TLA Odyssey 2001: ALA Director Gordon to Address General Session

TLA sets off into the new millennium with an annual conference entitled “Odyssey 2001,” which will be held April 10-12, 2001, at the Nashville Convention Center/Renaissance Hotel.

Among the speakers for the conference is ALA Executive Director William Gordon, who will address the general session on April 11.

Preconferences on April 10 will discuss young adults and libraries, storytelling with finger puppets, new SACS and ACRL standards for libraries, using the Web for reference, and forming book clubs in libraries. A tour of new Nashville libraries is also scheduled.

The preregistration deadline is March 15. Registration materials are being sent to all TLA members.

A general schedule of the conference, including detailed descriptions of the preconferences, is inside the newsletter on pp. 10-11.

ALA Councilor Huggins to place CIPA resolution on TLA board agenda

In a report to the TLA membership on activities at the ALA Midwinter Meeting, held in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 14-17, 2001, Tennessee Chapter ALA Councilor Annelle Huggins says that the “hottest topic” involved a recommendation that ALA become the lead litigant in challenging the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA, a.k.a. the CHIP Act), which will begin to go into effect as soon as April 20, 2001.

The recommendation, which was made as part of a report from the Freedom to Read Foundation on First Amendment rights, was subsequently endorsed by ALA’s executive board.

Huggins says that she will put the issue on the agenda of the March meeting of the TLA board pursuant to a request made in the ALA Chapter Relations Committee meeting by the Freedom to Read Foundation and by the ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom that chapters endorse the litigation with funding and statements of support.

Others from Tennessee attending the conference included Tamara Miller, LITA councilor; Larry Romans, councilor-at-large; and Faith Holdredge, TLA vice president/president-elect.

The full text of Huggins’s report is inside the newsletter on pp. 7-9. Huggins also includes an appeal to Tennessee libraries to join the Campaign for America’s Libraries in a number of ways, including the insertion of the “@your library” logo into communications and publicity.
“Saint” Darnell Leads TEL Flock in Quest for $1M

Library Legislative Day Attracts 2/3 of TN Assembly

Advocates of the Tennessee Electronic Library (TEL) gathered in Nashville on Jan. 30, 2001, to help Secretary of State Riley Darnell talk legislators into giving $1 million in State funds to the statewide database service.

TEL was once again the focus of Library Legislative Day, presented this year by TLA, Friends of Tennessee Libraries, TENN-SHARE, and the Tennessee Association of School Librarians.

TLA President Tena Litherland introduced Darnell at the morning advocacy workshop as “the patron saint of TEL.”

Darnell, while modestly shrugging off the beatification, went on to lay out the case for TEL. He began by noting that library supporters have not always been known to speak up. “We have to stop whispering. We have to tell the library story,” he said.

The story about TEL that Darnell wants to be told to the legislators is that it needs $1 million in State funds “to work the way it needs to work.”

He shared statistics with seasonal spikes showing “usage by young folks in schools.” He also mentioned the other southern states “doing better than we are.” He cited the example of Georgia, which spends over $30 million on its statewide database service.

Darnell reiterated his message later in the day, this time for the benefit of legislators who came to eat lunch with library supporters in the ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel on Capitol Hill.

88 legislators, out of a possible 133, attended the luncheon. They were seated by district, alongside their constituent library supporters.

244 TEL advocates attended the event. After the morning workshop they visited their legislators to deliver their own versions of Darnell’s message.

In addition, those who attended the morning workshop went about their lobbying after absorbing some inspiration from Margaret Ann Robinson, board chair of the Public Library of Nashville/Davidson Co. since 1986, who recommended “passion” as the key ingredient in making a difference as a private citizen.

Robinson supported her position with a spirited account of the way in which Nashville’s city council, after receiving an organized, consistent, clear, and simple message from persistent library supporters, was convinced to build a new central library and five new branches.

“We stopped being old ladies in tennis shoes,” she quipped.

