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2001 TLA Odyssey Explores Exciting Worlds

The Nashville Convention Center and Renaissance Hotel was the venue April 10-12, 2001, for an intrepid band of explorers of the Information Age known as the Tennessee Library Association, which made landfall there to carry out this year's annual meeting, "2001 TLA Odyssey."

Incognito in standard business dress, 482 librarian-explorers were regaled for three days with 52 workshops of real adventures in library locales from shelfspace to cyberspace, and of encounters with

nymphs (Three Virtual Sisters of Kentucky), chimeras (Glitches and Copyright), and the ever-recombinant, engulfing swarm of ACCRAnyms.

In addition, five pre-conferences attracted 139 people.

The conference center's exhibit hall held a bazaar of booths for 64 vendors hawking everything from sober codices to big-ticket architectural fantasies (some of them realized).

In its initial report, the conference planning committee said that the 2001 conference will "break even."

Presiding over the general session, TLA President Tena Litherland determined by show of hands that the crowd included rookies, 30-year veterans, and everything in between.

Litherland also announced that, in a bylaws change approved by mail ballot, TLA would change the executive secretary position to executive director. Betty Nance, TLA's executive secretary and steady hand on the helm for 26 years, was honored with a standing ovation.

Honored at the awards luncheon were Bill Carey, Riley

Darnell, Wilma Dykeman, Bruce Kocour, Dolly Parton, Linda Phillips, Margaret Ann Robinson, and Jinx Stapleton Watson.

Speakers at plenary functions and meals included Vivian Wynn of the Nashville/Davidson Co. Public Library, who gave a 21st Century Update on intellectual freedom for the IF breakfast; William R. Gordon, Executive Director of the American Library Association; author and storyteller Mary Jo Huff, who woke folks up at the Children/YA breakfast; and Tennessee authors Kem Hinton, Phillip Langsdon, and Ridley Wills, II, who discussed their works for the Friends/Trustees lunch.

The members of the 2001 conference planning committee are Annelle Huggins and Marion Bryant, co-chairs, and committee members Inga Filippo (registration), Leslie Duncan, Betty Jo Jarvis (exhibits), Don Craig, Jane Pinkston (programs), Carolyn Wilson (local arrangements), and Aaron Dobbs (electronic access specialist).

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2001 TLA Odyssey: Conference Reports

TLA 2001 Conference Planning Committee

Our “odyssey” of planning and executing a conference for over 500 people is almost over. We are proud to report that there were 546 persons (including 64 Exhibitors) registered for TLA Odyssey – 2001. The following breakdown regarding registration is always of interest:

202 Academic librarians
223 Public librarians
15 School librarians
6 Trustee/Friends
36 Other
64 Exhibitors

The Preconferences were well attended, with 139 people taking advantage of these longer sessions to hone their knowledge of connecting with young adults; storytelling with finger puppets; assessing academic libraries; using the Web for reference services; establishing or participating in book clubs; and touring the new libraries of Nashville.

The meal events presented varied programs including the presentation of various honors and awards to TLA members and supporters; Tennessee authors discussing their works; a storyteller; and an update on intellectual freedom in this new century.

We anticipate that the conference will “break-even” and will present a financial report in a future TLA Newsletter issue. We express our appreciation to all who volunteered their time and expertise in support of the TLA Odyssey –2001. Without them there would be no conference! We also appreciate those who attended and the many kind words which we received regarding the Conference.

With best wishes to the 2002 Conference Planning Committee...

**First Since 1991,
Last Until 2112,
Only One Per Century:
Schedule Now for TLA
2002!**

**TLA 's annual conference
in 2002 will be held again
in Nashville on March 26,
27, and 28. Betty Jo Jarvis
and Katy Libby co-chair the
planning committee.**

**Under ordinary circum-
stances, the conference
would rotate to Memphis,
but ongoing conference
center renovations there
have thrown a wrench into
the cycle.**

**It's a palindromic year. Be
ready. They get you coming
and going.**

Honors and Awards

**2000 Frances Neel Cheney
Award** for a significant contri-
bution to the world of books
and librarianship through the
encouragement of the love of
books and reading:

Dr. Jinx Stapleton Watson,
University of Tennessee School
of Information Science

**2000 James E. Ward Library
Instruction Award** presented
by TLIRT:

Bruce G. Kocour, Reference
and Media Librarian, Carson-
Newman College

2000 TLA Honor Award for
significant contributions to
Tennessee libraries and infor-
mation services:

Linda Phillips, University of
Tennessee, Knoxville, who led
the charge for the Tennessee
Electronic Library

**2000 TLA Honorary Mem-
bership** for significant contri-
butions to librarianship in the
state of Tennessee:

Riley C. Darnell, Secretary of
State of the State of Tennessee

Wilma Dykeman, Tennessee
State Historian

Honors and Awards (cont.)

