solely to the field of school libraries and technology as related to school libraries. Although all submissions are welcome, those that clearly focus on issues and topics related to Alabama school libraries have publication priority. The Alabama School Librarian is published digitally four times per academic year and is sent electronically to all members of the Alabama School Library Association and supporters of Alabama school libraries.

For Author Instructions and deadlines, visit <http://www.alasla.org/Default.asp?PN=Articles&L=1&DivisionID=7820&LMID=315719&ToggleSideNav=ShowAll>. Items should be sent to Editor Carolyn Starkey at [admin@jojo-starkey.com](mailto:admin@jojo-starkey.com).

## Cyber Zed Shed

### ACRL 2013 in Indianapolis

Are you a tech savvy librarian using new technologies in innovative ways to help your students and faculty? Adapting existing technologies to reach user needs? Here is an opportunity to share your innovations with your colleagues, library administrators, and others at ACRL 2013 in Indianapolis. The Cyber Zed Shed Committee is looking for proposals that document technology-related innovations in every area of the library. Cyber Zed Shed presentations provide an opportunity to share ideas that can inspire your colleagues to incorporate a new technology in their library or find a new application for an existing technology to address new and old problems in various library environments: teaching in a classroom; providing answers to questions from patrons; acquiring, cataloging, processing or preserving materials; providing other library services.

Cyber Zed Shed presentations are 20 minutes, with 15 minutes to present a demonstration, and five additional minutes for audience questions. Presentations should document technology-related innovations in academic and research libraries. Submissions are due by November 9, 2013 and may be submitted via the online form available in the [Call for Participation](#).

# P. D. OPPORTUNITIES

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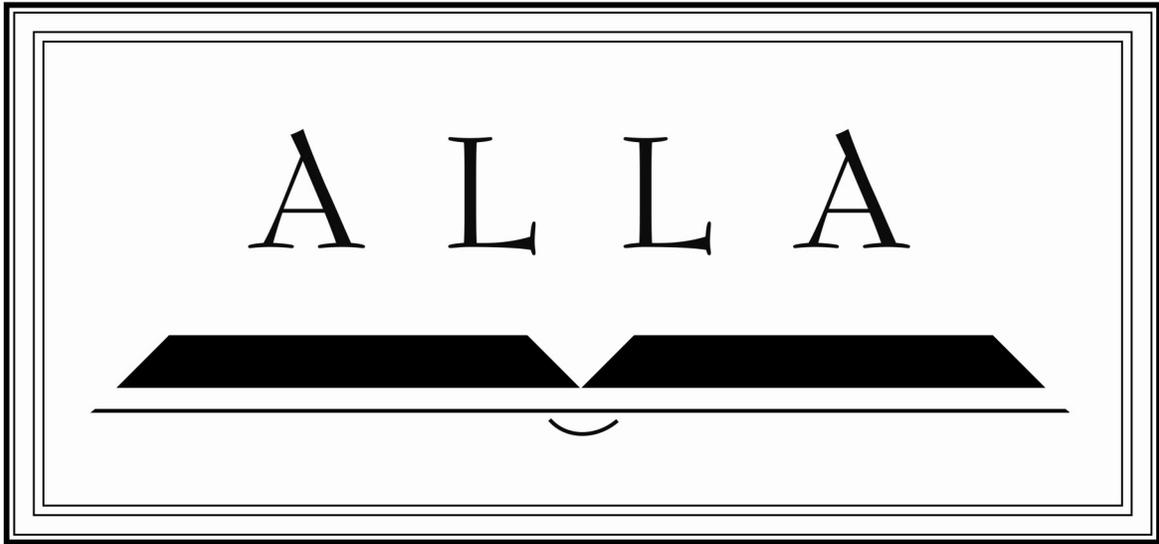
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## American Library Association 2013 Midwinter Meeting

Seattle, Washington January 25-29, 2013

The screenshot shows the website for the American Library Association's 2013 Midwinter Meeting and Exhibits in Seattle, Washington, from January 25-29, 2013. The header includes the ALA logo and the slogan "The conversation starts here..." with a "REGISTER NOW!" button. A navigation bar contains icons for various sections: Inside ALAMW13, Registration, Hotels & Travel, In the Exhibit Hall, General Info, and Making Your Case to Attend. The main content area features a "RESOURCES FOR" sidebar with links for Exhibitors, First Timers, Job Seekers/Employers, Organizers/Speakers, and Press. The central area displays several testimonial quotes from attendees, such as "Greatest show on Earth for book lovers." and "The exhibits alone make it worthwhile." There is also an "EXHIBIT AT ALA" button and a "HEADLINES" section with a snippet about networking at the meeting.



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