Following Robinson’s remarks, Sharon Parente of MTSU presented a wide-ranging demonstration of some of TEL’s capabilities.

Parente showed how its periodical selections are tailored to the needs of different ages and subject areas.

Following the demonstration, one non-librarian in the audience commented, “That was such a good presentation. You know, I haven’t been there [TEL] yet. I’ll have to find out how to do that.”

Whether she’s been there or not, she knows what it will take to “work the way it needs to work.”

The TLA Legislation Committee’s Legislation Day Subcommittee, co-chaired by Penny Frere and JulieWebb, organized the day’s events.
The TLA Nominating Committee has chosen Biddanda Ponnappa, Director of Library at the Quillen College of Medicine at ETSU, as the nominee for TLA vice president/president-elect and Peter Nerzak, Director of Library Services at Pellissippi State, as the nominee for treasurer.

Additional nominations may be forwarded to the committee. The ballot will include the name of an additional candidate if at least 25 members petition the committee in writing with their support of that candidate.

Ballots for the election will be mailed out to the membership. Votes must be returned by March 15.

Members of the nominating committee and their e-mail addresses are:

- William Black, MTSU library, committee chairman
  wblack@ulibnet.mtsu.edu
- Lynette S. Sloan, Fort Loudoun Regional Library
  lsloan@mail.state.tn.us
- Bonnie Baker, Memphis University School
  bbaker@musowls.org
- Brenda F. Green, Health Sciences Library, University of Tennessee
  bfgreen@utmem.edu
- Charlotte Brannon, Fort Loudoun Regional Library

### Nominated: Ponnappa for VP, Nerzak for Treasurer

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<td>As we enter the 21st century and our Tennessee Library Association nears its 100th birthday, our profession in Tennessee faces exhilarating promises and significant challenges. As the quantity of information explodes and moves from print to digital formats, the growing digital divide hampers equal access to information across the State. The Tennessee Library Association must work closely with various decision making and funding agencies to meet these challenges and to reap the benefits of the promises offered by the new technology. Towards this end, as President of your Association, I will strive to:</td>
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**Professional Associations:**

1999 - present
Medial Library Association

1999 - present
Consortium of Biomedical Libraries in the South (CONBLS)
Treasurer, CONBLS Library Directors Group

1984 - present:
American Library Association (ALA)
Chair, Booth Committee (1987-88)
Member, Booth Committee (1986-87)
Chair, Students to ALA Committee (1985-86)
Member, Students to ALA Committee (1984-85)

1985 - present:
Tennessee Library Association (TLA)
Member, Local Arrangements Committee - 2000 TLA Annual Conference
Chair, Program Planning Committee 1999 TLA Annual Conference
Webmaster, TLA Homepage, 1995-1998
Business Manager, Tennessee Librarian, 1992-1995
Chair, Tennessee Resource Sharing Roundtable, 1994-1995
Chair, Membership Committee, 1989-1990
Member, Membership Committee, 1988-1989
Member, Audiovisual Facilities Committee for the 1988 TLA Annual Convention

1985-1998:
East Tennessee Library Association (ETLA)
Editor, ETLA Newsletter, 1991-1994

1994 -1998:
United States Agricultural Information Network (USAINT)
Convener, Document Delivery Special Interest Group, 1995 -

1994 -1998:
International Association of Agricultural Librarians and Documentalists (IAALD)

**Selected Recent Publications and Presentations:**


**Peter Nerzak**

**Position Statement:**

♦ For TLA to continue to provide opportunities for its members to participate in activities that foster professional growth and service to our communities.

♦ That TLA continues with programs and services for all library workers: public, academic, school, special, library education students, and all others working in libraries.

**Professional Experience:**

8/24/93 - Current
Director, Library Services, Pellissippi State Technical Community College.

8/24/92
Assistant Professor, Pellissippi State

12/3/90
Automation Librarian, Pellissippi State

9/1/88 - 11/24/90
Assistant Acquisitions Librarian, Ithaca College Library

2/16/89 - 8/31/89
Reference Librarian, Ithaca College Library

Ithaca, NY.

