



June 7, 2013

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to invite you to attend the second Southeastern Library Association Summer Conference in Birmingham on August 9th and 10th. The University of Alabama Birmingham will be hosting us in the Mervyn H. Sterne Library.

This year's meeting should be exciting. We hope to combine the best elements of SELA's Leadership conferences with those of larger conferences by providing opportunities for everyone to learn, plan and socialize. This meeting is open to all SELA members not just its leaders.

We are delighted to have two keynote speakers. Dr. Melissa Johnston, University of Alabama School of Library and Information Studies, will discuss the transition issues of high school seniors to college freshmen. Internationally acclaimed author Carolyn Haines will present a program on mysteries and mystery writing. Ms. Haines is always entertaining with a positive view of life that makes everyone around her feel better.

This conference is a planning meeting for all of SELA's sections, roundtables and committees. The schedule sets aside time to plan their activities and get ready for the 2013 joint conference in South Carolina and early planning for the 2014 joint conference with Georgia. If you're not already involved with SELA, come to the Conference and get active. We will put you to work.

We've also set aside time for socializing. UAB is hosting a reception Friday evening followed by dinner with your fellow librarians. This is a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new ones.

Arrangements have been made with the Doubletree Hotel Birmingham (205/933-9000) provide special rate of \$99 per night plus tax to conference attendees. Please ask for the SELA or Southeastern Library Association rate.

Fill-out the enclosed conference registration form and mail it back to SELA by **August 2, 2013**.

I look forward to seeing you all in Birmingham,

Gordon N. Baker, Ed.D.
2013-2014 SELA President