

SELA State Representative Report: Alabama October 2009

- 1) **Alabama Library Association Executive Council Meetings:** So far, two have been held at the Homewood Public Library: June 12 and September 11, 2009; the next is scheduled for December 11.
- 2) **Annual Convention Planning:** The annual convention is being planned for April 13-16, 2010 in Huntsville. "Alabama Libraries: The Sky Is Not the Limit" is the tentative theme and is a reference to Huntsville's status as "The Rocket City" due to its being a site of NASA operations.
- 3) **New Round Table:** With assistance from Tim Dodge (Auburn University), Charcie Pettway Vann (Jacksonville State University) successfully launched a petition drive for the establishment of a Multicultural Information Round Table as part of the Alabama Library Association. The Executive Council approved the concept on June 12. The round table is in the process of being organized and the plan is to have it in place and with elected officers by April 2010.
- 4) **Organizational Status with the IRS:** Recently, there has been some confusion over the tax filing status of the Alabama Library Association with the Internal Revenue Service. It appears that the Association is currently a 501 (c) 6 tax-exempt non-profit organization but that it is desirable to change its status to a 501 (c) 3 tax-exempt non-profit organization.
- 5) **Triana Public Library Fire:** This library, a part of the Huntsville/Madison County Library System, burned down completely on September 20. The Alabama Library Association Executive Council is currently exploring ways to provide assistance, such as soliciting donations of new books and other library materials.
- 6) **Alabama Virtual Library Database Cuts:** Due to the poor economic climate and increasing database subscription costs, the Alabama Virtual Library Council has decided to cut at least four or five databases from its offerings to the Alabama public. The AVL has been funded by appropriations from the State Legislature and has offered online access to electronic resources to Alabama citizens since late 1999.

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