11/2/88 - 1/30/89
Librarian I, Tompkins County Public Library

Ithaca, NY.

8/31/87 -12/15/88
Information Assistant, Albert R. Mann Library and Entomology Library
Cornell University
Nerzak, cont.

Education:

1993
Electronic communication and information sources on the Internet, Graduate Course, School of Information Studies
University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee.

1988
Master of Library Science, School of Information Studies, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY.

1975
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Hartwick College, Oneonta, New York.

Professional Associations:

American Library Association, American College & Research Libraries, TLA, ETLA, TENNSHARE, SOLINET / OCLC

TSLA News

Wayne Moore Appointed Assistant State Archivist at TSLA

After the retirement of William Moss in December, Dr. Wayne C. Moore has been appointed Assistant State Archivist.

Dr. Moore has been with the Tennessee State Library and Archives for 15 years, serving as Deputy Assistant State Archivist for the last two years. He received the B.A. degree in history, magna cum laude, from Northern Illinois University and his Ph.D., also in history, from the University of Rochester.


The Tennessee State Library and Archives is also pleased to announce the appointment of Ron Lee as our new Director of Public Services, the position formerly held by Chuck Sherrill. Since Chuck became Director of the Brentwood Public Library a few months ago, Cassandra Hassler has served most capably as Acting Director of Public Services, and we thank her for her service in that capacity.

Ron Lee holds three degrees from the University of Tennessee: the B.S. and M.S. in Education and the M.L.S. Before coming to the State Library and Archives in 1995, he worked for 15 years in the Circulation Department of the University of Tennessee Library, 13 of those as Departmental Supervisor. Among his many responsibilities at TSLA, he has distinguished himself by developing and maintaining much of the TSLA website.

Other Changes at TSLA


New employees include Deborah Puckett, Administrative Services Assistant IV (Administration), Anita Coursey, Archival Assistant II (Public Services), Janie Murphree, Assistant Director, Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Veronica Encinas, Library Assistant IV, Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, and Richard Davis, Materials Handler I, Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Recent retirees at TSLA are Linda Bradford, Administrative Services Assistant IV from Dr. Gleaves’s office, and William (Bill) Moss, Assistant State Archivist.

USDOE Digital Divide Grants

The U.S. Department of Education will release grant applications for Community Technology Center (CTC) monies sometime in March, 2001. The funds are to be used to increase the use of computers and “information-age resources” by adult education and literacy providers.

Libraries are eligible to apply. The grants are administered through the DOE’s Office of Vocational and Adult Education. CTC’s help provide adult and family literacy services to underserved populations.

Funding for the program has increased from $32.5 million in FY2000 to $64.95 million in FY2001. Competition for the funds is keen: of 750 applicants in FY1999, only 40 were funded. However, due to demand, there were 72 additional grants in FY2000.

Many of the successful grant applicants involve partnerships among numerous participating agencies, both public and private.

For information on how to apply for a CTC grant, go to the CTC web site at http://www.ed.gov/offices/OVAE/CTC/ctcnews.html.
**ARTFUL CYA ROUNDTABLE PROMOTES SUMMER READING**

The Children/Young Adults Roundtable of TLA had a very productive year! The Roundtable members voted to be supportive and active with the State’s Summer Reading plans for 2001. As a result, the Roundtable, with the help of several sponsors, hired a nationally-known artist, Chris Demarest, to do the summer reading program artwork. The Roundtable has paid for the posters and will be selling T-shirts featuring the artwork.

As always, the C/YA Roundtable is anxious for new members! For more information on what C/YA does, please call any of its officers:

- **President:** Lisa Hoover, LaVergne Public Library
- **Vice-President:** Jean Nichols, Clarksville Public Library
- **Sec/Treasurer:** Cathy Taylor, White County Public Library

The CYA Business meeting will be held during the TLA Annual Conference on Wednesday, April 11, 4:45 - 5:15 pm.

