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From the Editor

This issue brings with it a new chapter in the history of *The Southeastern Librarian*. From this point forward, all issues will be in an online format, rather than the printing of the spring and fall issues. This should save SELA approximately \$3,500/year. It also allows more “freedom” for formatting articles submitted to the journal – primarily allowing color for charts, diagrams, photos, etc. – as was previously available in the winter and summer issues. This has also allowed the opportunity to change the format of the journal, as you will see in this issue. Previously, the winter and spring issues carried only brief library/association news and personnel news, with the spring and fall issues being “scholarly” – consisting of refereed articles and books reviews. Each issue will now contain all of these areas in each issue, which should also help with the “timeliness” of those submissions. I’m excited about these changes and if you have further suggestions, please let me know.

All three articles in this quarter’s issue deal loosely with making libraries relevant to users. Michael Busbee, Heidi Busch and Jim Nance address the issue of access to their collection in their article entitled *Non-affiliated Users’ Access in Tennessee Academic Libraries*. They address accessibility and security issues which need consideration for this type of user population. Melanie J. Dunn and Sarla Murgai describe their method of meeting patron research needs in their article “*Buy not6 Borrow: Building a bridge to a Patron-Centric Collection – A Case Study at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga’s Lupton Library*”. Given current budget constraints, it is essential for libraries to make sure they are spending their dollars wisely and purchasing items that will be used, rather than sit on the shelf unused. Elaine M. Robbins addresses the unique approach that the Citadel uses for reaching students in her article entitled “*Breaking the Ice: Using non-traditional methods of student involvement to Effect a Welcoming College Library Environment*”. In these changing times, libraries need to continually think “outside the box” in creatively connecting to their patrons.

The Southeastern Librarian continuously accepts articles for publication consideration. As a reminder, we are a “double-blind” refereed journal. Topics can be on anything relevant to libraries. While the subject matter doesn’t necessarily need to relate to the south, a southern slant does seem to be of greater interest to our readership. Authors do not need to be members of SELA and publication guidelines are found at the end of the journal. If you or any of your colleagues have any questions about the process, feel free to contact me for a prompt response. Enjoy the issue!

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Editor