

ALABAMA TWO – YEAR COLLEGE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings Fellow Librarians:

I hope you are having a productive summer and are preparing for a new year of opportunities with the start of the fall semester. As summer sessions draw to a close, I along with the sales representatives from Gale, EBSCO, Tutor.com, and LibGuides await your selection choices for services to initiate our consortium efforts. Be mindful, there is greater power in numbers.

Fall will also bring training opportunities during the annual ACCA Conference to be held again at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa at the Convention Center in Montgomery. We are scheduled to have a business meeting on Sunday and are planning presentations for Monday and Tuesday. Attending this conference is a great time to be updated on where we stand as an association, receive professional development, and network with fellow librarians.

As I prepare to end my tenure as president of the association, I would like to encourage all of you to become or remain active and support the continued growth of the association. It has been stated that the library association is the oldest professional group in Alabama's community college system. Let us agree to work together as a team and offer our support of the new leaders that will assume their elected positions in November at the business meeting.

Remain encouraged!

Michelle Wimbish
President



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FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT / PRESIDENT-ELECT

At the end of this year, a few of us will be transitioning to our new roles within the association. For me, that means filling some big shoes. Michelle will end her tenure as president and I am looking forward to beginning mine. For starters, a huge THANK YOU to Michelle for everything she has accomplished for the association over the past few years. I hope to add to what she has put in place and continue to help our association grow. Over the next two years, I would love to see our membership continue to grow. This has allowed us to incorporate training for both faculty and staff outside of just the usual meetings at ACCA and ALLA. I will also be joining the AVL council and will continue to fight for the resources

and money needed to keep resources that benefit the two-year colleges of Alabama. In addition to our regular meetings, I plan to continue the faculty and staff training session again next spring and summer, so look out for more information and details in the new year. I look forward to working with all of you over the next couple of years. Please feel free to reach out to me any time with ideas or suggestions that can help continue to move our association forward and continue to make it great!

Amy Smith
Vice-President / President-Elect

PARAPROFESSIONAL CUSTOMER SERVICE TRAINING

On June 29, 2017, Trenholm State Community College hosted paraprofessionals from the Alabama Two-Year College Library Association libraries to join in on a special customer service training workshop. Dr. Roland D. Welmaker presented material on the importance of great customer service, which included a True Colors activity to help everyone identify their personality types and leadership styles. The workshop was exciting and gave these individuals a time to network with other paraprofessionals from the different two-year colleges.

Amy Smith
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Participants of the ATYCLA Paraprofessional Customer Service Training at Trenholm State Community College

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UPCOMING EVENTS

The Alabama Community College Association annual conference will be held November 19 through 21 at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel and Spa at the Convention Center. Presentations and meeting schedules have not yet been announced, but ATYCLA will plan to host its annual business meeting on the Sunday of the conference. More information will be forthcoming. Make sure to register online at <https://www.alabamacca.org/conference.php>.

The Alabama Library Association annual convention will be held April 10–13, 2018 in Florence. The ALLA website is currently down due to the association changing its website host. Once it is online again, ALLA will email all its members. Please visit the site at that time to submit proposals for presentations. ATYCLA will plan to host a preconference event again. Please register and make plans to attend.



ZENOBIA BLACKMON NAMED TO LIBRARY HONOR ROLL



Paul Blackmon and Zenobia Blackmon at the 2017 ALLA Convention award ceremony

At the 2017 ALLA Annual Convention, Ms. Zenobia L. Blackmon, retired Head Librarian from Trenholm State Community College, was awarded the Alabama Library Association Library Honor Roll Award. She began her career as a librarian in 1974. During her tenure, she served as president of the Alabama Two-Year College Library Association, chair of the Alabama Virtual Library Executive Committee, and Coach and Mentor for the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Library Alliance Phase II Leadership Development Pilot.

She has been a wonderful mentor to many within the library community and has continued her work advancing and promoting libraries.



Zenobia Blackmon with fellow ATYCLA members at the 2017 ALLA Convention

ALABAMA TWO-YEAR COLLEGE LIBRARY NEWS

Throughout this edition of the ATYCLA Newsletter, we wish to highlight some of the happenings at the various two-year college libraries throughout the state. In the following pages, you will find an alphabetical list of the libraries who submitted information for the newsletter. Because this newsletter is an annual publication, the next volume will not appear until August 2018, so please keep track of your events and take plenty of pictures. Sharing this information with your colleagues is a great way for all of us to learn from each other. Enjoy!