*submitted by Cathy Taylor*

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**My Oh Miocene: Gray Library At Center of Effort to Preserve Fossil Find**

If you’re a paleontology buff, the Gray branch of the Washington County Library is where the action is these days, ever since the discovery in May of a huge fossil bed at a highway construction site.

The Gray library, which is located just over a mile from the discovery, has exhibited fossils from the dig and has become the meeting place for citizens interested in preserving the find as a resource for scientific exploration and education.

Nick Fielder, the Tennessee State Archaeologist, has said that this find is the most significant in the Eastern United States, and may prove to be the most significant in all of the United States.

Full skeletons or parts of tapirs, alligators, mastodons, rhinos, turtles, insects, turkeys, frogs and plants have been identified.

At first experts from the University of Tennessee estimated the age of the fossils at between one-half and 1.8 million years. Later, however, the estimate was revised. Now the experts place the age of the fossils at between 4.5 and 18 million years.

Supporters of a museum for the site are not only meeting at the Gray Library, but they’ve taken a tip from the library by forming a Friends group.

Lusetta Jenkins is the library director at Gray.
Anderson Student Rep to ALA

Christina I. Anderson has been selected as the University of Tennessee School of Information Sciences ALA Student-Staff Project representative for the 2001 ALA Annual Conference.

Chrissie is from Bristol, TN, and is a member of the Distance Education group. A graduate of Emory and Henry College, Chrissie has worked in libraries since 1993, and is a member of ALA, VLA, and the Virginia State Reading Association.

In Memoriam: Dr. Moses Osemwegie

Dr. Moses Osemwegie, Assistant Professor and Subject Specialist at the Avon Williams Campus Library, Tennessee State University in Nashville, passed away on Thursday, January 11, 2001.

His funeral was Saturday, January 20th, at the House of God Church in Nashville, Tennessee.

ALA COUNCILOR REPORT ON MID-WINTER, 2001, CONFERENCE

Amid the erecting of review stands and bleachers and a “practice parade” in preparation for the Presidential Inauguration, 13,291 librarians/vendors/guests convened the Mid-Winter, 2001, Conference in Washington, D. C. As TLA’s ALA Councilor, I attended not only the three ALA Council meetings, but also the ALA Council/Executive Board/Membership Information Session and the three meetings of the Chapter Relations Committee. This brief report to TLA membership contains the highlights of these meetings. Should you have any questions or concerns about matters addressed in this report, please do not hesitate to contact me by email - ahuggins@memphis.edu. It is an honor to serve TLA in this position.

(ALA Council / Executive Board / Membership: January 14, 2001:)

This information-only meeting was presided over by Nancy C. Kranich, ALA President. Included on the agenda were reports from Ms. Kranich and John W. Berry, ALA Vice-President / President-elect. These reports outlined both officers’ ALA activities, including visits to various ALA Chapters, since the July 2000 Annual Conference. Mr. Berry outlined the approach he will take in addressing ALA Key Action Areas – Diversity, Education and Continuous Learning, Equity of Access, Intellectual Freedom, and 21st Century Literacy – during his presidential year. One of his chief implementation strategies will be to offer teleconferences on the Key Action Areas to allow for increased participation by ALA membership across the nation.

The Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC) reported that ALA’s revenues for the first quarter of the FY are greater than the budget by $159,564. The ALA Endowment Trustee’s Report indicated that, even with the volatility of the market during 2000, the market value of ALA’s endowment increased over $2 million. Both of these reports support William R. Gordon’s (ALA Executive Director) statement that ALA is in the best financial health in its history.

The Campaign for America’s Libraries, a public education campaign for all types of libraries, which ALA will present and support for the next five years was presented. (Please see separate report in this Newsletter or by separate email.)

ALA Council I: January 15, 2001:

Following a memorial recognition in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Vice-President Berry introduced the nominees for the 2001 ALA Executive Board. (The election followed during the next 24 hours. New Executive Board members are Kenton L. Oliver (KS); Barbara K. Stripling (AR); and Patricia Wong (CA).

