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TLA Milestones: Huggins Named Executive Director, Nance to Retire Dec. 1 after 27 Years of Service

Former TLA president and longtime TLA board member Annelle Huggins has been named as TLA's first executive director, according to an announcement sent to the TLA list on Oct. 12, 2001, by TLA President Faith Holdredge.

One of eight applicants, Huggins was interviewed on Sept. 24 by the TLA Executive Committee and by Chuck Sherrill, chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on the TLA Executive Director.

In a letter sent out on Sept. 28, Huggins was offered the position for the period Nov. 1, 2001, through June 20, 2002. She accepted the offer in a letter received on Oct. 11.

According to the terms of employment, the new executive director must work an average of 10 hours per week, or 520 hours per year, for the association.

On staff at the University of Memphis Libraries, Huggins will work out of her home in Memphis, where TLA will make arrangements for a cell phone and Internet access to be used for association business. Huggins already serves TLA as its representative to the American Library Association Council.

Huggins's appointment is part of a planned transition of the association's paid staff position from that of executive secretary to executive director. In her acceptance letter, Huggins characterized this as a "milestone event" that she will work to make successful.

The executive secretary, Betty Nance, will work until Dec. 1 to help with the transition. At its Oct. 27 quarterly meeting, the TLA board saluted Nance for her 27 years of service to the organization and gave her a dozen roses as a token of appreciation.

Holdredge, in her announcement notice, expressed the same sentiment: "I cannot begin to thank Betty Nance enough for all of the love, work and devotion she has given to TLA over the past many years. Betty expressed the desire years ago to retire. She has devotedly continued to serve in her position until all the many details were worked out over the past three years."

Those details were the work of the Ad Hoc Committee, chaired by Sherrill and including as members Martha

Earl, Tena Litherland, Lynn Lilley, and Biddanda (Suresh) Ponnappa.

According to Sherrill, in his quarterly report to the TLA Board, the work consisted of "changes to the TLA by-laws and procedures manual which provide a framework for the responsibilities and activities of the Executive Director."

Having laid the groundwork for the transition, Sherrill's report continues, "We expect that the first year will be a learning process" for all involved, and that the procedures will require periodic adjustment.

The budget for the new director includes travel, office expenses, and occasional clerical support. Huggins will not maintain regular office hours for TLA, but will answer all telephone and e-mail messages within 24 hours. She has also made arrangements with the University of Memphis for the assumption of these new responsibilities.

Huggins will continue as TLA's representative to the ALA Council "at least through her current term," according to Sherrill, who added that travel to ALA would be charged to the councilor's budget rather than to the Executive Director.

The Tennessee Library Association's new office address is

**P. O. Box 241074
Memphis, TN 38124-1074**

The new office phone number is
(901) 485-6952.

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Freeze Kills TN Resource Center, Stunts Service for Hearing Impaired State Dept. Takes Cuts from Library Programs

Hard freeze, and it's not even winter: with \$1.5 million in state grants for the four metropolitan libraries frozen, and with regional libraries' book budgets likewise icebound, the Niagara of state funds to local libraries has all but stopped.

The frozen funds were in the budget of the State Library, which according to officials is the only division within the Dept. of State with discretionary, non-personnel funds available for statewide budget-balancing efforts.

The big four public libraries have lost funding made through "general library services" grants in the following amounts:

Chattanooga	\$200,595
Knox Co.	\$233,547
Shelby Co.	\$449,380
Davidson Co.	\$284,174

These grants constitute a noticeable percentage in the collection budgets of these libraries, ranging from a low of 16% in Davidson Co.'s case to a high of 35% in Chattanooga's, with Knox Co. and Shelby Co. both at 20%.

Patricia Watson, director of the Knox Co. Public Library System, commented on the loss in a news release: "What is ironic is that thanks to Knox County's increased support for the current year, our materials budget would have increased by \$90,000. With the loss of state funds ... the KCPLS materials budget is actually \$186,253 less than in the previous year."

Libraries and library patrons statewide have felt the loss of other program grants to the libraries of Knox and Davidson Counties.

