



May 27, 2015

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to invite you to attend the third Southeastern Library Association Summer Conference in Birmingham on August 14th and 15th. 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. John Meador, Dean of the UAB Libraries, will discuss how digital convergence is creating new opportunities for consolidation and collaboration in academic librarianship. The mystery writer Miranda James, pseudonym of Dean James and author of the Cats in the Stacks and the Southern Ladies series, will present a program on mysteries and mystery writing.

This conference is a planning meeting for all of SELA's sections, roundtables and committees. The schedule sets aside time to plan their activities. We are working toward finalizing the dates and location for the 2016 conference. 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) to provide a special rate of \$99 per night (plus tax) to conference attendees. Please ask for the SELA or Southeastern Library Association rate. **Our guaranteed rate expires on Wednesday, July 15, 2015.** Please be sure to register before that date.

There is a \$10.00 per day parking fee per day for registered guests.

Please complete the conference registration form that you received with this information or you can find on our SELA web page (<http://www.selaonline.org>) and mail it back to SELA by **August 3, 2015**. You will also find a schedule for both days of the conference included and on the web page.

I look forward to seeing you all in Birmingham,

Camille McCutcheon
2015-2016 SELA President