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## From the Editor

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## From the Editor

Fall is in the air, with winter not far behind. Like it or not, time marches on and soon we will be beginning a new decade! With the passage of time comes change. The articles in this issue deal with various aspects of change, from rethinking current methods to providing information during difficult circumstances.

Rickey Best discusses the issues involved in providing access to Alabama's digital state publications. As many are aware, government documents provide their own unique access "challenges". The methods outlined in this article will provide insights on how to deal with the myriad of issues – or at least become aware of the considerations which need to be made.

Donna Bracquet provides a perspective on information needs during her experience as a shelter volunteer during hurricane Gustav. In a time of disaster, communication is key...and reliable information is a necessity. Those who are suffering gain assurance through the provision of timely and accurate information. Anticipation of the information needs will help ease the anxiety felt by both the victims and recovery personnel. The guidelines provided in the article can be tailored for many types of emergency situations.

John Sandy, Mangala Krishnamurthy and Wayne Rau address the importance of utilizing "new" technology for an "old" activity – providing library tours. This article outlines the ways that technology can improve the exposure of the library and the steps that can be taken to implement a successful tour. Included is the entire script used for the self-guided tour which can be used by others in program design.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the reviewers who put so much time in making this publication a success. Their insights on the submissions help to improve the quality of *The Southeastern Librarian*. Those who have provided reviews during the past year were:

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