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Many thanks go to the reviewers who spend countless hours studying and commenting upon manuscripts submitted to *The Southeastern Librarian*. As a way of recognizing these individuals we have listed in this issue the names of all persons who currently serve as reviewers for the journal. Each manuscript received is forwarded to a minimum of two reviewers who then follow a prescribed set of review guidelines. To fully appreciate this process see the guidelines on the SELA web site at: <http://sela.lib.ucf.edu/SoutheasternLibrarian/news.html#Reviewers>. Thank a SELn reviewer the next time you see one in your library or at professional outings!

This issue features a host of articles on a wide range of subjects including information literacy; collaboration between librarians and K-12 teachers in promoting this year's 200th anniversary of the Louisiana purchase; strategies for embracing an aging workforce; classroom teaching opportunities for librarians; a bibliography of free business internet resources; and a history of the special collections department at a university library. It is such a pleasure to see the broad spectrum of interests in which our library community is engaged. What a wonderful time in which to be a librarian.

One noticeable observation is the preponderance of articles from academic librarians. This is not entirely a mystery given that the tenure and promotion system in academic libraries provides additional incentives for academic librarians to publish. As editor I am more than pleased – I am thrilled to be receiving a growing number of manuscripts on a regular basis. It would be healthy however for the journal to have greater representation from contributors in other career paths in the profession. The stated mission of the journal is to . . .“publish articles, announcements, and news of professional interest to the library community in the southeast. “ So I want to encourage our members to speak to other colleagues that the SELn actively seeks manuscripts from all walks of librarians. Authors do not have to be members of SELA! As a point of understanding, the suggested manuscript length for full articles starts at 2,000 words, which corresponds to just 7-8 double-spaced pages. Additionally, we welcome shorter news-oriented pieces, which are featured in the alternating newsletter issue. So there is a place for most every type of submission, not just the “scholarly” oriented pieces.

Speaking of news, it was necessary to go strictly with articles in this issue in order to stay within page limitations. All news submitted for this issue will be featured in the next issue, which will also include a capsule summary from the upcoming leadership conference. Thanks goes to our state representatives and other SELA members for your continuing stream of news items.

Please email me at fallen@mail.ucf.edu with your comments about *The Southeastern Librarian*. It is an honor to have been asked by Ann Hamilton and the SELA board to serve as editor for another biennium. I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming leadership conference in Atlanta.

-- Frank Allen