Ms. Betty J. Turock, Chair of ALA’s Nominating Committee, presented the nominees for ALA Vice-President / President Elect: Ken Haycock (University of British Columbia) and William W. Sannwald (City of San Diego). ALA Executive Director Gordon indicated that one petition candidate has also been added to the nominees: Maurice J. Freedman (Westchester Library System, NY).

Ms. Turock then presented the nominees for the Council-at-Large positions and Mr. Gordon added the names of those who had petitioned to be added to the list of nominations. A brief review of this lengthy listing finds one fellow Tennessean – D. Jackson Maxwell (Memphis).
The most compelling, and subsequently hottest topic, was addressed in the report from the Freedom to Read Foundation which was presented by the Foundation President, Candace Morgan. While she addressed various litigations involving the First Amendment rights in the US and abroad, the major portion of her report dealt with the CIPA/NCIPA (Children’s Internet Protection Act / Neighborhood Children’s Internet Protection Act) legislation recently passed by Congress, which is scheduled to take effect on April 20, 2001. Quoting directly from her report, “The Freedom to Read Foundation Board believes it is vital that the library profession assume a lead role in a legal challenge to CIPA. We believe that ALA should be the lead plaintiff in this challenge.”

Ensuing Council discussion indicated clearly that a majority, if not all, of Council members were supportive of ALA’s participation in litigation opposing the CIPA/NCIPA Acts. (Upon my return to Memphis, I received an email announcement which stated that ALA’s Executive Board had voted to lead this litigation. I forwarded this announcement to TLA-L. — (see Chapter Relations report below for additional information.)

ALACouncil II: January 16, 2001:

The following items were presented by appropriate officers/committees, discussed by Council membership, and accepted by consent:

- Library Services for People with Disability Policy
- ALA’s 2002 Programmatic Priorities

These items should be available, short-ly, on ALA’s Web site.

The Committee on Education presented two items:

- Revised Criteria for Programs to Prepare Library Technical Assistants: Council referred this item back to Committee for further deliberations. (I shall be requesting TLA’s Paraprofessional Roundtable to review this document and will forward their thoughts/concerns to the ALA Committee.)
- Resolution on the Certification of Post-Masters Degree Librarians: “Council expresses its strong support for the development of a post MLS certificate program. It asks the Committee on Education to prepare the details of a plan to present to Council 30 days in advance of Annual 2001.” — This resolution was approved by Council. (I shall place this item on the agenda of a future TLA Board meetings for discussion.)

The ALA Membership Committee moved that the Organization member dues and benefits be changed to:

- All organization member dues go to support the public awareness efforts of ALA through the Washington Office and the Public Information Office, specifically.
- Each Organization member may designate one Key Partner member, who is in a position to support libraries and is not an employee of the library.
- The Key Partner will receive briefing bulletins on library issues.
- The Key Partner is a non-voting member of ALA and will not serve on ALA Committees.
- ALA Organizational Dues should be raised according to Library Budget level.

- Chapters, International Libraries, Non-profits annual dues would be raised from the current $75 to $110. This motion was approved by consent of Council.

Council II, January 17, 2001:

The ALA Awards Committee recommended:

- the approval of the Betty J. Turock Scholarship to support the education of a principal minority group in an ALA-accredited master’s program in Library and Information Studies;
- the following changes in the Whitney-Carnegie Awards: 1) the two awards be combined into one award; 2) the purpose of the award reflect the broader Carnegie purpose; 3) the name of the award be the Carnegie-Whitney Award; 4) the guidelines for applicants be revised and new publicity be developed to reflect the changed purpose. These recommendations were approved by consent of Council.

ALA Treasurer’s report, once again, indicated the financial health of the organization.

