

*The Alabama Library Association (ALLA) is a non-profit corporation formed to encourage and promote the welfare of libraries and professional interests of librarians in the State of Alabama. The Mission of the Alabama Library Association is to provide leadership for the development, advocacy, and improvement of library and information services and to promote the profession of librarianship, in order to enhance learning and ensure access to information for all.*

# ALLA COMMUNICATOR

## FROM YOUR ALLA PRESIDENT

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As 2018 begins, there are exciting events in store for our Association members. Jeff Graveline and the Nominating Committee have been working hard to present a slate of nominees for the upcoming election, Paula Laurita and the Legislative Development Committee are making plans for Legislative Day, Abby Carpenter and the Convention Planning Committee are preparing for Play By Ear at the Marriott Shoals in April, and Carrie Steinmehl and the Alabama Author Awards Committee members have chosen an amazing list of writers who will be presented with awards at the luncheon during the convention. If you have not checked out the new Association website, take a look at it today to learn more about these and other upcoming events. We have a lot to look forward to as the year gets underway.



Speaking of the convention and the committee chairs who keep our association running, I encourage you to consider taking a leadership role in our association. If it seems daunting or you are not sure what opportunities are available, be on the lookout for a Leadership Seminar, sponsored by Yingqi Tang and the Membership Committee, which will be presented at the convention on Thursday morning in the Muscle Shoals Room. This session is meant for new members or long time members who would like to know more about ways to serve on the Executive Council and what it involves, what committees are available and what they do, how to serve as a division officer, or what it means to lead a roundtable as a moderator. The session will be low stress and will not involve making any type of commitment. It is simply an informational session designed to make interested parties more comfortable with various leadership roles that are available within our Association. I hope to see you there!

While these upcoming events are exciting and fun to think about, there are also library related legislative actions that have recently taken place or are on the horizon. Network neutrality has been a hot topic in the news. Read more about net neutrality in Heather Cover's/PLD's submission on p. 17. In the school library realm, the state legislature will soon be considering an important funding increase for K12 libraries.

In summary, please participate in the election through online ballot by March 10, sign up for the 2018 Convention in Florence when registration opens in early February, and start dreaming about the 2019 Convention at The Marriott Grand in Point Clear, one of my favorite places on Earth!

Regards,

Sonya

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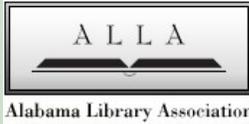
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## 2017/2018 ALLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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*Member-at-Large: North AL*

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*Member-at-Large: South AL*

### DIVISION CHAIRPERSONS

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*College, University & Special*

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*Public Library*

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*Web Administrator*

Jeff Simpson  
*ALA Councillor*

Margie Calhoun  
*SELA Representative*

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Taylor Kirby  
*ALLA COMMunicator Editor*

Donnelly Walton  
*Archivist*

Dena Luce  
*President, Scholarship Fund, Inc.*

## ALABAMA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION SLATE OF CANDIDATES, 2018-2019

The time has come for the membership of the Alabama Library Association to select its leadership for the 2018-2019 year. All active ALLA members are eligible and encouraged to participate in this election. Please review the candidates and their biographies on the following pages. Voting will be done by electronic ballot and is open through March 10, 2018. [Visit the association website to VOTE.](#)

### **President-Elect**

**\*\*Jessica Hayes**, Head of Public Services Librarian  
*Auburn University at Montgomery Library*

#### *Education:*

Master of Liberal Arts – History, Auburn University Montgomery, In Progress  
Master of Library and Information Studies, The University of Alabama, 2010  
Bachelor of Arts – History, Samford University, 2008

#### *Alabama Library Association activities:*

Annual Convention Committee, Chair, 2016-2017.  
Colleges, Universities & Special Libraries Division (CUS) - Past-Chair, 2016-2017; Chair, 2015-2016; Chair-Elect, 2014-2015.  
Reference and Adult Services Roundtable (RASRT), Moderator, 2017-Present.

#### *Current American Library Association activities or affiliations:*

Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL); Access Services Interest Group, College Libraries Section, Distance Learning Section, Instruction Section, Library Marketing and Outreach Group, University Libraries Section, and the Academic Library Services to International Students Interest Group.  
Reference & User Services Association (RUSA) Division Member Engagement Committee, Social/Website Engagement Project, 2017.  
RUSA Emerging Technologies Section, Website Audit Task Force Member, 2016-2017.  
Library Leadership and Management Association (LLAMA), Assessment Resources, Recorder, 2017-Present.  
Alabama Association of College & Research Libraries, (AACRL), President-Elect, 2017-Present.  
Alabama Association of College & Research Libraries (AACRL), Programs Committee, Chair, 2017-Present.  
Alabama Association of College & Research Libraries (AACRL), Past President, 2015-2016; President, 2014-2015; President-Elect, 2013-2014.  
Alabama Association of College & Research Libraries (AACRL), Continuing Education & Training Committee; Assessment Ad-Hoc Committee, 2017-Present.