Knox Co. used \$115,000 in state funds to operate the Tennessee Resource Center (TRC), which performed reference and interlibrary loan services for public libraries throughout the state. With the loss of the funds, Knox Co. re-assigned staff and closed the service. After the closing, the State Library offered partial funding from federal

sources, but, lacking adequate guarantees for restoration of full funding, Knox Co. turned down the offer.

According to Willa Reister, who for years directed the TRC and its predecessor, the Area Resource Center, the program provided 250 interlibrary loans and answered 100 reference questions per month for libraries officially categorized by Knox Co. as "rural."

"Rural," however, includes such city libraries as Kingsport's, where the annual interlibrary loan volume pushes 1,000 and where reference librarian June Presley bemoaned the loss of TRC. "One-third of our interlibrary loans were non-Impact and came from TRC." Impact is the statewide database that is the first stop for interlibrary loan transactions for most public libraries in the state.

Reister put a positive spin on developments. "We are sorry to see TRC end but the rural libraries are in very good shape. They have TEL and Impact. Membership in TennShare will give them access to OCLC. Think how much better off we are now than we were ten years ago." (See "Taking GAC-tion," p. 3.)

At the Nashville-Davidson Co. library, the freeze in state funding meant the drastic foreshortening of services provided by the Library Service for the Hearing Impaired, for which the library had been using \$200,000 of state grant funds.

Sandy Cohen, who directs the LSHI, said that hours have been reduced from 65 to 40 per week. LSHI is no longer able to serve patrons who live outside of Davidson Co., "unless they come down to the library," said Cohen. Of the service's approximately 6,000 patrons, well over half live outside of Davidson Co.

"There's nothing to replace it," said Cohen.

With regional libraries unable to buy books due to the freeze, many local

libraries are unable to provide their patrons with new reading material. State Librarian Edwin Gleaves, discussing the state budget crisis with *Library Journal*, said that "about half of the books in Tennessee public libraries outside the major metros are state books."

Another service threatened by cutbacks is the Iris Consortium, a grouping of public libraries in the Ft. Loudoun region that share in the use of a Sirsi Unicorn Library Management system.

Advised that the state fiscal crisis meant that the Ft. Loudoun Regional Library would "probably not be able to provide indefinite support" for the library management system, Ft. Loudoun director Lynnette Sloan, in a called meeting held on Sept. 27, asked Iris participants what should be done about the potential loss of in state funds.

In response, the participating libraries agreed that they would use local funds to pay each library's proportionate share of all Sirsi costs borne at present by the regional library, the most significant of which is \$3,500 for annual maintenance of the system server.

It is not known whether this arrangement will be acceptable to the State Dept., where top-level, non-library administrators oppose regional library involvement in shared library management systems, regardless of funding.

Public libraries in the Watauga region--where the regional library pays for the wide area network that supplies Internet and supports public libraries' sharing of ETSU's Endeavor Voyager system (See "Best Practice," p. 6)--have received a similar caution from the State Library that state funds might be unavailable to support the operation.

In an Oct. 26 memo to regional directors, Assistant State Librarian Jane Pinkston said that \$2 million will have

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to be cut from the State Library budget this fiscal year. To explain why the State Dept. is only using library funds to pay for cuts in departmental spending, Pinkston wrote, "We are the only branch of the Dept. of State with direct grants and discretionary spending not mandated by law; therefore, we are absorbing most of the cuts in this department of state government."

The grants to the metros had been slated for cutting by the legislature next year anyway, said Pinkston, along with all state grants.

In efforts to trim the budget of the State Dept., cutting staff will be a very last resort, according to Pinkston, who added that Secretary Darnell "has said repeatedly that he will cut everything else before he would ever cut jobs." Pinkston said that Darnell feels that state and regional library staff "are the most important assets we have for library assistance in Tennessee libraries."

Following the freeze in operating funds for libraries, the State Dept. announced a 2% raise for all employees in addition to the mandated 2.5% raise for state employees.

