

## 2005 Annual Library Report

**University Library.** The Library celebrated the contribution of all current and former employees with a reunion during Homecoming 2004. Live @ the Library hosted Dr. Doug Phillips, author of Discovering Alabama Wetlands and host of APT's Discovering Alabama, in conjunction with Samford's celebration of Earth Day. The library sponsored exhibits including the Earth Day 2005 Art Exhibition, The Making of a Family Quilt exhibit by the HDFS Parenting Class, Photography by Nancy Kerr, Water Media by Melinda Mathews, and Photography by Kim Benner.

The Library participated in the nationally administered LibQual+ survey to measure library service quality and to create quality-assessment tools for planning . The Library was one of 77 participants nationwide in the Project for Standardized Assessment of Information Literacy Skills to develop an instrument to measure information literacy and was one of six schools asked to speak at the annual SAILS meeting about the use of our phase two results.

The library orientated students in the Summer Forensics Program and instructed participants in the Lakeshore Rehabilitation Summer Institute. Special Collection processed and filmed several late 19th - early 20th century newspapers from Cleburne County including Standard News, Edwardsville News and Cleburne New Era and the Frederick Sterling Sherman collection. Mr. Sherman is the great grandson of Samuel Sterling Sherman, the first president of Howard College.

**Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research.** A successful Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research included ten courses, 216 registrants and 30 faculty members. 16 participants from the USA, Canada and Australia researched in England with the British Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research.

**Faculty Achievement.** Among the staff contributing leadership in their professional organizations was Beth Ashmore serving as chair of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Instruction Section's Teaching Methods Committee, American Library Association (ALA), webmaster for the Alabama Chapter of the ACRL (AACRL) and "The Researching Librarian," and planner and facilitator for ACRL Preconference: Information Literacy in the Disciplines. Della Darby served as Co-chair of Alabama Library Association (ALLA) Convention Program Committee, Secretary/Treasurer of the Government Documents Round Table, ALLA, as newsletter editor and executive board member of AACRL, and coordinated the Best Practices programs for AACRL and the local arrangements for the SOLINET Cataloging Workshop. Sue Peterson served as a member of the Network of Alabama Academic Libraries (NAAL) Online Content Committee. Jennifer Taylor served on the Education Committee of the College, University, and Special Libraries (CUS) Section of the ALLA, moderator of the Alabama Library Association List Serve, Co-Chair of local Arrangements Committee for the 2005 ALLA convention. Jean Thomason served on the NAAL Advisory Council and the Recruitment for Academic Librarianship Task Force. Carla Waddell served as secretary for CUS, AACRL and member-at-Large for Programs, CUS, ALLA. Elizabeth Wells served as treasurer of the Alabama Baptist Historical Society, on the Alabama Historical Association Board of Directors, Local Arrangements Chair for Baptist History and Heritage Society meeting and on the Local Arrangements Committee for the Southern Baptist Library Association.

Beth Ashmore presented at CUS/AACRL, ALLA Best Practices Mini-Sessions and for the Education Committee Workshop, CUS. Della Darby and Lori Northrup presented “21<sup>st</sup> Century Billboards: Using Screensavers and Desktops as Ad Space for Library Services” at AACRL Best Practices Mini-Session and “Using Server-Side Include Commands for Subject Web Page Management: An Alternative to Database-Driven Technologies for the Smaller Academic Library” at ALA Conference and SELA/NCLA conference. Jean Thomason spoke to the Introduction to Library and Information Studies class, University of Alabama. Carla Waddell presided over the AACRL Best Practices Program “Time Management for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Librarian.” Elizabeth Wells was a presenter for the Alabama Baptist Historical Society Workshop and speaker for numerous genealogy and historical societies.

Beth Ashmore co-authored “Riding the E-book Wave” in Against the Grain and wrote two articles for Instruction Section Newsletter, ALA. Ashmore was editor for the Internet Insider feature in College and Undergraduate Libraries. Ed Cherry, Della Darby and Northrup published “Using Server-Side Include Commands for Subject Web-Page Management: An Alternative to Database-Driven Technologies for the Smaller Academic Library” in Information Technology and Libraries.

**Faculty Development.** Staff attended national and regional conferences including those hosted by the Alabama Library Association, the American Library Association, the Baptist History and Heritage Society, the Federation of Genealogical Societies, the Music Library Association, the Network of Alabama Academic Libraries, the National Genealogical Society, the Southern Baptist Library Association and SOLINET.