#### *Membership in other professional organizations:*

Southeastern Library Association (SELA)  
Popular Culture Association (PCA), 2017-Present  
Society of American Archivists (SAA), 2009-2012

#### *Honors:*

2016-2017 Betty J. Tims Award for Outstanding Library Faculty Service  
2009 University of Alabama, School of Library & Information Studies Graduate Assistantship  
Colonial Dames' Award for Outstanding History Research, 2008 Runner Up  
Phi Alpha Theta, Academic Honor Society – History (Inducted 2007)  
Alpha Psi Omega, Academic Honor Society – Theater (Inducted 2007)

## CANDIDATES *CONTINUED*

### **Secretary** (3 candidates)

**\*\*Neil Foulger**, Electronic Resource /Serials Services Librarian  
*Alabama State University, Levi Watkins Learning Center*

*Education:*

M.L.S., Indiana University, 1999

*Alabama Library Association activities:*

CUS Secretary, April 2016-April 2017

ALLA Treasurer, July 2009-June 2011

*Current American Library Association activities or affiliations:*

Member of TSSRT

Member of CDMRT

Member of CUS

*Membership in other professional organizations:*

Former ALA member

**\*\*Danny Stewart**, Director

*Pell City Public Library*

*Education:*

M.L.S., The University of Alabama, 1997

*Alabama Library Association activities:*

ALLA Member, *present*

Former Chair of PLD

Former Chair LSTA Advisory Council

ALLA Secretary, *present*

*Current American Library Association activities or affiliations:*

Member ALA

Member PLD

*Membership in other professional organizations:*

Pell City Rotary

St. Clair Historical Society

St. Clair Historic Development Commission

Louisa County, VA Historical Society

*Honors:*

Alabama Library Association – Humanitarian Award, 2001

**\*\*Paula Webb**, Government Documents & Outreach Librarian

*University of South Alabama, Marx Library*

*Education:*

M.L.I.S., The University of Alabama, 2002

*Alabama Library Association activities:*

Moderator, GODORT 2016/2017

Moderator-Elect, GODORT 2015/2017

Moderator, GODORT 2014/2015

Moderator-Elect, GODORT 2013/2014

Secretary, GODORT 2012/2013

*Membership in other professional organizations:*

Southeastern Library Association

## GET INVOLVED

### **ALLA Divisions:**

CSLD

*Children's and School Library  
Division*

CUS

*College, University and Special  
Libraries*

PLD

*Public Library Division*

### **ALLA Roundtables:**

ALIRT

*Alabama Library Instruction*

CDMRT

*Collection Development and  
Management*

GODORT

*Government Documents*

MCRT

*Multicultural Information*

PART

*Paraprofessional*

RASRT

*Reference and Adult Services*

TSSRT

*Technical Services & Systems*

YASRT

*Young Adult Services*

### **ALLA Committees:**

Association Awards

Authors Awards

Bibliographic

Budget & Finance

Bylaws

Convention

Education

Emeritus Council

*(Formerly Past Presidents)*

Employee Evaluation

Handbook

Intellectual Freedom

Legislative Development

Membership

Nominating

Planning

Public Relations

Publications

To get involved with an ALLA Committee, fill out the Committee Interest form at:

<https://goo.gl/forms/tS79Dq6YqFbjjS812>

CANDIDATES *CONTINUED***ALLA Treasurer**

**\*\*Karen Pruess**, Assistant Director  
Montgomery City-County Public Library

*Education:*

M.L.S., University of Pittsburgh, 1981

*Alabama Library Association activities:*

Exhibits Co-Chair, ALLA Convention, 2017

Author Awards Committee 2016-2017

*Current American Library Association activities or affiliations:*

Member ALA

Member PLD

Member Library Leadership and Management Association

*Membership in other professional organizations:*

Alabama Book Festival, 2016 – Present

Exhibits Co-Chair, 2018 Festival

**Member-at-Large Central** (2 candidates)

**\*\*Tim Dodge**, Reference Librarian  
Auburn University, Ralph Brown Draughon Library

*Education:*

Ph.D. History, University of New Hampshire, 1992

M.A. History, University of New Hampshire, 1992

M.L.S., Columbia University, 1980

B.A. History, Swarthmore College, 1979

*Alabama Library Association activities:*

CUS Chair-Elect/Chair/Past-Chair (2013-2016)

CUS Legislative Development Committee Chair (2016 - )

MCIRT Moderator-Elect (2014, 2015); Moderator (2 terms, 2015-2017); Past-Moderator (2017-2018)

GODORT Moderator-Elect (2017-2018)

ALLA Legislative Development Committee Chair (2012-2016)

ALLA Legislative Development Committee Member (2016 - )

*Current American Library Association activities or affiliations:*

ALA Member (1994 - )

ACRL Member (1994 - )

ALA GODORT Member (1994 - )

*Membership in other professional organizations:*

AACRL

SELA (President-Elect, 2017-2018; President, 2019-2020; Past-President, 2021-2022)

*Honors:*

AACRL: Sue O. Medina Significant Contribution Award (2012)

ALLA: Place for service as President 2004-2005 (2005)

Barry University [Miami Shores, FL] Professional Achievement Award 1986-1987 (1987)

## MEMBER-AT\_LARGE CENTRAL CANDIDATES *CONTINUED*

**\*\*Jeff Graveline**, Associate Dean for Research and Instruction  
*University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB)*

*Education:*

JD, The University of Alabama School of Law, 2003  
MLIS, The University of Alabama, 1996  
BA, Virginia Tech, 1995

*Alabama Library Association activities:*

President-elect, President, Past-president: 2015 – 2018  
Chair, Bylaws Committee, 2010 – 2015  
Member-at-Large for Planning, CUS Division, 2012 – 2015  
Association member since 2007