Pinkston summarized the situation for state funding for public libraries by saying, "Right now things look fairly grim."

Taking GAC-tion

With the closing of the Tennessee Resource Center (story, p. 2), public libraries that don't use OCLC for ILL should consider use of SOLINET/OCLC's Group Access Capability (GAC), which is available to members of TENN-SHARE.

Annelle Huggins, who coordinates GAC for TENN-SHARE, says the service offers non-SOLINET/OCLC members the use of the OCLC database for interlibrary loan. To receive the service, a library must be a TENN-SHARE member, should contribute serials holdings to the Tennessee Union List of Serials, and have a workstation with Internet access. All participants receive free software to get access to the database. Individual libraries pay their own processing costs.

Huggins lists the advantages of using OCLC for ILL as fewer blind requests; automated creation and tracking, with faster turnaround; improved service (91% of the requests made via OCLC ILL service are filled, and most items are shipped within 4 days); for one low transaction charge, you can route each request to as many as five libraries.

For more details, call Huggins at (901) 678-4482 or email her at ahuggins@memphis.edu.

TENN-SHARE SETS SIGHTS ON VIRTUAL LIBRARY

106 farsighted librarians comprising a cross-section of the profession gathered for the TENN-SHARE fall conference at the Renaissance Center in Dickson on Sept. 24 to "SHARE in the vision" of what should come next for the organization.

Brainstorming was the order of the day, and by late afternoon the input of 53 academic librarians, 36 public librarians, 11 school librarians, and 4 special librarians was condensed into a single goal: the creation of a TENN-SHARE virtual library, to include a statewide catalog, statewide document delivery, expanded access to databases, and the digitization of unique library materials and special collections.

The conference opened with T-S president Cathy Evans reminding attendees that the organization "began as a vision" that there should be an organization to make it possible for "all libraries to have access to the same resources." Since its founding in 1992, the group has made a real difference for libraries with TEL, the OCLC GAC, training, and group-rate access to databases.

Aubrey Mitchell then provided an overview of statewide projects in other states. Of the six surveyed, he found that they all have the aim of improving access to information for everyone, they all advance the notion that cooperation can save improve services for the least cost, and they all have the willingness to share resources, with an attitude to match. Mitchell then wondered aloud if Tennessee were to try something of comparable scope, what would its vision be? Perhaps it could be, he suggested, that "all citizens of the state should have equal access to a common set of resources available virtually."

After reminding the group that T-S was unique from most other statewide resource-sharing organizations because from its very beginnings it had been made up of all types of libraries, Linda Phillips urged the group to build on this inherent strength by allowing themselves to "let go" in their thinking of ways to build shared catalogs and document delivery into a statewide project. Phillips then prompted the group for thoughts associated with these kinds of projects in order to stimulate the group's collaborative spontaneity.

These presentations were followed by two separate breakout sessions, during which attendees first discussed the ongoing projects and possibilities in the three grand divisions of the state, and then expressed their ideas in the areas of shared catalogs and document delivery.

Having heard the reports and participated in the discussion, the consensus of the group was that the best way to proceed on a broad front with new, statewide, cooperative projects would be through the medium of a virtual library. Evans wrapped up the conference by calling on the T-S board to prepare an action plan for such a project.

Doesn't Sound like the Blues to Me: Memphis Celebrates New Central Library

All it took was two years, 10.6 months, and \$70 million for Memphis/Shelby County to build its "library of tomorrow," a new, 330,000 sq. ft. Central Library that opened for business on Saturday, Nov. 10, 2001, amid much celebration.

Following a parade of the library's mobile services vehicles from the old Main Library to the new Central Library, formal opening ceremonies were held that featured remarks by Mayors Herenton and Rout, library officials, the building's architects, and other dignitaries.

Celebration continued all week, with events scheduled every day to show off the library and its services.

There were author appearances by Shelby Foote (who reintroduced the library's local history collection), Richard Paul Evans (*The Christmas Box*), Stephen Hunter, Bob Levy, Marilou Awiakta, Charles Turner, Debra Dixon, Robert Gordon, Thelma Balfour, and Bill Fitzhugh.

