



June 2011

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to invite you to attend the first Southeastern Library Association Summer Conference in Birmingham on August 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. 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. Louis A. Pitschmann, University of Alabama Dean of Libraries, will discuss the future of libraries and librarianship. Dr. Pitschmann has promised his program will challenge every participant to think. Internationally acclaimed author Patricia Sprinkle will present a program on mysteries and mystery writing. Mrs. Sprinkle 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 2012 joint conference in 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 local librarians. This is a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new ones.

Arrangements have been made with two local hotels to provide special rates to conference attendees: Doubletree Hotel Birmingham (205/933-9000) and the Hotel Highland at Five Points South (205/933-9555).

Don't wait. Fill-out the enclosed conference registration form and mail it back to SELA by **August 5, 2011**.

I look forward to seeing you all in Birmingham,

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SELA President