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LIS Student Associations News
LISSA Update, Spring/Summer 2018

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**S2S Rachel McMullen, Poet Laureate Tracy K. Smith
ALA Conference, New Orleans**

2018 ALA Annual S2S Participant

As a member of USM's Library and Information Science Student Association (LISSA), I had the opportunity to participate in ALA's Student-to-Staff Program (S2S). Established in 1973, this annual program encourages ALA affiliated student chapters to nominate one student to work behind-the-scenes with ALA staff at each ALA Annual Conference. This includes attending meetings, programs, and other Annual Conference events as determined by an assignment to a division of ALA.

I was assigned to work with the Public Programs Office (PPO) which "promotes programming as an essential part of library service in all types of libraries" and "provides leadership, resources, training and networking opportunities to help libraries serve their communities as cultural hubs and centers of lifelong learning" (www.ala.org/aboutala/offices/ppo).

Under the PPO, I was required to attend various sessions and write up short articles/blog posts for Programming Librarian (programminglibrarian.org/), a website dedicated to providing resources, ideas, and professional development opportunities for any librarian tasked with planning and presenting cultural and community programs on behalf of their library. Given that my experience with library programming was somewhat limited, I was excited to learn all that I could about this invaluable dimension of librarianship.

The sessions I attended were diverse and hands-on, giving me the chance to engage in activities that could easily be developed as programs for library patrons. For example, one of the sessions required that I participate in a conversation café (www.conversationcafe.org/) dealing with the challenges related to serving small, mid-sized, and rural libraries. This method of communication provides a structure that encourages inclusive conversation while ensuring that all participants invest in the progression of ideas in a safe and empowering space.

I also attended a session entitled, "Program Speed Dating with the Programming Librarian Interest Group." Hosted by Programming Librarian Interest Group members Janie Hermann at Princeton Public Library and Mallory Arents at Darien Library, this session packed a wealth of program ideas into only an hour and a half. In fact, I walked away with materials describing 15 engaging programs (e.g. <http://programminglibrarian.org/programs/de-stress-doggos>) that could easily be implemented in almost any library with even the most limited of budgets. Not to mention the long list of personal notes I took throughout the session detailing ideas from other attendees.

Being surrounded by a lively bunch of programming librarians who were excited to revamp their program calendars inspired me to rethink how programs are conceived and exchanged among professionals in the field.

My experience as an S2S participant has helped to better recognize quality library programming as an expression of the library's mission to uplift the community it serves, and as a result, I feel more excited than ever to one-day plan programs in service to my own community.

For more information on how to participate in this amazing program, see www.ala.org/aboutala/affiliates/chapters/student/resources/studenttostaffprogram.

To read one of the articles I wrote as an S2S participant, see <http://programminglibrarian.org/articles/just-breathe-being-mindful-about-meditation-programs-young-patrons>

- Rachel McMullen, LISSA Vice-President

LISSA broadcasts its meetings via Adobe Connect and meeting dates are announced via the SLIS listserv. You are invited to join our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/southernmisslissa

Southern Miss Student Archivists (SMSA) Spring/Summer 2018

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SMSA membership is free and open to all students, alumni, faculty, and staff of the university who have an interest in archives and special collections. And of course, everyone is welcome to "like" our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/Southern-Miss-Student-Archivists-SMSA-203760579638985/.



SMSA President Rachel McMullen was one of three students chosen by Southern Miss Special Collections to curate a mini-exhibit of archival materials. Rachel's exhibit, *Elevating the Ignoble: The Southern*

Cookbook as a Medium for Cultural Expression and Identity looks at "stereotypes of the American South in relation to culinary traditions."

"Many of the stereotypes that are directed at the South's culinary habits have helped lead a concerted effort to recapture Southern identity as it is harshly defined by curious spectators and concoct a new image by serving up seductive, distinctly Southern cuisine. The cookbooks included in this exhibit do just that by both embracing and celebrating the misconceptions that plague the Deep South to redefine its eccentricities as endearing attributes worthy of the highest level of commemoration: a place at the table" (Brannock, 2018). The exhibit opened on April 19 in McCain Library 305 and will remain on display until February 2019.

Elevating the Ignoble: The Southern Cookbook as a

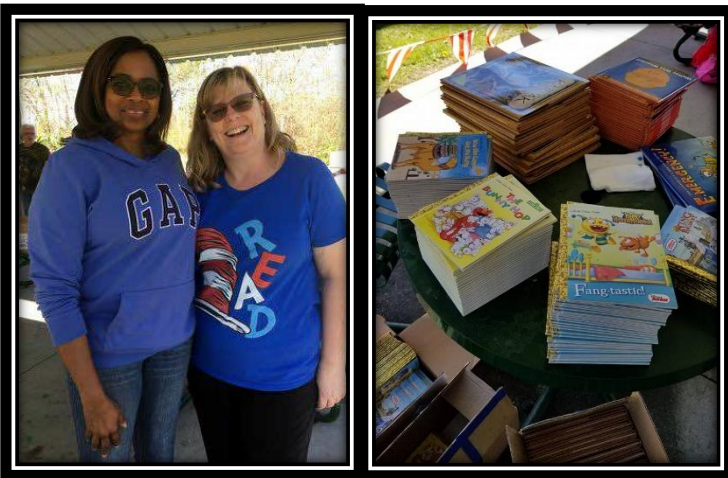


**Medium for Cultural Expression and Identity
Exhibit by Rachel McMullen**

**Council on Community Literacy and Reading
Dr. Catharine Bomhold, Director**

Read Across America Day, March 3, 2018

On March 3rd, 2018 from 10 am until 2:00 pm the USM Council on Community Literacy and Reading and Pi Beta Phi presented **Read Across America Day**, Chain Park in Hattiesburg for children ages 0-7 and their families, featuring fun reading games and activities! Each child received free books for participating and they had a bouncy house, literacy information for parents of very young children, and of course birthday cake!



Only \$2 will buy a book for a child; \$80 will sponsor a book walk with 2 deconstructed books.

If you would like to help, send a check made out to **USM SLIS** to:

CCLR/ **Dr. Catharine Bomhold**

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