Dusty Folds
Chair, Newsletter Committee

COASTAL ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Several libraries of the recently consolidated Coastal Alabama Community College hosted programs in recent months.



On April 20 and 21, the John D. Forte Library at the Monroeville Campus of Coastal Alabama Community College served as a venue for the 20th Annual Alabama Writers Symposium. Over 150 writers, scholars, and literary enthusiasts visited for two days of readings, book signings, Q&A sessions, art exhibits, excellent food, and fellowship in the Literary Capital of Alabama. Alisha Linam, Director of Library Services for the north campuses of Coastal Alabama, also serves as the director of the Alabama Writers Symposium and was thrilled to showcase the Monroeville branch of Coastal Alabama Libraries to a statewide audience.

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COASTAL ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE (CONT.)



The Kathryn Tucker Windham Library and Museum on the Thomasville campus of Coastal Alabama Community College once again welcomed fans to the Kathryn Tucker Windham Birthday Celebration on June 2. Visitors were treated to a tour of the museum, a presentation by Mrs. Windham's daughter Dilcy Windham Hilley, a bus tour of Windham Thomasville sites and Gee's Bend, and lunch at the Gaines Ridge Supper Club. The birthday celebration is held annually on the first Friday in June and is organized by Deborah Rankins, Assistant Director of Library Services for Coastal Alabama Libraries.



From June 26 through 28, librarians and staff members from several campuses met at Austin R. Meadows Library in Bay Minette for training on Koha, our new full-featured open-source ILS. All of Coastal Alabama Community College's libraries will now share a common library system including cataloging and circulation modules as well as a unified online catalog. Developed initially in New Zealand by Katipo Communications Ltd and first deployed in January of 2000 for Horowhenua Library Trust, Koha is currently maintained by a team of software providers and library technology staff from around the globe. We are excited to be part of this international family of Koha users.

Rheena Elmore,
Director of Library Services, South

Jeffrey Faust,
Director of Library Services, East

Alisha Linam,
Director of Library Services, North

DRAKE STATE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE

The S.C. O'Neal, Sr. Library and Technology Center at J. F. Drake State Community and Technical College in Huntsville had a very busy and productive year.

Mr. Dennis Borden joined the library staff on August 17, 2016, as Assistant Director of Library Services, after spending four years as Learning Resource Center Manager at Strayer University, Huntsville campus.

Two workshops were held on September 7 and 14 for the nursing department. The library staff conducted a presentation to all faculty and staff of the college on Professional Development Day, November 21, 2016, to feature our Faculty Resource Center Collection. In addition to the presentation, a scavenger hunt was also conducted to better acquaint all participants with the library collections by looking for books tied to the clues assigned to each group.

November featured a month-long Veteran's Day recognition with a display of pictures of all branches of the military. In partnership with the Career Placement Department, the library hosted a workshop for all students on November 29 featuring how to use "Effective Job Search Strategies."

During the month of January 2017, we celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday with a display in a designated area of the library. On February 1, a workshop was held in partnership with the Career Placement Department entitled "Résumé Preparation." Black History month included several events beginning with a book discussion on February 23 by Mr. Kenya Russell, Director of Public Relations. Mr. Russell's aunt was the subject of a book written by Phillip Hoose entitled *Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice*. Colvin was closely associated with Rosa Parks and the Civil Rights Movement in Montgomery in 1963. Mr. Russell shared his aunt's fascinating story from the book along with several personal anecdotes about his relationship with her.

On February 28 the library staff partnered with the Student Support Services Department in celebration of Career Technical Education (CTE) Awareness and Black History Month. Our honored speaker was Mr. Devyn Keith, newly elected city councilman to the Huntsville City Council. He gave an inspiring talk on his life progress and education and his personal objectives for advancing Huntsville. Also, a part of the program was a panel discussion which featured graduates of Drake State who successfully transitioned into high-profile positions in our community. They shared the importance of their education at Drake State and how it propelled them to further their education and career.

Our March display was entitled "Trailblazing Women in Labor and Business." A variety of successful women were pictured in our display along with library resources available for circulation. Jazz and Poetry Month were celebrated in April, featuring many great black artists in those fields. This included a special display of jazz artist Mr. Al Jarreau, who passed away earlier in the year.

For National Library Week, we conducted several events. We also provided students with a workshop on "Basic Computer Skills" and "Introduction to Research." College Spotlights, which featured college-program-related library resources available for circulation, highlighted a different program each day of the week. A "Caught You Reading" activity was held for students doing independent reading in the library. The students caught reading received a ticket they exchanged for a prize.

