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NEWS FROM THE STATES



ALABAMA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (ALLA)

Call for Articles for *The Alabama Librarian*

The Alabama Librarian is seeking articles relevant to librarianship in Alabama. The Alabama Library Association's peer-reviewed journal publishes scholarly articles biannually in an open access format.

Guidelines for Submission:

- The following content will be considered for publication: academic articles, book reviews, and software reviews.
- All manuscripts must be submitted to thealabamalibrarian@gmail.com as attachment to an email, preferably in MS Word.
- Manuscripts must be written in APA style (7th ed.) and include an abstract and keywords.
- Although longer or shorter works may be considered, 2,000- to 5,000-word manuscripts are preferred.
- The name, position, and professional email address of the author should appear in the bottom left-hand corner of a separate title page. The author's name should not appear anywhere else in the document.
- Submissions will undergo a double blind peer review process.
- Photographs and other images relevant to the submission will be accepted for consideration but cannot be returned. Digital images are preferred.
- No other publisher should be simultaneously considering a manuscript submitted to *The*

Alabama Librarian.

- If the manuscript includes analyses of survey results, please acknowledge approval by the appropriate Institutional Review Board either through direct reference in the manuscript or acknowledgement as part of the manuscript submission.
- Upon receipt, manuscripts will be acknowledged by the Editor-in-Chief, who will then assign manuscripts to two reviewers. The reviewers who receive the manuscript will have no direct information on the author or the author's affiliation. Following the review, a decision will be communicated to the writer.
- Upon acceptance, publication can be expected within six months.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA Webb publishes second book, *Such a Woman: The Life of Octavia Walton LeVert*

Paula Lenor Webb, SELA member and librarian at the University of South Alabama, has published her second book, *Such a Woman: The Life of Octavia Walton LeVert*. The book tells the story of LeVert through her journals and letters. Webb's first book *Mobile Under Siege: Surviving the Union Blockade* was published in 2016.



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**ARKANSAS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
(ArLA)**

**ArLA Virtual Conference to be held
October 12th-15th**

The virtual conference is October 12-15, 2021. Registration is open until September 15, 2021.

Fees: ArLA members: \$75, Non-members: \$100, and Institutional/bulk rate: \$300



**GEORGIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
(GLA)**

**Mark your calendars for the 2021
Georgia Libraries Conference**

This virtual conference will be held on October 6-8 with some in-person viewing parties for the keynote.



**MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
(MLA)**

**MLA Annual Conference Accepting
Program Proposals**

The MLA Annual Conference is once again going virtual this year. The dates for the Conference are October 12 -14, 2021.

The theme is LIBRARIES ON HOLD. The pandemic has certainly put a hold on plans we as individuals and as Libraries might have made over the last year. The last year has been one of innovation as Libraries had to collaborate in a socially-distant manner and create new ways of reaching patrons. What worked at your Library? What didn't? What are some of the first things you would like to do at your Library when everything is "normal" again? Many Libraries have returned to a sense of normalcy. Others are currently in that process. We want to hear all about it. Proposals are due by August 13, 2021.



**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
GREENSBORO**

**UNC Greensboro's University Libraries
Announces Faculty and Staff Award
Winners**

UNC Greensboro's University Libraries celebrated its faculty and staff on April 6 as part of National Library Workers Day and National Library Week, and presented its 2021 awards. It is a day where faculty and staff are thanked for all they do throughout the year for students, faculty, staff, and the community at large.

Each year, faculty and staff are honored in different categories, such as advancing strategic initiatives for equity, diversity, and inclusion; providing excellent service to patrons; going above and beyond the mission of the University Libraries; making excellent contributions to teaching

and instruction; and publishing an impressive research project.

Award Recipients:

- Acquisitions Specialist Technician Anne Owens received the Staff Excellence Award.
- Interlibrary Loan Lender Chanda Jackson was honored with the Staff Equity-Diversity-Inclusion Award.
- Processing Archivist Patrick Dollar was acknowledged with the Martha Ransley Staff Service Award.
- Diversity Resident Librarian Deborah Yun Caldwell was presented with the Faculty Equity-Diversity-Inclusion Award.
- Information Literacy Coordinator and Associate Professor Jenny Dale won the Faculty Teaching Award.
- Visual Art and Humanities Librarian and Assistant Professor Maggie Murphy was awarded the Faculty Research Award.



VIRGINIA TECH

Exhibit showcases student work in bringing digital literacy to rural Nepal

The University Libraries newest virtual exhibit, "[Ut Prosim Beyond Boundaries: Global Outreach During the Pandemic](#)," shows how an online service-learning technical writing class served rural communities in Nepal during the COVID-19 pandemic. Inside this exhibit, visitors will discover the steps students took to enhance digital literacy in Nepal in collaboration with international grassroots-level organization, [Code for Nepal](#). This exhibit reveals the experiences and work produced by the students, including student reflections on international service learning during a pandemic.



CABELL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY Cabell County Public Library Named National Medal Winner

"Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the Cabell County Public Library continued to provide West Virginians with quality broadband access through hotspots that allowed those studying and working at home to keep up as schools, businesses, and healthcare went virtual. Because of these innovative efforts, I nominated the Cabell County Public Library for this award, and I am thrilled they have been selected for their incredible service to their community," said [Senator Manchin](#). "Congratulations to the Cabell County Public Library on being selected for the highest national honor for libraries, this recognition is well deserved."

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