*Current American Library Association activities or affiliations:*

Committee Member, Office for Information Technology Policy (OITP) Advisory Committee, 2017 - present

*Membership in other professional organizations:*

Chair, NAAL Nominating Committee, 2018 - present  
Committee Members, NAAL Continuing Education Committee, 2011 – present

*Honors:*

SLA Achievement in Academic Business Librarianship Award (2012)  
Springshare Innovation in Academic Libraries Award (2012)  
ALLA Intellectual Freedom Award (2010)

### **Member-at-Large South** (3 candidates)

**\*\*Debbie Cobb**, ILL Coordinator/Library Supervisor  
*University of South Alabama*

*Education:*

M.L.I.S., The University of Alabama, 1997

*Alabama Library Association activities:*

Alabama Library Association Member; College, University and Special Library Division, Reference and Adult Services Roundtable  
RASRT Committee (2006 – Present)

*Current American Library Association activities or affiliations:*

Alabama Library Association; Association of College and Research Libraries, Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies, Reference and User Section Association  
RUSA Committee STARS (Sharing and Transferring Access to Resource Sharing); STARS Membership Committee (2004-2006), STARS Education and Training Committee/Virtual Member (2000-2006)

*Membership in other professional organizations:*

Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries; Treasurer (2015- Present)  
Southeastern Library Association; Reference and Adult Services, University and College Libraries  
Interstate Cooperation Committee (2005-2006)  
Regional Cooperation & Partnership Committee (2006-2008)  
Bay Area Libraries Association; President (2002), President-Elect (2001), Secretary/Treasurer (2000)  
LSA Board, University of Alabama (2007-2010)

MEMBER-AT-LARGE SOUTH CANDIDATES *CONTINUED*

**\*\*Wendy Congiardo**, Managing Librarian  
*Thomas B. Norton Library*

*Education:*

M.L.I.S., The University of Alabama, 2005

*Alabama Library Association activities:*

ALLA Convention Chair, 2015

*Honors:*

Beta Phi Mu

**\*\*Alyssa Martin**, Instruction & Reference Librarian, Assistant Professor  
*Troy University Montgomery Campus*

*Education:*

M.L.I.S., The University of Alabama, 2004

M.S.W., The University of Alabama, 1992

B.A. Communication, The University of Alabama, 1990

*Alabama Library Association activities:*

Member, 2017 Convention Committee, Public Relations, Program, Registration, & Speakers Sub-Committees, 2016-2017

Moderator, Alabama Library Association Instruction Roundtable (ALIRT), 2015-2016

ALLA Secretary, 2015-2016

Moderator-Elect, Alabama Library Association Instruction Roundtable (ALIRT), 2014-2015

Secretary, Alabama Library Association Instruction Roundtable (ALIRT), 2013-2014

Member, 2013 Convention Committee, Registration Sub-Committee, 2012-2013

Member-at-Large of Programs, College & University Libraries Section (CUS), 2011-2013

ALLA Secretary, 2011-2012

*Current American Library Association activities or affiliations:*

Member, ACRL/IS Discussion Group Steering Committee, 2017-Present

Member, ACRL EBSS Research Committee, 2013-2015

Member, ACRL Library Research Committee, 2013-2015

*Membership in other professional organizations:*

Co-Chair, Montgomery Higher Education Consortium (MHEC) Forum Planning Committee, 2017

Member, SLIS Library School Association (LSA), 2013-2015

Historian, Alpha Delta Kappa (ADK) Gamma Chapter of the International Honorary Organization of Women Educators, 2016-Present

Vice President, Alpha Delta Kappa (ADK) Gamma Chapter of the International Honorary Organization of Women Educators, 2009-2016

Southeastern Library Association, 2016-Present

Alabama Association of College & Research Libraries, 2006-Present

*Honors:*

Employee Excellence Award Faculty, Troy University Montgomery Campus, 2014

## CANDIDATES *CONTINUED*

### **ALA Councilor**

**\*\*Paula Laurita**, Director  
*Athens-Limestone Public Library*

*Education:*

ALA Library Administrator Certification Program, Present  
M.L.I.S., The University of Alabama, 1997  
BA – Elementary Education, Georgian Court University, 1986

*Alabama Library Association activities:*

Chair, Legislative Development Committee, 2017-Present  
Chair, Public Relations Committee, 2017-Present  
President-Elect, President, Past President, 2014-2017  
Member-at-Large, North Alabama, 2013-2014  
2014 Convention Chair/Treasurer, 2012-2014  
Secretary, 2012-2013

*Current American Library Association activities or affiliations:*

ALA Education & Training Committee of the Public Relations and Marketing Section, 2014-Present

*Membership in other professional organizations:*

Catholic Library Association, 1997-Present

*Honors:*

Beta Phi Mu, International Librarians' Honor Society, 1998-Present

### **CSLD Chair-elect**

**\*\*Jennifer Powell**, Library Media Specialist  
*Tarrant High School*

*Education:*

M.L.I.S., The University of Alabama, 2015

*Alabama Library Association activities:*

Presented panel on library gentrification at 2017 conference

*Current American Library Association activities or affiliations:*

Member ALA  
Member YALSA  
Member AASL; AASL Collaborative School Library Award Committee