2000 TLA Presidential

Award:

Dolly Parton, singer and songwriter, for her Imagination Library, which gives a book a month to every child up to age 5 in Sevier County

2000 TLA Trustee Award

to recognize a trustee who has made a significant contribution to library and information services in Tennessee:

Margaret Ann Robinson,
Nashville/Davidson County
Public Library

2000 Tennessee History Book

Award, given by TLA and the Tennessee Historical Commission:

Bill Carey, author of Fortunes, Fiddles & Fried Chicken: A Nashville Business History

2000 Volunteer State Book

Awards for authors of books chosen as favorites by the youth of Tennessee:

Lois Duncan, author of Gallows Hill;
Margaret Read MacDonald,
author of Pickin' Peas;
Louis Sachar, author of Holes

(No nominations were received for the 2000 Louise Meredith School Media Award, the 2000 TLA/SIRS Freedom of Information Award, or the 2000 Tennessee Resource Sharing Award.)

TLA kicks off @your library

The national @your library campaign for America's libraries got its Tennessee send-off at the general session of the 2001 conference.

The 5-year advocacy campaign sponsored by the American Library Association was plugged in a promotional video featuring actors Susan Sarandon and Tim Robbins.

"There's a revolution going on out there," said Sarandon. But librarians are often taken for granted, and libraries need public support.

Not only are libraries well-situated to help others realize the benefits of the digital age, but they are also actual places that can "bring us together," said Sarandon.

Officerial Business

TLA President Tena Litherland announced at the 2001 general session the results of TLA's 2001 election of officers.

Elected to the office of Vice President/President-Elect is Suresh Ponnappa.

Re-elected to the office of Treasurer is Lynn Lilley.

Litherland also introduced TLA's president for 2002, Faith Holdredge, who takes office on July 1. Holdredge presented the dynamic Litherland with a plaque of appreciation.

After the conference, Ponnappa sent the following note of thanks to members via the TLA list:

I want to thank you all for honoring me by electing me as the Vice-President/President Elect of our great organization. I consider it a privilege to serve this association and will do my best to safeguard the interests of the libraries, librarians and library staff in Tennessee.

As I assume this responsibility, I will be seeking volunteers to take on various responsibilities in the organization. Please be thinking of the ways in which you could help the organization and send me a message when you are ready. Though my term as the President does not begin till July, 2002, I want to get the ball rolling as soon as possible.

In the meanwhile, please remember that Faith Holdredge, the incoming President of TLA whose term will begin in July of this year, is also seeking volunteers to fill various committee positions. If any of you are interested to jump in and help the organization, please let Faith know about your interests as well. She can be contacted at:

fholdred@mail.state.th.us

So, there are many opportunities for you all to become active in our organization and help out. We will appreciate your cooperation in this.

Once again, thank you for the confidence you have in me to be your leader and I look forward to working with you and for you.

Gordon to TLA: Take Steps to Success

William Gordon, executive director of ALA since March, 1998 (the 21st since 1879), has been around: before moving to the “rarefied” association air in Chicago, he was a library director in Maryland, Virginia, Idaho, and Minnesota. His master’s degree in library science is from the University of Denver. He’s a native of Kansas.

In his personal odyssey he has most enjoyed “seeing real people doing real things.” Now he wants to return the favor--to be sure that real people see librarians as real people doing real, and valuable things. This is the incentive behind ALA’s “@your library” campaign, which Gordon calls an effort not only to “brand” the association, but also to focus on the work of librarians.

The profession needs to take steps to ensure the continuation of its own odyssey. Those real people out there “feel good about libraries, but not librarians.” One of the lessons of California’s Proposition 13 was that many people thought that volunteers would be able to do the work of librarians. Reporters frequently ask him, “Do we need librarians in the digital age?” The answer, says Gordon, is easy: Look at libraries--they’re busier than ever. But that answer, Gordon admits, is insufficient. A better answer requires work on the part of librarians, who must provide:

Leadership that can’t be denied:

- is comfortable with confusion and ambiguity
- is politically astute and adept
- plans
- can make difficult decisions
- isn’t afraid of being unpopular
- instigates change
- learns constantly
- listens
- shares honors eagerly and willingly