We recently added Content Café, which is a feature of our Sierra Library Management System to display full-color covers and provide descriptions, tables of contents, and other information about books in our collection. Audio books have also been added to our collection. This collection was

established to assist the visually impaired patrons, help those with literacy issues to enjoy books, and help improve critical reading skills.

The intent of our library program is to provide comprehensive and innovative information services to support scholarship, learning, and the instructional programs offered by Drake State. The library supports the administration, faculty, staff, students, and community clientele by employing traditional resources and current technology to facilitate access to information. The library also provides state-of-the-art hardware and software programs, the instruction and training needed to use the equipment and services effectively, emerging technologies in order to promote currency, and the model for information/technology needs of the college. We are continually seeking ways to be more innovative in technology, provide resources to support our programs, and give our students exposure to cultural events while offering the community the opportunity to see what our college has to offer.

Carla Clift
Director of Library Services

Dennis Borden
Assistant Director of Library Services



LAWSON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Sandra Henderson

Sadly, in July we said goodbye to Tonja Hunter who had been at Lawson since 2002 as a part-time librarian and then as a Reference and Instruction Librarian. She passed away after a long and hard-fought battle. She will be missed by all who knew her.

On August 31, ATYCLA parliamentarian Sandra Henderson, who has led the Lawson State library for seventeen years as Director of Library and Media Services, will be retiring. Her tenure at Lawson saw the merger of Lawson State Community College and Bessemer State Technical College, an expansion of library services, and extensive remodels of both campus libraries. She has been a mentor to many throughout the college as well as the Alabama Community College System.



Tonja Hunter (1969-2017)

Dusty Folds
Reference and Instruction Librarian

NORTHEAST ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Family Storytime: A Collaboration Between the Northeast Alabama Community College Learning Resources Center and the Child Development Program

The Northeast Alabama Community College (NACC) Learning Resources Center and the NACC Children Development Program collaborated this summer to host Family Storytime from 2:00 to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, June 21, 28, July 12, 19, 26, and August 2. Children from the community and their parents were invited to attend, as students from the NACC Child Development Program read a book and lead an activity.

Information gathered from the 2017 Alabama Library Association Convention aided in the collaboration. "Collaboration at the College Level: Story Time in the Academic Library" was an invaluable session. In addition, Hoover Public Library's "YouTube It: Creating Your Own YouTube Channel" session was extremely



helpful in creating a [video promoting Family Storytime](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=neNNiyaVJGE). (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=neNNiyaVJGE>)

The event was publicized via the NACC webpage, social media, and the local newspapers. Visit the [LRC's Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/nacclibrary) (<https://www.facebook.com/nacclibrary>) to read more about Family Storytime and other events in the NACC Learning Resources Center. For more information, please contact Dr. Julia Everett at everettj@nacc.edu or 256-228-6001 ext. 2226.

Julia Everett
Head Librarian /
Division Director



NORTHWEST-SHOALS COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Northwest-Shoals hired a new Library Clerk Gina Meadows to replace Linda Vickery. We also updated our audio books and purchased some new bestsellers. In addition, we updated some of our laptop computers with new ones. We also purchased charging stations for each campus. These stations are for charging almost any type of electronic device.

Rachel Trapp
Director

SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Saving a College's History on a Shoestring

For the last five years, Shelton State Community College Library personnel have worked on a project to save the College's history and make it accessible. Since 2012, nearly 1,400 documents and more than 3,400 photographs have been scanned and placed online, and seven indexes have been created to aid researchers. The project has been done with a scanner and a significant investment of staff time.

In August 2012, a large flatbed scanner was purchased for approximately \$300. Prices for these scanners vary, and though reviewers often state that image quality increases with higher-priced scanners, the scanner purchased for this project has performed well and produced high-quality images. The scanner was the only primary cost of the project. Staff time on the project occurred as it was available.

The Shelton State Archives collection is actually two databases hosted, without charge, by two organizations—the Internet archive for documents, and Google for the webpage and photographs. These sites were chosen because they allowed free access to content without signing in and because they were within the economic constraints of the project. In short, these resources were free. The Electronic Services Librarian set up these accounts and wrote an eight-page training manual detailing how to access, upload, and edit these webpages. The Electronic Services Librarian and a Reference Librarian are primarily responsible for digitizing, formatting, editing, and uploading items. All of the library staff make contacts and locate documents and photographs for the collection.