*Membership in other professional organizations:*

Member ASLA; ASLA Edcamp Committee

CANDIDATES *CONTINUED*

**CSLD Secretary**

**\*\*Daniel Tackett**, Deputy Director  
*Vestavia Hills Library*

*Education:*  
M.L.I.S., The University of Alabama, 2011

*Alabama Library Association activities:*  
YASRT Moderator-Elect, 2014  
YASRT Moderator, 2015

*Current American Library Association activities or affiliations:*  
Amazing Audiobooks for Young Adults, committee member, 2014-2016  
Amazing Audiobooks for Young Adults, administrative assistant, 2016-2017

*Membership in other professional organizations:*  
ALA  
YALSA  
Games and Gaming Roundtable (ALA)  
Youth Services Roundtable (JCPLA)  
YASRT (ALA)

**PLD Chair-elect**

**\*\*Barbara Curry**, Youth Services Librarian  
*Autauga Prattville Public Library*

*Education:*  
M.L.S., University of South Florida, 2005

*Alabama Library Association activities:*  
2017-2018 – PLD Secretary  
2015-2017 – Member at Large – Central  
2010 – Secretary of ALLA  
2009 – President of Children’s and School Librarians  
2008 – Vice President of Children’s and School Librarians

*Current American Library Association activities or affiliations:*  
ALA Member  
YALSA Member

**PLD Secretary** (2 candidates)

**\*\*Katie Guerin**, Director of Library Services  
*North Shelby Library*

*Education:*  
M.L.I.S., The University of Alabama, 2005

*Alabama Library Association activities:*  
Member  
Presented at conferences

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## PLD SECRETARY CANDIDATES *CONTINUED*

*Current American Library Association activities or affiliations:*

ALA Member  
PLD Member

*Membership in other professional organizations:*

LSTA Committee for APLS  
Past county coordinator Alabama Literacy Council  
Collection Development Coordinator for CamelliaNet  
Member of Greater Shelby County Chamber of Commerce  
Member of South Shelby Chamber of Commerce  
Member of Hoover Chamber of Commerce  
Member of Society for Human Resource Management

*Honors:*

Voted 2 years Best Library in Shelby County

**\*\*Craig Scott**, Librarian, Adult Services  
*Gadsden Public Library*

*Education:*

M.L.S., The University of Michigan, 1976

*Alabama Library Association activities:*

ALLA Strategic Planning – Chair, 2017 / 2018  
ALLA Executive Council – Member-At-Large, North 2015 / 2017  
ALLA Convention Chair – 2016 (Gadsden)  
ALLA – RASRT Moderator - 2014 / 2015  
ALLA – Co-State Coordinator – Declaration for Right to Libraries Campaign, 2013 / 2014  
ALLA – Chair, Intellectual Freedom Committee, 2012 / 2014  
ALLA – Co-Chair, Registration Committee – ALLA Convention, 2012 (Hoover)  
Member of ALLA, 2007 to Present  
Member of PLD, 2007 to Present

*Current American Library Association activities or affiliations:*

Member of ALA, 2007 to Present  
Member Reference & User Services Association (RUSA), 2007 to 2015  
Member United for Libraries, 2007 to 2017  
Member Public Library Association (PLA), 2007 to Present

*Membership in other professional organizations:*

Vice Chair – Alabama200 Bi-Centennial Committee (Etowah County)  
Member – Etowah County Historical Society, 2002 to Present  
Member – Northeast Alabama Genealogical Society, 2002 to Present

*Honors:*

Board Vice-Chair – Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), 2016 / 2019 term  
Board Secretary – Etowah County American Red Cross, 2015 / 2018 term  
Board Member – Etowah County Council on Aging, 2014 / 2017 term  
Board Member – MANNA (Meals on Wheels), 2017 / 2020 term  
Board Member – Habitat for Humanity for Etowah County, 2011 / 2013 term  
New Members Travel Grant Recipient (DEMCO) – PLA Spring Symposium, 2009

CANDIDATES *CONTINUED***CUS Chair-elect**

**\*\*John Upchurch**, Head of Public Services  
*Jacksonville State University*

*Education:*

M.L.I.S., The University of Alabama, 2005

*Alabama Library Association activities:*

Current CUS Liaison as 5/16

Presented poster at 2016 Conference

Presented full session at 2017 Conference

*Current American Library Association activities or affiliations:*

ALA Member

ACRL Member

*Membership in other professional organizations:*

AACRL (Program Committee)

**CUS Secretary (2 candidates)**

**\*\*Neil Foulger**, Electronic Resource /Serials Services Librarian  
*Alabama State University, Levi Watkins Learning Center*

*Education:*

M.L.S., Indiana University, 1999

*Alabama Library Association activities:*

CUS Secretary, April 2016-April 2017

ALLA Treasurer, July 2009-June 2011

*Current American Library Association activities or affiliations:*

Member of TSSRT

Member of CDMRT

Member of CUS

*Membership in other professional organizations:*

Former ALA member

**\*\*Jia He**, Cataloging and Electronic Resources Librarian  
*Marx Library, University of South Alabama*

*Education:*

M.L.I.S., University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, 2013

*Alabama Library Association activities:*

Alabama Library Association (ALLA), 12/2014- present

Secretary-Treasurer, Multicultural Information Round Table, Alabama Library Association, 2015-2017

He, Jia. "Promoting Library Services to the International Students at the University of South

Alabama," Poster Presentation, Alabama Library Association Convention, Montgomery, AL,

April 20, 2017.