Added value that can’t be questioned:

- by connecting people with information
- with a place for the free exchange of ideas
- with literacy centers
- by preserving oral tradition through stories
- as protectors of intellectual freedom
- with access to information by the handicapped
- by preserving the written record
- as interpreters of the best information available
- as leaders in information issues

Wynn at IF: The Beat Goes On

The new millennium hasn’t changed much of anything when it comes to intellectual freedom issues, except maybe to bring more of them, said Vivian Wynn, assistant director of the Nashville/Davidson County Public Library, to those gathered on April 11 for the Intellectual Freedom Breakfast of the 2001 conference. As “sobering” evidence that librarians’ intellectual freedom concerns are growing, not lessening, Wynn cited an increase in the number of complaints against library books, an organized campaign against Harry Potter, and the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA).

Wynn, a past president of YALSA and currently a board member for the Freedom to Read Foundation, said that two things her varied and active career has taught her are that “a complaint can be about anything,” even the Berenstain Bears, and that libraries “can’t start too soon” with staff training--for professionals and paraprofessionals--in intellectual freedom issues.

The central issue can be very simply worded, said Wynn. Those who challenge library materials invariably take the approach that what’s being contested is “not what I want to choose, but what I think you ought to choose.” While this approach is inherently weak in a democratic institution, people insist on taking it. “It won’t stop until they win,” Wynn quoted a colleague as saying. She added, “We have to be strong for the people who aren’t.”

The “hot topic” among IF issues, according to Wynn, is “of course” the Internet, thanks mostly to the actions of Congress, who she suggested voted in CIPA even though they knew it to be unconstitutional. After summarizing the act and ALA’s position against it, Wynn concluded her speech by reminding her audience that intellectual freedom in libraries “is not about pornography,” but about such things as sex education, Harry Potter, and the Berenstain Bears.

2001 TLA Odyssey: Round Table Reports

Children/Young Adults:

submitted by Cathy Taylor

C/YA enjoyed a huge success on the convention floor Wednesday as we sold all 200 t-shirts available to a very excited group of librarians. Many thanks to all who purchased and help sell our wares! Remember, the funds raised are being applied to artwork for Summer Reading 2002.

The C/YA Roundtable selected new officers for the upcoming year during our business session Wednesday afternoon. Officers for the new year are:

President: Jean Nichols, Clarksville Public

Vice-President: Cathy Taylor, White County Public

Secretary: Michele Yellin, Memphis/Shelby County Public

Treasurer: Jean Cloze, Blount County Public

Technical Services:

submitted by Katy Libby

“Outsourcing in Technical Services” took place on April 12 at 10:30 am. in front of an audience of 30.

Jill Keally and Deb Thomas of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville presented a talk on UT’s

experiences with outsourcing cataloging and physical processing with Yankee Book Peddler

The outcome has been positive. The library is saving money, since outsourcing is less expensive for them than in-house cataloging, new materials are getting on the shelves faster, and they have been able to use the staff time they save to eliminate an existing backlog.

Katy Libby and Debbie O’Brien then discussed the outsourcing experience at ETSU’s Sherrod Library.

The library currently outsources the cataloging and physical processing of new books with Baker & Taylor.

In spite of a few glitches getting things set up, and the fact that the cataloging staff has to handle the books more than was originally anticipated, the result is positive. New books are going out to the shelves faster, and the staff has more time to work on other projects, such as the ongoing reclassification of the Dewey Decimal collection into LC classification.

Library Instruction:

submitted by Bruce Kocour

The Tennessee Library Instruction Roundtable conducted a brief business meeting on Thursday, April 12, 2001.

Annis Evans, TLIRT Chair, nominated Bruce G. Kocour for Secretary. He was accepted by acclamation.

Annis then presented “What College Freshmen Need to Know”, a very informative overview of surveys and research on librarians’ and teaching faculty’s answers to that question.

The TLA Conference Planning Committee wishes to thank the Tennessee State Museum for their co-sponsorship of the TLA conference reception.

Special thanks go to Lois Riggins-Ezell, Museum Director and Trish Rasbury, director of Museum Services.

Government Documents:

submitted by Phil Krakowiak

This year’s GODORT sponsored program, which took place on April 12, was a presentation on the Cost of Living Index produced by ACCRA (formerly the American Chamber of Commerce Researchers Association), expertly delivered by Garrett Harper of the Nashville Chamber of Commerce.

Attendees were enlightened and impressed and won’t confuse this resource with the Consumer Price Index.

