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Abstract

Greeting from co-founding editor Rachael Elrod.



FROM THE EDITORS



I truly hope you enjoy reading this journal as much as I have enjoyed putting it together. I have learned over the last year more than I could ever have imagined and am very pleased to offer this inaugural issue of *South*

Carolina Libraries.

There are many people without whom this journal would not be possible and a big thank you to the following: Brent Appling, Amanda Stone, Elise Wallace, Chris Hare, Kelly Jones, Tammy Ivins, Donna Maher, Chris Rogers, Kathleen Gray, and many more. I would also like to thank the Editors from *Kentucky Libraries*, *Georgia Library Quarterly*, and *Tennessee Libraries* for their support and guidance.

The journey started in July of 2013 when I emailed Brent Appling at the University of South Carolina (USC) to see if he would be interested in creating an SCLA journal. As the Chair of the SCLA College and University Section I thought he might be interested in helping and to my delight, he was very enthusiastic about the project.

Next, we needed to find a place to host our journal online, preferably for free. Brent contacted the USC Scholar Commons repository manager, Chris Hare, and to our delight, not only was it possible but they were enthusiastic about it as well!

Things were falling into place so Brent and I took the next step of making an official proposal to the SCLA Executive Board in August of 2013. At the Board meeting the project was again met with enthusiasm and given the green light to proceed as a

subcommittee under the SCLA Editorial Committee.

The next step was to send out a call for volunteers to serve as Copy Editors, peer-reviewers, and form an Editorial Committee to write the policies and procedures of the journal. This journal would not have been possible without the support from those who answered the call to help.

In addition, with the help of Amanda Stone from the South Carolina State Library, we were able to digitize previous iterations of South Carolina Library journals beginning with the *South Carolina Library Bulletin* published from 1945-1956, the *South Carolina Librarian* published from 1956-1988, and *News and views of the SCLA* published from 1979-1989. In addition, she has helped digitize two handouts from SCLA conferences from the 1940s. These past publications will be located on the journal website under the heading "SCLA Special Issues Archive".

The last year has been very rewarding and I have received lots of enthusiastic feedback that this journal will put a new level of professionalism on the face of libraries in South Carolina. My hope is that this journal will continue for generations to come for anyone with a vested interest in the libraries of South Carolina.

Sincerely,

Rachael Elrod, Co-Founding Editor, *South Carolina Libraries*