## CUS SECRETARY CANDIDATES *CONTINUED*

Nero, Muriel and He, Jia. "Last But Not Least: Cataloging Quality Control," Presenter, Technical Services & Systems Round Table, Montgomery, AL, April 20, 2017.

Nero, Muriel and He, Jia. "Behind the Scenes: Quality Control in the Cataloging Department," Poster Presentation, Alabama Library Association and Southeastern Library Association Convention, Point Clear, AL, April 9, 2015.

He, Jia. "Develop Collections for International Students in Academic Libraries," Presenter, Multicultural Information Round Table, Alabama Library Association and Southeastern Library Association Convention, Point Clear, AL, April 10, 2015.

Nero, Muriel and He, Jia. "Behind the Scenes: Quality Control in the Cataloging Department," Poster Presentation, Alabama Library Association and Southeastern Library Association Convention, Point Clear, AL, April 9, 2015.

He, Jia. "Electronic Resources: New Challenges for Cataloging and Catalogers," Presenter, Technical Services & Systems Round Table, Alabama Library Association and Southeastern Library Association Convention, Point Clear, AL, April 9, 2015.

Multicultural Information Round Table, Alabama Library Association, 12/2014- present  
Technical Services & Systems Round Table, Alabama Library Association, 12/2014- present

*Membership in other professional organizations:*  
Southeastern Library Association (SELA), 09/2016- present

### **CUS MAL for Projects**

**\*\*Stephanie Ard**, Social Sciences Librarian  
*Marx Library, University of South Alabama*

*Education:*  
M.L.I.S., The University of Alabama, 2015

*Alabama Library Association activities:*  
Proposal submitted to 2018 Conference.

*Current American Library Association activities or affiliations:*  
ACRL/PPIRS Committee Member  
PPIRS Public Relations Committee

*Membership in other professional organizations:*  
AACRL Member  
ACRL Member  
International Center for Academic Integrity Member  
SELA Member

CANDIDATES *CONTINUED***CUS MAL for Programs**

**\*\*Dana Hettich**, Student Success Librarian  
*UAB Libraries*

*Education:*

M.L.I.S., The University of Alabama, 2003

*Alabama Library Association activities:*

Alabama Library Association, Intellectual Freedom Committee, Chair

*Current American Library Association activities or affiliations:*

ACRL

Library History RT

Academic Library Services to International Students IG

*Membership in other professional organizations:*

AACRL

ALA

ACRL

## ROUNDTABLES

**Alabama Library Instruction (ALIRT)****Moderator-elect**

**\*\*Rachel Hooper**, Business Librarian & Instructor  
*Troy University Library*

*Education:*

Master of Business Administration - International (MBAi), Troy University, 2017

Master of Library Information Studies (MLIS), The University of Alabama, 2008

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA), Troy University, 2007

*Alabama Library Association activities:*

Member and Liaison to Troy University for the College, University & Special Libraries (CUS) Division,  
2016-Present

Member, Alabama Author Awards Committee, 2013-Present

Moderator, Reference and Adult Services Round Table (RASRT), 2015-2016

Moderator-Elect, Reference and Adult Services Round Table (RASRT), 2014-2015

*Current American Library Association activities or affiliations:*

Committee Member, ALA Business Reference and Services Section (BRASS)

Gale Cengage Learning Student Travel Award Committee, 2015-2017.

*Membership in other professional organizations:*

Member, Troy Junior Women's League, Troy, Alabama, 2014-2015

## ROUNDTABLE CANDIDATES *CONTINUED*

### **Government Documents (GODORT)**

#### **Secretary/Treasurer**

**\*\*Barbara Hutto**, Librarian I  
*Birmingham Public Library*

*Education:*

M.L.I.S., The University of Alabama, 2007  
Med, University of Alabama (UAB), 1987  
BS English/Psychology, The University of Alabama, 1982

*Alabama Library Association activities:*

Attended numerous ALLA conferences

*Membership in other professional organizations:*

SLIS  
BPL staff association  
ALLA PLD Meetings at Homewood Public Library  
JCLC roundtable for Children and Teens

*Honors:*

Graduated from SLIS with a 4.0 average

#### **Moderator-elect**

**\*\*Stephanie Rollins**, Chief of Information Services  
*Muir S. Fairchild Research Information Center*

*Education:*

Doctor of Public Administration, The University of Alabama, 2006  
Masters of Library Science, The University of Alabama, 1995

*Alabama Library Association Activities, ALA activities, other professional organizations:*

*Advisory Board*

Alabama Library Association, Government Documents Round Table, Secretary, Montgomery, AL. 2017- Present.

University of Alabama SLIS Library School Association, Tuscaloosa, AL, 2011-present; 2002-2003.

Alabama Library Association Executive Board, Montgomery, AL. 2012-2013.

AACRL Executive Committee, Birmingham, AL. Secretary, Awards committee and Program committee member, 2011–2013.

Search Committee, Association Administrator, Alabama Library Association, Montgomery, AL, 2012. Secretary, Alabama Library Association Executive Board, Montgomery, AL, 2003.

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GODORT MODERATOR-ELECT *CONTINUED*

*Stephanie Rollins continued...*

*Chair: Committee/Task Force*

Past-Chair, College, University and Special Libraries Division of the Alabama Library Association, 2014.