In follow-up to an Outsourcing Task Force report in 1997 and subsequent membership hearings at both conferences in 1998, the Task Force presented recommendations for an ALA policy on outsourcing to Council in 1999. That Council referred the recommendations to ALA divisions and ALA management for further study through research. At the 2000 Annual Conference Council moved to accept the report of the research and appointed a small task force to continue the discussion and help frame the issues involved in outsourcing and privatization. On 1-17-01 that task force presented a report for discussion by the Council prior to presenting the final recommendations at the Annual 2001 Conference. (I shall place this matter on the agenda of the March 2001 TLA Board meeting and will forward the Board’s thoughts/concerns to the task force.)

Chapter Relations I, II, III, January 13, 15, 16, 2001:

Many of the items discussed in ALA Council meetings were also discussed in the Chapter Relations Committee meetings, thus I will only bullet below those items which were unique to Chapter Relations or comments which I believe expand upon issues discussed in ALA Council.

- Freedom to Read Foundation Representative to Chapter Relations, Kathy Balcom, and Judith Krug of the
ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom both called for Chapters to support litigation in opposition to the CIPA/NCIPA. Funding support at any level from all ALA Chapters would enhance the opposition. Also, statements of support from the Chapters would be appropriate. (I shall place this matter on the Agenda of the March 2001 TLA Board meeting.)

Chapter Relations Booth organizers for San Francisco Conference are seeking items to display/distribute. (Faith Holdredge was present at the Chapter Relations' Committee meeting when this was discussed and we plan to seek additional copies of the TLA Newsletter for placement at this booth.)

The Congress on Professional Education II presented a plan for Library Career Pathways for non-MLS holders. There will be a hearing on this matter at the 2001 Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 16, 2001, 11AM-Noon. (I shall forward this item to the TLA Paraprofessional Roundtable for discussion and input.)

The Chapter Relations Committee is preparing a IMLS grant proposal to develop and implement leadership training within the ALA Chapters. If funded, this training would be offered regionally. A request was made for letters of support from all Chapters. (Upon my return to Memphis, I spoke with Tena Litherland, TLA President, about the need for such a letter before 2-1-01. With her agreement, I shall prepare, under my name, a letter to forward to the Chapter Relations Committee in support of this grant proposal. A copy of the letter will be presented at the March 2001, TLA Board meeting.)

In regard to actions which each library should take in light of the CIPA/NCIPA which goes into effect on April 20, 2001: ALA Washington Office urges all libraries to continue to apply for e-rate and to participate in consortia purchases. The acts have elucidated more questions than answers. The ALA Washington Office will keep the membership up-to-date on all guidelines/instructions which may be forthcoming.

UCITA is still a very prominent state legislative problem for a number of states. The ALA Washington Office continues to monitor each state closely and maintain information on status of bills and online helps and a tutorial on the ALA website. Chapters are urged to make use of these materials.

This completes my report from ALA Mid-Winter, 2001, meeting.

Annelle R. Huggins
Tennessee Chapter ALA Councilor
ahuggins@memphis.edu

@ your library: The Campaign for America’s Libraries

At the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Washington, D. C., chapter leaders received an update on The Campaign for America’s Libraries, ALA’s five-year commitment to speak loudly and clearly about the value of libraries and librarians in our information society. The goal of the campaign is to capture the public’s imagination about the critical importance of libraries and librarians in the information age. The campaign will help us increase funding, attract talented people to the profession, promote our programs and services, and influence public policy.

The big news is that libraries in 30 states are now participating, representing a cross section of public, school, academic and special libraries as well as ALA chapters and state library agencies. There is also a brand new Web site for all of us to use at www.ala.org/@yourlibrary. The site includes a toolkit for launching the campaign during National Library Week (April 1-7), as well as other background information, including goals and objectives, key messages, target audiences, downloadable print PSAs and other publicity materials, a feedback form and more.

