



May 27, 2017

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to invite you to attend the fourth Southeastern Library Association Summer Conference in Birmingham on August 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. This year we will be meeting in the Charles Andrew Rush Learning Center/N. E. Miles Library at Birmingham Southern College!

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. Author John M. Floyd will be our keynoter on Friday. John has written more than 1000 short stories and has six published books. Our second keynoter will be Laura Anderson, Director of Operations for the Alabama Humanities Foundation.

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 2017 Joint Conference with the West Virginia Library Association and the 2018 conference with the South Carolina Library Association. 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. A meet and greet reception is planned for Friday evening followed by dinner with your fellow librarians. This is a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. Have you been to Birmingham before? Here's a link to the many attractions in Alabama's largest city: <http://birminghamal.org/seedo/attractions/>

Arrangements have been made with the Drury Inn & Suites Birmingham Southwest (160 State Farm Parkway, Birmingham, AL 35209; 205/940-9500; [www.druryhotels.com](http://www.druryhotels.com)) to provide a special rate of \$99.99 per night (plus tax) to conference attendees. Please ask for the SELA or Southeastern Library Association rate. **Our guaranteed rate expires on Wednesday, July 28, 2017.** Please be sure to register before that date. Here's a link to the many amenities that the Drury Inn offers its guests: <https://druryhotels.com/locations/birmingham-al/drury-inn-and-suites-birmingham-southwest?view=p>. Reservation Number: 2300108

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 1, 2017**. 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,

Linda S. Harris  
2017-2018 SELA President