Chair, College University and Special Libraries Division of the Alabama Library Association, 2013

Chair, Alumni Day, SLIS Library School Association, University of Alabama SLIS Library School Association, Tuscaloosa, AL, 2013-2014.

Chair, Nominating Committee, SLIS Library School Association, University of Alabama SLIS Library School Association, Tuscaloosa, AL, 2013.

Chair, College, University, and Special Libraries Division of the Alabama Library Association. Incoming chair for CUS, 2013.

Chair-Elect, College, University, and Special Libraries Division of the Alabama Library Association, 2012.

Alabama Special Library Association. President, Past-Pres. and Past Public Relations Chairman, 2002–2004.

Chair-elect, Chair, and Past-Chair ALLA, College, University, and Special Libraries Division of the Alabama Library Association, 2000-2003.

*Chair: Conference/Track/Program*

Program for annual Alumni Day, University of Alabama SLIS Library School Association, Tuscaloosa, AL, 2013-2014.

Convention Programming for College, University, and Special Libraries Division of the Alabama Library Association Annual Convention, Montgomery, AL, 2013.

Hospitality Chair, Nevada Library Association Annual Convention, 2009.

Hospitality Chair, Northern California and Nevada Medical Library Group Annual Convention, 2007–2008

*Member: Committee/Task Force*

Alabama Library Association, Convention Committee, 2015-Present.

Alabama Library Association, Registration Committee, 2015-Present.

Alabama Library Association, Exhibits Committee, 2015-Present.

Alabama Library Association, Scholarship Committee, 2014-Present.

ACRL/DLS Outreach Committee, online, 2014-Present.

ACRL/DLS Bibliography Committee, online, 2012–2014.

Southeastern Library Association Membership and Mentoring Committee, online, 2012-2013.

Network of Alabama Academic Libraries Digital Content Committee. 2012–2013.

Mentor for Rosalie Flores, Southeastern Library Association, 2012-2013.

Nominating Committee, Northern California and Nevada Medical Library Group, 2009–2011.

New Members Round Table, Web Development Committee, American Library Association, 2007–2011

Membership committee, Mountain Plains Library Association, 2007-2011.

*Reviewer: Book/Textbook*

Southern Magic, Gayle Wilson Award of Excellence, online. Reviewing books for the Gayle Wilson Award of Excellence, 2013 – Present.

*Honors:*

Nominated for the 2013 Miriam Dudley Instruction Librarian of the Year Award (ACRL)

Eighteen notable federal service achievement awards and nine annual outstanding performance awards

Inducted into Beta Phi Mu and Pi Sigma Alpha

Nominated for Federal Women's Program Distinguished Service Award

Recognition for Outstanding Commitment to the United States Air Force Memorial. Air Force Memorial Foundation

## ROUNDTABLE CANDIDATES *CONTINUED*

### **Multicultural Information (MCIRT)**

#### **Moderator-elect**

**\*\*Ashley Cummins**, Library Director  
*Russellville Public Library*

*Education:*

M.L.I.S., The University of Alabama, *in progress*

*Alabama Library Association activities:*

Member ALLA

Member PLD

Member MCIRT

2018 ALLA Conference Registration committee

*Current American Library Association activities or affiliations:*

Member ALA

Member PLA

Member YALSA

Intellectual Freedom Round Table,

Eli M. Obeler Book Award Committee (IFRT)

Program Committee (IFRT)

*Membership in other professional organizations:*

Member of ARSL,

Judge for IBPA book award

### **Multicultural Information (MCIRT)**

#### **Secretary**

**\*\*Michele Wimbish**, Librarian  
*Southern Union State Community College*

*Education:*

Specialist - Library and Information Sciences University of South Carolina, 2014

*Alabama Library Association activities:*

Member of CUS Roundtable

Member of Multi-Cultural Roundtable

Chair, Publicity Committee, 2016 Convention

*Membership in other professional organizations:*

Alabama Two-Year College Library Association

Alabama Virtual Library Council, 2013 – 2017; Chair, 2015

## ROUNDTABLE CANDIDATES *CONTINUED*

### **Technical Services & Systems (TSSRT)**

#### **Moderator-elect**

**\*\*Jia He**, Cataloging and Electronic Resources Librarian  
*Marx Library, University of South Alabama*

*Education:*

M.L.I.S., University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, 2013

*Alabama Library Association activities:*

Alabama Library Association (ALLA), 12/2014- present

Secretary-Treasurer, Multicultural Information Round Table, Alabama Library Association, 2015-2017  
He, Jia. "Promoting Library Services to the International Students at the University of South Alabama,"

Poster Presentation, Alabama Library Association Convention, Montgomery, AL, April 20, 2017.

Nero, Muriel and He, Jia. "Last But Not Least: Cataloging Quality Control," Presenter, Technical Services & Systems Round Table, Montgomery, AL, April 20, 2017.

Nero, Muriel and He, Jia. "Behind the Scenes: Quality Control in the Cataloging Department," Poster Presentation, Alabama Library Association and Southeastern Library Association Convention, Point Clear, AL, April 9, 2015.

He, Jia. "Develop Collections for International Students in Academic Libraries," Presenter, Multicultural Information Round Table, Alabama Library Association and Southeastern Library Association Convention, Point Clear, AL, April 10, 2015.