Because this is a nationwide, grassroots campaign, our chapter is critical to helping us spread the word about the campaign to make it a success. As Tennessee’s ALA Councilor, I am asking you to join your colleagues across the country in this new public education campaign by:

- Participating in the campaign launch during National Library Week;
- Promoting the campaign through your library’s newsletter, annual report and other publicity materials;
- Integrating the @your library logo into your communications pieces where feasible;
- Inviting ALA staff to attend a workshop or conference to make a presentation;
- Linking to the campaign’s Web site from your library’s Web site;
- Running campaign ads in your publications;
- Using the core campaign message when reaching out to the press and in giving presentations;
- Encouraging your staff to participate in the campaign;
- Helping to develop a network of library advocates who can speak out on behalf of your library and the campaign.

The Campaign for America’s Libraries is an unprecedented opportunity for our divers profession to come together and speak with a unified voice, I encourage you to adopt and use the @your library brand and to become actively involved in The Campaign for America’s Libraries. Working together, we can and will make a difference on behalf of libraries and librarians nationwide.

For more information or to register your participation, see the campaign Web site at www.ala.org/@yourlibrary or email the campaign at atyourlibrary@ala.org.

submitted by Annelle R. Huggins
ETSU: “Library” back at SACS

ETSU is part of a pilot program for the SACS Accreditation Review Project. The good news is that the members of the Commission on Colleges listened to our comments and that the word “library” is back. The standards may change yet again before your reaffirmation. ETSU will be using the following standards in the pilot.

CORE REQUIREMENTS

9. The institution provides and supports student and faculty access and user privileges to adequate library collections as well as to other learning and information resources consistent with the degrees offered, and they are sufficient to support all educational, research, and public service programs.

LIBRARY AND OTHER LEARNING RESOURCES

Comprehensive Standards

32. The institution provides facilities and instructional support services for the library and other learning resources that are appropriate to its courses or programs and adequate to support its mission and its effectiveness for learning.

33. The institution ensures that users have access to regular and timely instruction in the use of the library and other learning and information resources.

34. The institution ensures a sufficient number of qualified staff with appropriate education or experiences both in library or other learning resources to accomplish the mission of the institution.

submitted by Rita Scher

Boone Tree Notes

Fall meeting

The Fall meeting of the Boone Tree Library Association was held on September 21, 2000 at Kingsport Public Library in Kingsport, Tennessee. The proposed slate of officers was approved by the members. The new Boone Tree officers for the 2001-2002 term are:

President: Jo McDavid, Colonial Heights Branch of Sullivan County Public Library
Vice-President: Sandra Click, Sullivan Elementary School
Treasurer: John Grubb, Northeast State Technical Community College
Secretary: Lusetta Jenkins, Washington County Public Library - Gray Branch

Following the election, Ms. Hodges introduced the guest speaker, Peter Nerzak, Library Director at Pellissippi State Technical Community College. Mr. Nerzak spoke on the topic of eBooks, defining what they are, how the market is growing, the hardware and software requirements, and the advantages and disadvantages of eBooks. Also, Mr. Nerzak discussed netLibrary and the future of eBooks.

Spring meeting

Boone Tree’s Spring 2001 meeting will be held on March 15, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. at the new T. Elmer Cox Historical and Genealogical Branch of the Greeneville/Greene County Public Library.

The guest speaker will be branch director Don Miller, who will discuss the importance of preserving local historical records and give a tour of the new facility.

submitted by Virginia Hodges and Lusetta Jenkins

submitted by Rita Scher

TLA PreConferences:

April 10, 2001
Registration deadline:
March 15, 2001

Connecting Young Adults and Libraries, Patrick Jones,
ConsultantConnectinglya.com

In the next few years, there will be more teenagers than ever before – is your library ready for them? Does your library have what it takes to meet the needs of teens? Get practical advice on how to create, expand, and improve your school or public library’s services to teenagers in areas such as customer service, reference, collection development, and technology.


