Dr. Edwin Gleaves Scholarship

The TLA Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that Wesley Holloway has been awarded the Dr. Edwin Gleaves Scholarship for 2016. Wesley is a research and technology specialist at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Library where he helps patrons develop and apply their information literacy skills. He will earn his M.L.S. from Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis this summer, after which he plans to travel. He is a member of ALA, TLA, and the Association of Library and Information Science Students. Wesley’s interests are in reference and instruction services, collection development and sustainability, and intellectual freedom. The Dr. Edwin Gleaves Scholarship will be presented at the General Session on Thursday.

TENNSCO Scholarship

Donna Phillips completed the Public Library Management Program in 2015 and has served within the Jefferson County Public Library system for over 14 years. Donna and her husband, Dwayne, have three grown children and one beautiful (and adored) granddaughter. Donna enjoys crafting, but she finds the most joy and fulfillment in her work, particularly engaging with the children of her community through library programs. The TENNSCO Scholarship will be presented at the General Session on Thursday.

TLA Library Support Staff Award: Brenda Dunn

Brenda Dunn is the Administrative Assistant for Finance and Personnel at the Bristol Public Library. Brenda began working at the library in 1972 as a library page, and she has worked in every department during her 42 years of loving her job. Brenda stated she read a sign once that said, “Do a job you like and you will never work a day in your life,” and she added, “That is exactly how I feel.” She spends time with her husband of 41+ years and has two sons, a daughter and two grandchildren. Brenda is active in her church and loves to read while her dog, Paco, lounges on her lap. Brenda Dunn will receive the TLA Library Support Staff Award at the General Session on Thursday.

Tennessee History Book Award: People of the Upper Cumberland: Achievements and Contradictions

The recipient of this year’s Tennessee History Book Award is People of the Upper Cumberland: Achievements and Contradictions, edited by William Calvin Dickinson and Michael Birdwell, University of Tennessee Press. Unified by geography and themes of tradition and progress, the essays in this anthology present a complex view of the Upper Cumberland area of Tennessee and Kentucky—a remote and, in some ways, mysterious region—and its people. The distinguished contributors cover everything from early folk medicine practices (Opless Walker), to the changing roles of women in the Upper Cumberland (Ann Toplovich), to rarely discussed African American lifeways in the area (Wali R. Kharif). The result is an astonishingly fresh contribution to studies of the Upper Cumberland area. The Tennessee History Book Award will be presented at the General Session on Thursday.
TLA Honor Award: DeAnne Luck

DeAnne Luck has 23 years of varied experience in Tennessee libraries. She has worked in circulation, electronic resources, and instruction in academic libraries, as an elementary school librarian, and as the Database Coordinator for Tenn-Share. She now serves as a full-time lecturer in the Library Science Program at Middle TN State University. She served as the TLA webmaster for many years, on various ALA committees, and most recently as the chair of Tenn-Share's K-16 Information Literacy Continuum Task Force. She firmly believes in the importance of the library community working together for the benefit of all. DeAnne Luck will receive the TLA Honor Award at the General Session on Thursday.

Daniel Taylor Memorial Award: Mindy Barrett

Mindy Barrett has served in Youth Services with Linebaugh Library System for over six years. She is a Smyrna, TN native, the wife of a tattoo artist (without a single tattoo!), the mother of four teenagers, and an unapologetic Anglophile. She cut her teeth literally and figuratively on Little Golden Books and has had a passion for the written word ever since. As a former elementary school teacher, she realized her real calling was sharing literature, resources, and programs with the families in her community. After completing her M.Ed in Library Science, she found her tribe at the public library. Mindy Barrett will receive the Daniel Taylor Memorial Award at the Children and Young Adult Luncheon on Thursday.

Louise Meredith School Library Media Award: Annette Kuykendall

Annette Kuykendall is the librarian at Fairview Middle School in Fairview, TN. She received her Bachelor's degree and Masters of Education degree from the University of Tennessee-Martin. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends, as well as reading, shopping, going to the movies, and traveling. In her work, Annette consistently seeks out teachers for opportunities to collaborate and has truly embedded herself into the curriculum design process. She facilitates a student-centered learning environment that fosters creativity and encourages critical thinking and problem solving in the library at FMS. She has developed a library program that is the defining component of the school’s intellectual identity. Annette Kuykendall will receive the Louise Meredith School Library Media Award at the Children and Young Adult Luncheon on Thursday.

Friend of the Year Award: Julie Webb

Julie Webb has been a Friend of the Library for decades. Friends of Tennessee Libraries (FOTL), a statewide network of library supporters, considers her to be its Founding Mother. Instrumental in creating the organization in the 1990s, she was its second president. She continues to share the benefit of her wisdom on the organization’s advisory board and has influenced many Tennessee leaders to serve on the FOTL board. Her contributions to her local group, Friends of the Knox County Public Library, continue unabated as a volunteer, member of the group's nominating committee, and member of the Knox County Library Foundation Board. Leader, mentor, and supporter, Julie Webb has taught and continues to teach Tennesseans how to advocate for public libraries. Julie Webb will receive the Friend of the Year Award at the Trustees and Friends of Libraries Luncheon on Friday.