Nero, Muriel and He, Jia. "Behind the Scenes: Quality Control in the Cataloging Department," Poster Presentation, Alabama Library Association and Southeastern Library Association Convention, Point Clear, AL, April 9, 2015.

He, Jia. "Electronic Resources: New Challenges for Cataloging and Catalogers," Presenter, Technical Services & Systems Round Table, Alabama Library Association and Southeastern Library Association Convention, Point Clear, AL, April 9, 2015.

Multicultural Information Round Table, Alabama Library Association, 12/2014- present

Technical Services & Systems Round Table, Alabama Library Association, 12/2014- present

*Membership in other professional organizations:*

Southeastern Library Association (SELA), 09/2016- present

### **Young Adult Services (YASRT)**

#### **Moderator-elect**

**\*\*Matt Layne**, YA Librarian  
*Emmet O'Neal Library*

*Education:*

M.L.I.S., The University of Alabama, 2010

*Alabama Library Association activities:*

ALLA Member at Large Central

YASRT Member

*Current American Library Association activities or affiliations:*

Best Fiction for Young Adults Committee 2016-2018

Morris Awards Committee 2015

*Membership in other professional organizations:*

Chair of Bare Hands Gallery Inc. dba Birmingham's Day of the Dead Festival 2011-2017

Board Member Alabama Folk School

*Honors:*

Hackney Literary Award, 1995, 2016, 2017

## THE REPEAL OF NET NEUTRALITY

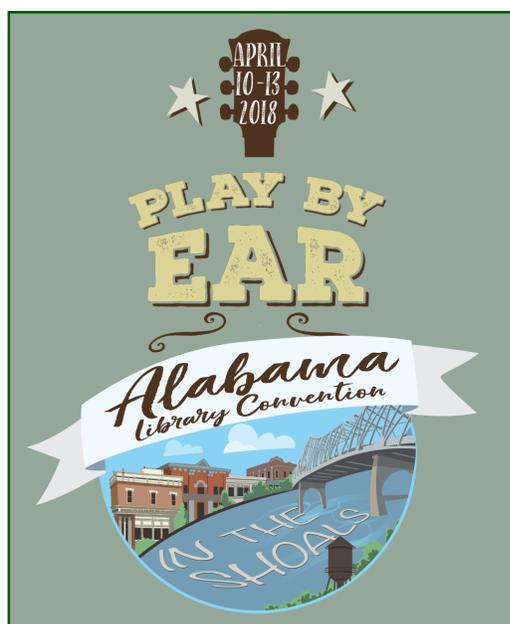
By Heather Cover, PLD Chair, ALLA

As most of you know, Net Neutrality has been repealed by the FCC. What most of us don't know is how this is going to affect us as librarians, and specifically public librarians. I am not the best person to explain it, but I found these great articles to explain net neutrality and its impact:

- American Library Association. (2018, January 3). "Network Neutrality." Retrieved from <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/telecom/netneutrality>
- Kang, Cecilia. (2017, December 15). "What's Next After the Repeal of Net Neutrality." *New York Times*. <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/15/technology/net-neutrality-repeal.html>
- Satterwite, Ellen. (2017, November 21). "Net Neutrality at the end of 2017: What libraries need to know." *District Dispatch*. Retrieved from <http://www.districtdispatch.org/2017/11/net-neutrality-end-2017-libraries-need-know/>
- Peterson, Andrea. (2014, May 16). "Why the Death of Net Neutrality Would be a Disaster for Libraries." *The Washington Post*. Retrieved from [https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-switch/wp/2014/05/16/why-the-death-of-net-neutrality-would-be-a-disaster-for-libraries/?utm\\_term=.0a5d28623a3c](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-switch/wp/2014/05/16/why-the-death-of-net-neutrality-would-be-a-disaster-for-libraries/?utm_term=.0a5d28623a3c)

The bottom line is that a lot could change, as repealing Net Neutrality opens the door for privatization of the Internet, but the fight isn't over. After the order is published there are 60 days to petition for a repeal or review by the federal court of appeals. Congress could also intervene, and that's where we come in. It is not too late to contact your Congressional representatives and make your plea to reinstate Net Neutrality, letting them know how important free and open access to the Internet is to our communities.

## 2018 CONVENTION UPDATES



You've saved the date, now you can [make your hotel](#) reservations for the Play By Ear Convention in Florence, Alabama, April 10-13, 2018!

[Patti Callahan Henry](#) has been announced as this year's Keynote Speaker.

Be on the lookout for Convention Registration opening up in early February. Check in on the [Convention page](#) on the Association website for all the latest details, including rates and ticket bundle information!

For additional questions, contact Convention Chair Abby Carpenter at [acouch@fpl.org](mailto:acouch@fpl.org) or 256-764-6564 ext. 27.

## ALABAMA LIBRARIAN WINS I LOVE MY LIBRARIAN AWARD

Congratulations to Alabama's own [Sheikla Blount](#), Library Media Specialist at Columbiana Middle School in Columbiana, Alabama. Blount was selected as a winner of the 2017 ALA I Love My Librarian Award. See the full ALA press release [here](#).

## CONGRATULATIONS—IT'S A BOY!

Congratulations to Alabama Library Association Administrator Angie Moore and family. Drew Easton Moore was born June 29th and welcomed by big brother Dane.