Afterwords: Report of Credit Card Fraud Triggers Conference Site Discussion

The week following the conclusion of the 2001 conference, TLA-L subscribers read a wide-ranging and frank discussion of issues related to site selection for the TLA annual conference. The discussion followed warnings posted to the list that some conference attendees were the victims of credit card fraud at the hands of an employee of the Renaissance Hotel.

According to a post by one of the victims, fraudulent use of the credit cards of five Knoxville-area librarians came as a result of making their room reservations by fax.

After initial notification of the fraud on Apr. 16, hotel officials were able to identify someone on staff as a suspect. On Apr. 20, after confessing to the fraud, the individual--by hotel reports an "exemplary" employee--was fired by the hotel.

In recounting the trail of events for TLA-L, the librarian expressed satisfaction with the way the hotel handled the problem. The "lesson learned," she added, was to "telephone your reservations whenever possible."

The initial report of credit card fraud prompted messages from TLA list subscribers who expressed a desire that a larger number of locations be considered as sites for the annual conference. The Nashville Renaissance will also be the location for the 2002 conference, due to ongoing renovations at the convention center in Memphis [see box, p. 2].

Following the subject thread "Renaissance Hotel not appropriate venue," some contributors to the discussion expressed concerns about the costs of attending the conference. Others made positive recommendations for

sites in Murfreesboro, Cookeville, or Jackson.

The discussion gave Annelle Huggins, chair of the Site Selection Committee, an opportunity to promulgate the site requirements for the association's annual meeting.

Writing that she would be "the first to want to hold the TLA Conference in other cities in Tennessee," Huggins went on to say that the difficulty is finding a location that can house the general session and exhibits concurrently.

"While many facilities do have a ballroom/exhibit hall large enough for our exhibits," Huggins wrote in a message to the list, "they do not have a room large enough to contain the General Session at the same time as the exhibits." Huggins added that this requirement of the conference "as currently established" guides the efforts of the site selection committee.

In conclusion, Huggins stated that she is considering the proposal of a "different Conference scenario" to the TLA board. She urged others to share their thoughts with the board as well.

Members Suggest Changes in Planning Survey

by *Martha Earl*

TLA members responding to the survey distributed by the Strategic Planning Committee in 2000 found TLA services good and provided suggestions for positive change. 73 members returned the forms via email, web site, or mail.

Members expressed strong satisfaction levels for the conference, other workshops, TLA publications, legislative support, TLA leadership, sections, roundtables, and ALA/SELA relationships. They replied that more information is needed regarding affiliate involvement, and the roles of roundtables and sections. Many people

also expressed a desire for a printed membership directory.

The areas of most import to the majority of those responding included resource sharing, funding for libraries and personnel, free access to information, public relations, legislation related to libraries and library development, and a statewide database of library holdings. Most thought it important to cooperate with TENN-SHARE and TSLA. To support the professional interests of the Association, the majority wanted continued support of continuing education (workshops, leave time, conferences), TLA publications (both print and electronic), inclusion of all library types, and staff development.

When asked about the top three areas of most importance to Tennessee libraries in the next five years, funding, technology, resource sharing, TEL, staff development, public relations, and intellectual freedom topped the list. Also mentioned were staffing and recruitment, legislative advocacy, and consortia.

When asked what TLA can do to increase the value of membership, members responded with more training sessions between conferences, promote library funding and salary increases through legislative efforts, increase communications with sections and roundtables, and work more closely with affiliates and FOTL. Other suggestions included ideas for conference sessions and CE offerings.

When asked what they would be willing to do to improve TLA services, a large percentage were willing to serve on a committee, continue to support TLA with time and money, present a conference program, organize a local workshop, contribute to a TLA publication, or get more involved with affiliate groups. More than half expressed interest in committee involvement.

As for the association, respondents expressed clearly what they felt to be areas for improvement. In the area of professional education and continuing education, many suggested that

TLA continue to offer workshops and conferences from a variety of sources, including TENN-SHARE, CULS, pre-conferences, regular conference, and regional and local offerings. Some wanted more training in technology, with paraprofessionals and part-time staff included. Several emphasized the need for more opportunities at the local and regional level.

In the area of working with each other and improving communications, respondents suggested that we continue our current efforts (especially TLA-L). Some suggested creating new discussion lists for sections or roundtables or special topics. Many noted that all librarians can publicize what libraries do in our daily environments.