The first document collection to be digitized was the College's newspaper for the years 1997-2009 which was about 270 issues. Once the issues were online, a librarian created a subject index for all articles. Additionally, a separate photo index was created. A separate index was created when a run of the newspaper from the 1980s was discovered. Next, newsletter issues were located and scanned. Many other docu-

ments including event programs, reports, lists, and histories -- anything related to the history of the College -- were digitized and uploaded. Categories for subpages were created, such as Athletics, Academics, Ephemera, Events, Histories and Lists, Libraries, Personnel, Photographs, and Yearbooks. Newsletters and their many issues were categories themselves. A master General Index listing all of these items was created.

Preservation of documents was the first priority, and the photograph collection was added later. As photographs were uploaded, they were grouped into albums. Individual photos were given descriptions. Priority was given to scanning, formatting, and uploading the photos. Identifying and providing descriptions was considered a lesser priority and a task that could be done as time permitted.

The Shelton State Archives provide a growing, changing, evolving resource that is actively locating and preserving the College's history. The online format makes this valuable resource accessible for historians, College students and personnel, and the entire West Alabama area. The simplicity and low cost of the project make it an ideal option for other institutions.

To generate your own ideas for an institutional archive, the resource may be accessed via the Shelton State Libraries webpage or at the following address: <https://sites.google.com/site/sheltonstatearchives/>.

Don Bell
Librarian



TRENHOLM STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Extensive Library Resources Impact Student Learning

Librarians are increasingly called upon to document and articulate the value of academic and research libraries and their contribution to institutional mission and goals. Trenholm State's Value of Academic Libraries Initiative responds to these demands and positions academic librarians as contributors to campus conversations on accountability and impact.

Activity IV strives to provide quality library resources for student use. The library set its sights on technology to enhance student learning as well as faculty services. During the first and second quarter, the library renewed databases which provide credible research information to students and to help them succeed while at the College and turn them into lifelong learners. The library purchased upgrades to existing technology, technology to improve library services, and services through faculty with the acquisition of laptops and licenses.

The library continuously works with faculty and students to enhance learning and understanding of the library's resources to increase knowledge and skills needed both inside and outside of the classroom to become lifelong learners.

The library hosts a Brown Bag Lunch Series each month. This year the focus of the series has been on local authors. The library has invited four authors to speak about their books for the series. Through Title III the library was able to purchase two of the author's books; Jeanie Thompson's "The Myth of Water: Poems from the Life of Helen Keller" and Jackie Trimble's "American Happiness." These books were autographed by the authors and copies placed in the special collections.

The library continues to improve upon its existing technology. The GoPrint System in the Trenholm library allows students to manage their printing with ease. Students send their print jobs to the GoPrint System and can choose to print or not print content. The system frees up

the library staff to assist other patrons and gives library patrons an independent feeling. The GoPrint system was recently upgraded to GoPrint Elite. This system allows greater efficiency in print solution. The GoPrint system is available to all Trenholm State students.

The library purchased seven Dell laptops and seven Adobe Acrobat licenses to support teaching and learning among the college faculty and staff. These laptops ensure that faculty can stay connected to the college and have access to software to view, create, manipulate, print and manage files in Portable Document Format (PDF).



The library purchased five Olympus Digital Voice Recorders to ensure students with a hearing impairment may be able to record class lectures and review them at a later date. The recorders capture notes, lectures, and sound bites. The recorders have a valuable extended battery life, that will be beneficial for both the practical and innovative user.

The library purchased three ScanSnap iX500. The ScanSnap provides students an efficient way to scan documents for class. The scanners will expose the students to technology not readily available outside of the college.

Lastly, the library purchased two Kwikboost charging stations. These charging stations are strong, simple, sleek and the most widely used charging station today. The stations are designed for charging multiple devices from smartphones to tablets. The stations are greatly needed for the college community. The stations will be available for all Trenholm State students to use.

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ALABAMA TWO – YEAR COLLEGE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION



The following libraries are currently members of the association:

- Central Alabama Community College
- Enterprise State Community College
- Gadsden State Community College
- Ingram State Technical College
- Jefferson State Community College
- Lawson State Community College
- Northeast Alabama Community College
- Reid State Technical College
- Southern Union Community College
- Trenholm State Community College
- Wallace Community College – Dothan
- Wallace Community College – Selma
- Wallace State Community College

If your library has been incorrectly included or omitted from this list, please contact Minnie Carstarphen, ATYCLA Financial Secretary, or Paul Blackmon, ATYCLA Treasurer.



Library Scenes

These are images from some of the two-year college libraries throughout the state. If you have images from your library that you would not mind sharing on the ATYCLA website, please send them to Michelle Wimbish (mwimbish@suscc.edu) or Amy Smith (asmith@trenholmstate.edu).

