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**New Southern Exposure DVDs donated for all three Tuscaloosa Public Library locations**

**TUSCALOOSA, Ala.**—The Alabama Rivers Alliance and Black Warrior Riverkeeper have partnered to donate three copies of the latest edition of Southern Exposure, a film series educating the public about Alabama’s natural resources, to the Tuscaloosa Public Library (TPL).

Each of TPL’s three locations have one DVD copy of the 2018 edition of Southern Exposure, a series of documentary shorts on various Alabama environmental topics by independent filmmakers. More information about the films is found at [southernexposurefilms.org](http://southernexposurefilms.org).

“Alabama’s environment is important to our community,” said Vince Bellofatto, director of public relations at TPL. “The Tuscaloosa Public Library is thrilled to partner with these two amazing organizations to help promote these issues, since our Main library is located next to the Black Warrior River. We are extremely pleased to make the Southern Exposure DVDs available to all our patrons in Tuscaloosa County.”

Sponsored by the Alabama Rivers Alliance and made possible through partnership with environmental and conservation groups across the state, Southern Exposure fellows have the opportunity to create inspiring, captivating films that give viewers a sense of how much Alabama has to offer and the importance of protecting its resources.

This innovative summer fellowship brings emerging filmmakers from across the country to tell authentic, engaging stories through short documentary films about Alabama’s environment — and the people who cherish it — from the mountains to the coast.

“We are so excited to have these important films available to the Tuscaloosa community through this partnership,” said Cindy Lowry, executive director of Alabama Rivers Alliance. “The messages in these short documentaries are critical to the protection of Alabama’s 132,000 miles of rivers and streams, and to our land and way of life as Alabamians.”

Numerous films from past fellowship years have been selected for screening in juried film festivals around the country. Live screenings and online distribution of the films reach a variety of audiences in Alabama and across the nation, helping Southern Exposure fulfill the mission to spread awareness, appreciation and action on behalf of Alabama's environment.

"We are so pleased that folks can visit any Tuscaloosa Public Library location to borrow these DVDs for personal viewing or an event with their friends, family, church, and school," said Charles Scribner, executive director of Black Warrior Riverkeeper. "We enthusiastically promoted Southern Exposure with its founder, Southern Environmental Law Center, and are thrilled to maintain that tradition with the Alabama Rivers Alliance."

On May 30, Alabama Rivers Alliance similarly [donated Southern Exposure DVDs](#) to all Birmingham Public Library locations.

For a high-resolution photo of the new Southern Exposure DVD cover, [click here](#).

For a high-resolution photo of Vince Bellofatto, TPL director of communications and public relations, receiving DVDs from Hudson Nuckolls, Black Warrior Riverkeeper intern, [click here](#).

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[The Tuscaloosa Public Library](#) serves the 192,000 residents of Tuscaloosa County, as well as students attending the University of Alabama, Shelton State Community College, and Stillman College. TPL offers a full array of library services, programs, online resources and materials from books in all formats to DVDs. The materials and programs are designed to meet the needs of our community. The library currently has four service outlets; Main Library, Brown Branch, Weaver Bolden Branch and the Bookmobiles.

[Alabama Rivers Alliance](#) is a statewide network of groups working to protect and restore all of Alabama's water resources through building partnerships, empowering citizens, and advocating for sound water policy and its enforcement. For more information, please visit [alabamarivers.org](http://alabamarivers.org).

[Black Warrior Riverkeeper](#)'s mission is to protect and restore the Black Warrior River and its tributaries. The citizen-based nonprofit organization promotes clean water for improved public health, recreation, and wildlife habitat throughout the Black Warrior River watershed.