To maintain and improve library services in Tennessee, respondents suggested that we make our voice known through Legislative Day, TENN-SHARE, TSLA and other legislative efforts; that we continue to make TEL available and expand it; and that we work to improve state funding. Some suggested the creation of new library education programs throughout the state, encouragement of paraprofessional involvement, and an update of the membership directory.

Most agreed that funding is a major issue and that we can help one another with training, communication, and working together in legislative and public relations efforts. Although library staff from all library types participated in the survey, the majority were academic or public librarians and members of TLA for at least five years.

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Fantasy Headline:
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Public and School
Libraries Best Vehicles
for TN Governor's
Reading Initiative
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Board Endorses ALA Challenge of CIPA

by Betsy Park, Co-chair, TLA Intellectual Freedom Committee

At its meeting on March 3, 2001, the TLA Board of Directors endorsed a resolution in support of ALA actions regarding CIPA. Here is the text of the resolution.

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ALA LEGAL ACTION AGAINST CIPA

Whereas, the recently enacted Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA) mandates that libraries and schools install and use filtering software on public Internet computers as a prerequisite for receiving Federal funds, including LSTA, E-rate discounts, and ESEA Title III grants; and

Whereas, the Tennessee Library Association and the American Library Association uphold the First Amendment and free and open access to the information people need and want regardless of the format in which that information appears; and

Whereas, the Tennessee Library Association does not support mandating the use of Internet filters in libraries because there is no proven technology that both blocks illegal content and allows access to all constitutionally protected material; and

Whereas, the Tennessee Library Association supports the right of local libraries to adopt and implement Internet use policies, based on the needs of their communities; and

Whereas, the Tennessee Library Association believes that educating children and adults to use the Internet wisely provides the best protection for all; and

Whereas, the American Library Association has resolved to challenge CIPA in Federal courts; now, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Tennessee Library Association endorses and supports the American Library Association in its legal challenge to the constitutionality of CIPA; and be it further

Resolved, that the President of the Tennessee Library Association transmit this resolution to the President of the American Library Association, the Secretary of State of Tennessee, all Tennessee members of the Congress, and to the President of the United States.

Adopted by the Tennessee Library Association Board of Directors, March 3, 2001.

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 : **Nashville's New Main Opens June 9** :

The Nashville Public Library's new, \$50 million main library, occupying 300,000 square feet of prime, downtown space on an axis with the Tennessee State Capitol, opens to the general public on June 9. Special events to commemorate the occasion are planned for the following week.

The new library, designed by Robert A. M. Stern Architects of New York, brings to fruition a program of expansion that increases the size of the main library by four times and provides space to house one million books, half of which will be in the collection at the time of the opening. The opening day collection itself marks a doubling in the size of holdings since construction began.

Besides space for books, a 4,500 square foot grand reading room, and planned space for 208 public computers, the new library has

- a 16,000 square foot, multi-purpose, divisible conference center, with seating for 300, a gallery for exhibits, and a 200-seat theater
- an outdoor courtyard, to be used by the public for reading and reflection, with gardens and fountains furnished and maintained by a private donor

- in the rear, the Carnegie Porch, which will contain architectural tablets and remnants of the historic Carnegie building

- a 14,000 square foot Nashville Room, which will house historical documents, an archive of the Nashville Banner, and "writer's rooms" for use by local writers and researchers

- an 18,000 square foot Children's Area that includes a small theater for marionette performances and a room for craft projects.

Among the speakers for the opening week activities is Alice Randall, the publication of whose book The Wind Done Gone, a parody of Gone with the Wind, has been prevented due to copyright complications.

**New Main Library
 Opening Events
 Schedule**

(The new Main Library is located at 615 Church Street in downtown Nashville)

**Saturday, June 9: Grand Opening
 (10:00 AM - 5:00 PM)**

Open to public

Free parking at Church Street Center Garage (approximately 1,000 spaces)

Staging venue: Outdoors in front of library, street closures

- Music and entertainment at 10:00 (Band: Mondo Pingus)
- Ceremony at 10:30
- Book Parade follows ceremony
- Symphony indoors upon opening (will play through noon.)
- Open house, staff in place
- Light refreshments in library
- Storyteller (Walter the Giant), celebrity readers (beginning around noon, when the symphony leaves)
- Live music until closing (Band: The Imperials - contemporary blues and jazz)

**Sunday, June 10: A Literary
 Afternoon (2:00 - 5:00 PM)**

Open to public

- Author talks, hosted by Rebecca Bain
 2:00 - Bill Carey, author of Fortunes, Fiddles, and Fried Chicken, a history of Nashville business
 3:00 - Ann Patchett, new book titled Bel Canto, to be released May 22. Also

authored Patron Saint of Liars and Taft.