## NEVER A DULL MOMENT IN NOVEMBER @THE LIBRARY

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



(Left) With the holidays approaching, Kathie Martin of the Etiquette School of Birmingham guides girls hoping to spruce up their manners November 17 at the Albert L. Scott Library in Alabaster. American Girls Club: Holiday Etiquette Lesson was taught tea party-style and included a display of etiquette books. Each girl also received a festive calendar for 2018.

(Right) The Mary Pope Osborne book *Thanksgiving on Thursday* inspired children to get ready for Thanksgiving at the Albert L. Scott Library in Alabaster. During the November 20 Magic Tree House Passport to Adventure session youngsters discussed the book, learned the history of Thanksgiving via the non-fiction companion *Pilgrims* by Osborne, played Magic Tree House bingo, and decorated holiday coloring sheets.



## MONTGOMERY HIGHER EDUCATION CONSORTIUM RESEARCH FORUM

By Madhu Kadiyala, Acquisitions Librarian, Alabama State University

The Montgomery Higher Education Consortium comprises of a group of academic institutions that support Higher Education in the vicinity of the Montgomery, AL area. The Consortium was formed in May, 1997 to support and share resources among member institutions through reciprocal borrowing/lending of materials for a set time period by students and faculty of these institutions. The members of the MHEC are Alabama State University, Auburn University Montgomery, Faulkner University, Huntingdon College and Troy University Montgomery. Each library has its own procedures with regards to borrowing and returning of materials.

The idea of Montgomery Higher Education Consortium Research Forum was initiated in 2014 by the Deans and Directors of the MHEC member Libraries. The Forum meets once a year in December at one of the member Libraries. The first year that the Forum had an event was in December, 2015. The Forum's focus changes every year with the new trends in the profession. Proposals are presented by the Librarians and staff from these libraries with regard to the chosen theme for the year during the event. So far, there have been three forums and all of them were hosted by the Levi Watkins Learning Center at Alabama State University.

The planning committee for the Research Forum includes Librarians from each of the libraries in the Consortium. The committee meets in June to start planning for the event in December. The committee discusses various ideas and frames the theme for the year which is then forwarded to the Deans of the Libraries for their approval.

After the theme is approved, proposals are solicited from member libraries starting August through October. A deadline is determined to give the committee time to review the proposals and select those relevant to the theme for presenting in December. Once the proposals are reviewed by the committee, the presenters are informed about them so that they can work on their presentations. In addition to proposals, posters are also an option for the Forum which are usually presented during the break time of the event.

The event sometimes has a guest speaker who is not a member of the Consortium but has a good knowledge and ties to the Profession. The program is set usually for 2.5 hours with a short break for refreshments. There were five presentations with a few minutes of Q&A after each presentation and two poster sessions during the break time at the 2017 December event.

The Forum has been very successful with attendance increasing across the years. Originally the event was only for the MHEC Consortium libraries but other Academic Libraries in town were also invited. In FY2017, invitation was extended to Tuskegee University and some Librarians attended the Forum.

Participation for presentations has also increased consistently since the initial Forum three years ago with more Librarians as well as staff from the various Libraries taking the opportunity to share their ideas and information. The Research Forum is a good avenue for Librarians interested in sharing their Research presentations to a small group with good insight and get their input in the form of question and answer session. It is also a good opportunity for staff attending Library School to present during these sessions as it is a learning/sharing their experiences scenario which will help them to have a better understanding of the profession.

The Forum hopes to see more participation and attendance in the coming years and incorporate more ideas and changing trends of Librarianship as part of the focus for the Forum every year.

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## COMMUNICATOR SUBMISSIONS

Please feel free to submit your library-related news to:  
**communicator.alla@gmail.com**

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- Your Name
- Job Title
- Library or organization name
- Contact Email and Phone
- Article in PDF or Word
- .jpg images may be attached
- Description of images

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## UPCOMING EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS

March 9, 2018  
10 AM—12 PM  
10 Hightower Place  
Florence, Alabama 35630

## 2018 CONVENTION

April 10-13, 2018

"Play by Ear"  
Muscle Shoals, AL

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## FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you for your submissions. Please keep them coming! If you include pictures with your submissions, please also provide a description. I will do my best to incorporate as much as possible into each quarterly issue of the ALLA-COMMunicator.



What exciting things are happening at your libraries? Who stands out amongst your employees? What issues are you confronted with that need addressed? What solutions to common issues would you like to share? Has someone won an award? Presented at a conference? Earned a promotion or tenure? The Alabama Library Association wants to hear from you! Submission guidelines can be found in the left-hand sidebar.

## ITEMS OF NOTE

- If you haven't already done so, it's time to renew your ALLA Membership. For more information, please visit the [ALLA Membership](#) page.
- ALA Midwinter Meeting, Denver, CO: February 9-13, 2018
- [National Library Legislative Day, May 8-9](#)
- 2018 ALLA Convention, "Play by Ear"  
April 10-13, Muscle Shoals, Alabama.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR AN ALLA LEADERSHIP EXTRAVAGANZA!

COME TO THIS STRESS-FREE SESSION TO HEAR FROM CURRENT & PAST OFFICERS, CHAIRS, AND MODERATORS TO LEARN WHAT LEADERSHIP ROLES MIGHT BE A GOOD MATCH FOR YOU - NO COMMITMENT REQUIRED! DROP IN FOR DOOR PRIZES & CANDY

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MUSCLE SHOALS BALLROOM

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