Creative Storytelling With Finger Puppets, Kathleen Lynam,
Consultant, Crafty Characters

The art of puppetry is a powerful teaching tool. In this workshop participants will be introduced to various types of puppets, create their own finger puppets, explore character development and vocal expression. Bring your favorite storybook to the workshop so we can transform the characters into puppets! (Participants need to bring sharp scissors and a glue gun — all other supplies will be provided.) (9:30AM – 4PM) Lunch on your own: 11:30AM – 1PM Location: Nashville Convention Center – Registration Cost: $50
Assessing Academic Library Performance in Light of Changing Standards, Bill Nelson, Library Director, Augusta State University (GA); Bob Fernekes, Information Serv. Librarian, GA Southern University

Assessment of academic library services is at the forefront of library news. In this preconference the new ACRL standards and the new standards from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (expected draft due December 2000) will be reviewed in detail, assistance in the assessment process will be offered, and a workbook containing practical examples to use as a guide in the assessment process will be distributed. (9:30AM – 3PM)

Lunch on your own: 11:30AM – 1PM Location: Bell South Tower, Private Dining Room, Nashville, TN – Registration Cost: $50

Tour the New Libraries of Nashville, Presented by Conference 2001 Local Arrangements Committee

Join your colleagues in visiting (via a Gray Lines tour bus) the East and Green Hills Branches of the Nashville/Davidson County PL in the morning; eat a box lunch (included in registration cost) at the park adjacent to the Green Hills Branch; and end the tour with a visit to the Brentwood Public Library and the Waggoner Library at Trevecca University. (10AM – 3PM) Tour begins and ends at the Renaissance Hotel Lobby – Registration Cost: $22. Limited to 24 registrants.

Using the Web for Reference and Information Literacy, Bruce Kocour, Reference & Media Librarian, Carson-Newman College (TN)

Using Web sites to effectively answer reference questions and teaching library use skills requires continual self-development on the part of all librarians. This hands-on workshop (developed by TENN-SHARE) will examine representative Web sites in the Sciences, Social Sciences, and Humanities, and major Internet search engines, directories, and subject guides, as well as the evaluation of Web sites and use of Internet resources to promote information literacy and critical thinking skills. (1PM – 4PM) Location: TSU Avon Williams Campus, 10th & Charlotte Ave. [Room 271], Nashville, TN. Registration Cost: $50 Limited to 36 registrants.

TLA Conference Main Events and Speakers

April 11, 2001

Intellectual Freedom Breakfast:


Exhibits Grand Opening

Honors and Awards Luncheon
22 program sessions including:
Three Virtual Sisters of Kentucky
Integrating TEL Into the Classroom
Making Your Library Homeschool Ready
Library Services to Housing Projects
Staff Development in TN Academic Libraries

All Conference Reception: Tennessee State Museum

April 12, 2001

Children/Young Adults Breakfast:
“Storytellin’ Time,” Mary Jo Huff

Exhibits Open

30 program sessions including:
Using the Media Center to Raise Student Achievement
Beyond Alta Vista
Outsourcing Technical Services
Old Realities/New Energies: Academic Library Development Today
Measure Twice, Move Once
Make Your Library Politically Savvy
Bounce Rhymes and Play Rhymes

Friends/Trustees Luncheon: Lunch With Authors Ken Hinton, A Long Path Home: The Search for a TN Bicentennial Landmark; Phillip Langsdon, Tennessee a Political History; Ridley Wills, Tennessee Governors at Home, Old Enough to Die. Touring Tennessee. History of Belle Meade Country Club
The lost dialogue from Stanley Kubrick's film

2001: A Space Odyssey

Dave: Open the pod-bay doors, please, HAL. Hello, HAL, do you read me?

HAL 9000: Affirmative, Dave. I read you. But you have neglected to send in your registration to the TLA Odyssey 2001 conference. This mission is too important for me to allow you to jeopardize it.

Polyphemus, the cyclops: Yeah, Dave. U lyssen to HAL.

Dave: Who's that?

HAL: Oh, nobody. [Polyphemus guffaws]

Dave: It didn't sound like nobody.

HAL: He arrived by way of a thematic linkage from the Heroic Age. An analog I, as it were.

Polyphemus: Yeah, Dave, and if you don't get your registration to TLA Odyssey 2001 in on time, I get to scramble your brains for the Intellectual Freedom breakfast!