4:00 - Alice

Randall, author of The Wind Done Gone.

- 2:30 through 3:30 - Workshop for parents on children's literature (Walter Mayes, aka Walter the Giant)
- 4:00 through 5:00 - Storytelling performance (nationally-known Walter the Giant)
- Light refreshments
- Signing tables following each author's presentation

**Tuesday, June 12: Children's Day
 (9:30 AM - 7:30 PM)**

Open to public

Cosponsored by Tennessee Vision Associates and the organizations in the Nashville Deaf community

- Nonstop children's activities, including performances of Tomas and the Library Lady, demonstrations by craftspersons, and much more.
- Other guest appearances by local performers to be announced.
- Finale event: public storytelling performance by Billy Seago, nationally-known deaf storyteller, interpreted by Jeff Williamson, a great evening activity for families

**Thursday, June 14: Technology
 Day**

Open to public

Let the Library show you how to take advantage of its advanced technology. Demonstrations on: E-books, videoconferencing, library databases & network, adaptive technology for persons with disabilities

Schedule TBA

Native American Documents Now Available Online

A collection of over 1000 documents related to the history and culture of the Native American populations of the southeastern United States is now available online, according to Dr. James B. Lloyd, Head of Special Collections, University of Tennessee Libraries.

"Southeastern Native American Documents, 1730-1842" is a cooperative venture of the University of Tennessee Libraries, the University of Georgia Libraries, and GALILEO (the Digital Library of Georgia).

The documents included are from the UT Libraries and other cooperating institutions: the University of Georgia Libraries, UT's Frank H. McClung Museum, and the Tennessee State Library and Archives. They are comprised of letters, legal proceedings, military orders, financial papers, and archaeological images.

The number of documents will double in late 2001, thanks to a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, which provided funding for the digitization project. The Institute recently agreed to provide a second grant of \$204,000 to continue the work. Also, documents from two additional collections, the Museum of the Cherokee Indian and the Tennessee State Museum, will be incorporated during the second phase of the project.

The selected documents, representing the most significant holdings from each collection, communicate how Native Americans viewed European settlers, positively and negatively, from the first contacts to the time when they were forcibly removed from their lands. Although the original documents are located in repositories geographically distant, online they are all brought together in one "electronic location." Users can browse and search the entire collection and view images of the original documents as well as transcribed text for them.

"These historical documents should be of interest to a wide variety of people, K-12 students and teachers, scholars, or the general public," Lloyd commented.

To gain access to the collection, go to www.galileo.peachnet.edu, select "Digital Library of Georgia," then select "Southeastern Native American Documents, 1730-1842." If asked for a GALILEO password, select "Public Databases" at the bottom of the password screen.

For more information about the project contact:

James B. Lloyd
105 Hoskins Library
University of Tennessee
Knoxville, TN 37996

Quillen Library Receives NLM Grant

The James H. Quillen College of Medicine Library at the East Tennessee State University in Johnson City was recently awarded a grant from the National Library of Medicine for \$106,000.

The grant will provide the following for 20 rural or underserved healthcare locations: Dell desktop computer, HP printer, \$300 of computer supplies (paper, cartridges), new phone line installation, monthly phone bill, \$500 credit to ETSU medical library interlibrary loan department, MD Consult for one year, internet access for one year. The value of the above to each institution is \$4,400.

These organizations are: Jellico Community Hospital, LaFollette Medical Center, Sycamore Shoals Hospital, Claiborne County Hospital, Baptist Hospital of Cocke County, Takoma Adventist Hospital, Laughlin Memorial Hospital, Greene Valley Developmental Center, Morristown-Hamblen Hospital, Lakeway Regional Hospital, Jefferson Memorial Hospital, Scott County Hospital, Indian Path Medical Center, Hawkins County Memorial

Hospital, Unicoi County Memorial Hospital, Rural Medical Services of Cocke County (one clinic), Cherokee Healthcare Systems (one clinic), Rural Health Services Consortium (one clinic), Johnson County Health Center, and Morgan County Medical Center.

The funds will also be used to hire a half time library assistant for one year. The library will receive a laptop computer and audiovisual projector as well as funds for supplies.

At each site the equipment will be installed in a clinical area. The clinician then will be able to search the worldwide web for health information. He/she will be able to do a MEDLINE search and order the article through ETSU on LOANSOME DOC at no cost. They will also be able to read current textbooks in most medical disciplines on MD Consult.

