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SELA/GENERAL NEWS:

Louisiana Becomes an Active Chapter

On behalf of SELA, I am delighted to announce that the Louisiana Library Association (LLA) is once again an active SELA chapter and that Hayley Johnson (hayley.johnson@nicholls.edu) and Sarah Simms (sarah.simms@nicholls.edu) now serve as joint LLA representatives on the SELA Board (representing a single vote for LLA in SELA matters).

Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and West Virginia are all active chapters of SELA.

Below are the state representatives for these chapters:

Alabama – Margie Calhoun mcalhoun@mplonline.org
Georgia – Rita Spisak rspisak@kennesaw.edu
Mississippi – Melissa Dennis mdennis@olemiss.edu
North Carolina – Wanda Brown brownw@wf.edu
South Carolina – Faith Line fline@andersonlibrary.org
Tennessee – Sue Knoche KNOCHES@mail.etsu.edu
West Virginia – Deborah Musser dusser@cabell.lib.wv.us

Arkansas, Florida, Kentucky, and Virginia are inactive chapters of SELA. If you are a SELA member who resides in one of these four states, please consider contacting the executive officers of your respective state library association and request that your state library association consider becoming an active SELA chapter once more.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Cordially,

Camille McCutcheon
President, SELA

SELA Frankenthaler Scholarship Winners

The Southeastern Library Association is pleased to announce the winners of the Ginny Frankenthaler Memorial Scholarship for 2015. The two scholarship recipients are Lora Hayes and Ashley Snelgrove.

Lora Hayes, known to everyone as Lori, is a graduate of the University of North Georgia with a BA in Human Services Delivery Administration. Prior to graduation, she was inducted into the Human Services Honor Society Tau Upsilon Alpha. Currently she is enrolled in the MLIS program at Valdosta State University and expects to graduate in May 2017. Lori began working in libraries in 2001 as a part of her high school's apprenticeship program. The very small public library she began working in did not have any computers. All circulation was done by card and pocket checkouts. She helped move that small library to a new location and saw the first computers installed. After five years at that first library, Lori relocated to the

Braselton Library where she is currently the assistant manager. One accomplishment that Lori is particularly proud of is the establishment of the Braselton Library Teen Advisory Council or BLTAC. Prior to March of 2014 there were no notable teen programs at the Braselton Library. Now the Braselton Library has a thriving teen advisory council, and has hosted several successful programs. It is Lori's goal to continue to expand teen services in the Braselton Library.

Ashley Snelgrove received her Bachelor's Degree and teaching certification in Elementary Education from the University of South Carolina in 2013. She is currently pursuing her Master's in Library and Information Science and School Library Certification at the University of South Carolina. While completing her studies, Ashley works in Youth Services at the Greenville County Library System, and enjoys being able to create and implement engaging programs for families. In her spare time, she volunteers in local school libraries to gain hands on experience in both school library and public library settings.

The Ginny Frankenthaler Memorial Scholarship in Library Science is made possible through the generosity of Bud Frankenthaler, husband of Ginny Frankenthaler. Mrs. Frankenthaler believed that our free library system is the basis for a good life and that the greatest gifts a human being can have are good memories and education, both of which are supplied free by our public library system. The purpose of the scholarship is to recruit beginning professional librarians who possess potential for leadership and commitment to service in libraries in the Southeastern United States.

SELA Public Section News

The SELA Public Section welcomes a full company of officers. Your officers are: Crystal Gates, Chair; Kayla Kuni, Vice-Chair/Chair Elect; and Jodi Brown, Secretary. Crystal has recently accepted a new position as the Executive Director of the William F. Laman Public Library in North Little Rock, Arkansas, and may be reached at crystal.gates@lamanlibrary.org. Kayla has also accepted a new position as the Data & Outreach Specialist Librarian at the New Port Richey Public Library in Florida, and may be reached at TechLib@nprlibrary.org. Jodi is the Evening Circulation Assistant at Clayton State Library in Georgia, and may be reached at JodiBrown@clayton.edu. We are all very excited about working with SELA and providing quality services and access to our members. If you have program ideas or would like to assist the Public Section in reaching its members more effectively, please send any of us an email.