Training will be provided at each site. Changes in the information behaviors of clinicians will be measured as to how they are effected by the project. The project should deepen relationships the library has with rural hospitals and open doors to new partnerships.

The ultimate goal of the project is to electronically enhance library service to the rural areas of northeast Tennessee equivalent to library service offered in the hospitals of the urban areas of northeast Tennessee. This project will help to attract and retain health professionals in rural northeast Tennessee.

The project director is Rick Wallace, Outreach Librarian, James H. Quillen College of Medicine.

Noncirculating designation with teeth, Assyrian-style: "Clay tablet of Ashurbanipal, King of the World, King of Assyria, who trusts in Ashura and Ninlil. Your lordship is without equal, Ashur, King of the Gods! Whoever removes [this tablet], writes his name in place of my name, may Ashur and Ninlil, angered and grim, cast him down, erase his name, his seed, in the land." From *Libraries in the Ancient World* by Lionel Casson (Yale University Press, 2001).

People

Dr. Donald F. Joyce, Dean of Woodward Library, Austin Peay State University passed away on March 8, 2001. A memorial service was held on March 9, 2001 in Clarksville. A graveside service was held in Chicago, his hometown. Dr. Joyce is survived by his sister, Mrs. Marjorie Mims, and two nephews. A Chicago native, Dr. Joyce had strong ties to Tennessee: he attended Fisk University and, after working at Chicago Public Library, served in positions at Tennessee State and APSU.

A memorial fund has been established at APSU. Contributions to this fund will be used to purchase library materials in his honor. If you would like to make a contribution, please send it to:

Attn: Sharon Silva
Joyce Memorial Fund
University Advancement
Austin Peay State University
Clarksville, TN 37044

Jennifer Gregory, Catalog/Reference Librarian at Jackson State Community College, received the New Horizons in Teaching Award for 2000-2001. Awarded to faculty who have taught less than two years, the award recognizes outstanding teaching qualities and achievement at Jackson State.

Jennifer shares library instruction duties at Jackson State Community College, has taught a training class for TENN-SHARE and has done several presentations for the faculty at the college. She will receive her award at the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) annual conference in Austin, Texas in May, 2001.

Jennifer is a graduate of the University of Kentucky Library School.

Judy Bivens joined the staff of the new Waggoner Library of Trevecca Nazarene University in August 2000 as Information Services Librarian after serving as Library Media Specialist at Gallatin High School since 1975.

Chris Shafer is the new director of the Bristol Public Library.

Helen Whittaker is the new director of the Kingsport Public Library.

TLA Event Calendar

See online page for updates at
www.tnla.org/events.html

Email webmaster Deanne Luck with updates to LuckDL@apsu.edu

May, 2001

How to Develop a Staff Development Plan (Solinet), May 23, Knoxville

North American Serials Interest Group, May 23-26, San Antonio, TX

Medical Library Assn, May 25-31, Orlando, FL

June, 2001

TLA Board of Directors Meeting, June 2, Nashville

Web Sites: New Challenges in Knowledge Management (Tenn-Share), June 8, Vanderbilt

Web Page Design (Tenn-Share), June 8, Jackson State Comm College

Grand Opening, Nashville Public Library's new Main Library, June 9, Nashville [see p. 8 for more details]

Cataloging With OCLC CORC (Solinet), June 12, Chattanooga

CORC Pathfinders and Reference Tips (Solinet), June 13, Chattanooga

Storytelling Workshop with Mary Jo Huff, author of Puppets, Props, and Playful Tales, June 14, Hendersonville [see details on p. 11]

Copyright, Copywrong & Ethics: A Step in Professional Development (Tenn-Share), June 15, UT Knoxville

Trustees' Workshop, TN State Library and Archives, June 21-22, Murfreesboro

BookExpo America, June 1-3, Chicago, IL

Special Libraries Assn, June 9-14, San Antonio, TX

ALA, June 14-20, San Francisco, CA

American Theological Library Assn, June 20-23, Durham, NC

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Web Page Design (Tenn-Share), July 13, MTSU

Beginning PowerPoint Workshop (Tenn-Share), July 13, Memphis

Advanced Internet Searching & FrontPage Basics (Tenn-Share), July 13, Cleveland State Comm College

Amer Assn of Law Libraries, July 14-19, Minneapolis, MN

August, 2001

CARE: Courtesy, Accuracy, Respect, and Enthusiasm (Tenn-Share), Aug 10, Vol State Comm College

Search Strategies & Advanced Internet Searching (Tenn-Share), Aug 10, Memphis

A Depository Library Without Shelves & Medical Information on the Web (Tenn-Share), Aug 10, Univ of Memphis

Customer Service Yesterday Today (Tenn-Share), Aug 10, UT Knoxville

Intl Federation of Library Assns & Institutions, Aug 16-25, Boston, MA

September, 2001

LAMA Regional Institute: Customer Service Excellence, Sept 7, Nashville

HTML JumpStart! & Twelve Essentials for Web Site Design (Tenn-Share), Sept 14, Univ of Memphis

Communicating with Colleagues & Communicating with Customers (Tenn-Share), Sept 14, Knoxville

Answering Reference Questions Using the Web (Tenn-Share), Sept 15, Murfreesboro

TENN-SHARE Fall Conference, Sept. 24, Renaissance Center, Dickson

October, 2001

TASL 2001 Conference, Oct 18-20, Paris

The Ethics of Electronic Information in the 21st Century, Oct 18-21, Memphis

North Carolina Library Assn, Oct 2-5, Winston-Salem, NC

Missouri Library Assn, Oct 3-5, St Louis, MO

Library Information Technology Assn National Forum, Oct 11-14, Milwaukee, WI

Kentucky Library Assn, Oct 17-20, Owensboro, KY

Mississippi Library Assn, Oct 17-19, Jackson, MS

Virginia Library Assn, Oct 17-19, Richmond, VA

Georgia Library Assn, Oct 31- Nov 2, Jekyll Island, GA

November, 2001

Amer Soc for Information Science & Technology, Nov 4-8, Washington, D.C.

Virtual Reference Desk Digital Reference Conference, Nov 12-13, Orlando, FL

Information Strategies 2001, Nov 14-15, Fort Meyers, FL

American Assn of School Librarians, Nov 14-18, Indianapolis, IN

Puppetry Workshop in Hendersonville

The Sumner County Libraries are putting on a storytelling/puppetry workshop for inservice credit on June 14, from 7-9 p.m. at the Hendersonville First Baptist Church.

The workshop will be presented by Mary Jo Huff, the author of *Storytelling with Puppets, Props, and Playful Tales*, a professional storyteller, puppeteer, and early childhood educator with 25 years of experience to share. She is known for her high energy performances and lively mix of rhythm, rhyme, and storytime. Mary Jo's goal is to make a presentation that motivates others to be creative and comfortable when telling stories to children.

Pre-registration is \$10, payable to Friends of Elmer Hinton Memorial Library. Mail check to:

Linda Ackerman
Elmer Hinton Memorial Library
301 Portland Blvd.
Portland, TN 37148

On-site registration is \$15.

For directions and more information contact any of these libraries:

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SUBMISSION OF NEWS

Deadlines: The deadlines for submission of news items for the rest of 2001 are June 29, Aug. 31, and Oct. 26.

Send to the editor news about association, section, roundtable, or affiliate activities; events; meetings; training or career opportunities; personal professional news; etc. Email submission is preferred.

postscript

Walt Crawford, information architect for Research Libraries Group, is no stranger to TLA--he delivered the keynote address at the '94 conference in Memphis. He is in demand as a speaker by state library associations across the country because his message--that there is a future for books and for libraries with books in them--is all the more comforting for the fact that it comes from someone with peerless credentials in computer technology.

It turns out, though, that Crawford gets more than an honorarium for speaking at these state library conferences. In the current issue of his online newsletter, *Cites and Insights: Crawford at Large* (available online at <http://cical.home.att.net>), Crawford says he profits from the "robust programs" and from contact with "real librarians." State conferences "deal with nitty-gritty issues and also raise national issues for busy librarians," he says, adding "they can also be wonderful learning experiences."

He does have a piece of advice for states with a separate association for school librarians: have a joint, or "overlapping" annual conference in order to get more "cross-fertilization." Is a TLA-TASL conference feasible? Or would we prefer Miracle-Gro?

The *TLA Newsletter* is a publication of record, so it wishes to set the record straight: a template gremlin overwhelmed the editor and lodged itself on the title page of the February, 2001, issue, resulting in an erroneous number designation for the issue, which should have been vol. 9, **no. 1**, not no. 3 as printed.

Where back issues are kept, corrections are advised to prevent the receipt of a second no. 3 in July and a consequent self-immolation of serials librarians (or, more likely, a campaign to make the editor run a gantlet of rolled-up newspapers).

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