A public art forum was held to discuss how public art was incorporated into the design of the Central Library project, which exhibits nine significant works of public art, all of them donated.

The library is the first public building in Shelby Co. to have a public art component.

Knowledge fairs focused on the resources available in the library's special collections relating to consumer finance, health, automotive/appliance repair, cooking, gardening, and pet care.

For kids there were story-times, celebrity readings, and a book character dress-up party.

This being Memphis, there was music in abundance, with blues singers, jazz ensembles, choral groups, and multicultural ensembles scheduled to perform.

And of course there was the new building itself, basking in its numbers: 330,000 total sq. ft., an increase of more than 100% from the old library. 260,000 sq. ft. of public space, up 150%. 119 public computer terminals. Public seating for 2,026. 533 parking spaces.

Designed by the architectural firms of Looney, Ricks, Kiss of Memphis and Shepley, Bulfinch, Richardson & Abbott of Boston, with Frank Ricks as principal architect, the new library boasts a number of appealing elements, including a garden level that is partially underground, with four additional floors stretching above it.

There are reading areas on each floor, with easy access to all materials and clean sight lines for safety and ease of navigation.

The library was planned to allow for "internal" expansion as the space needs of the collection grow: floors have been constructed to absorb the weight of compact shelving that can be added whenever necessary.

A number of service enhancements are built into the design of the building, including a drive-up window for convenient return of library materials, self checkout, study rooms located throughout the building, and information desks centrally located on each floor.

Funding for the new library was enabled by a public/private partnership. The City of Memphis contributed \$38 million, Shelby Co. \$12 million, and the Foundation of the Library raised \$20 million.

Meanwhile, in a grand division not too far away: Nashville's new main library and expanded library system continue to draw rave reviews and stimulate greater use. Systemwide circulation for the first quarter was up 40%, or up from 700,000 items to one million.

UT Libraries Announce New Digitization Project

--submitted by Martha Rudolph

"Tennessee Documentary History, 1796-1850" is the name of a new two-year electronic project being launched by the University of Tennessee Libraries, according to Dr. James B. Lloyd, who will direct the work.

The UT Libraries will create a database of 2,000 documents, including a variety of graphic images and searchable, transcribed significant texts that are linked to facsimiles of original papers. "Original documents and images have an immediacy that no textbook can convey," said Dr. Lloyd.

The UT Libraries will draw on sources held there and will cooperate with major institutions holding pertinent Tennessee materials from the period covered in order to make the resource as complete as possible.

In the period covered, from statehood in 1796 to 1850 (roughly the era known as the Jacksonian period in American history), Tennessee's history is central to the history of the nation. Two presidents from Tennessee, Andrew Jackson and James K. Polk, dominate the era which saw the rise of democracy in America as we know it and the expansion of the nation to most of the physical boundaries that would define it.

Funded in part by the Institute of Library and Museum Services, the project's concept was drawn from UT's joint effort with the University of Georgia and other institutions to create "Southeastern Native American Documents, 1763-1842," an online resource available for K-12 use or any interested students and scholars.

The Tennessee Documentary History grant provides \$238,000 for the work, designed to make resources on Tennessee history available over the Internet.

The Tennessee history project is one of several being undertaken at the UT Libraries Digital Library Center, created in 2001 through a grant from the University.

Dr. Lloyd is Head of Special Collections in the Libraries and serves as Co-director for the Digital Library Center.

TSLA Receives Gates Training Grant

The Tennessee State Library and Archives has received a \$137,250 training grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, announced Assistant State Librarian Jane Pinkston. The grant will be used to provide free computer workshops to public librarians in Tennessee.

Workshops have been scheduled through January at various locations across the state. (See TLA calendar on p. 13). Training topics for workshops scheduled so far include "Web Authoring with Front Page" and "Genealogy for 2000 and Beyond." In the future, workshop topics will also include GPO access; "power" Internet searching; Internet resources for parents, teachers, and kids; and business online.

SOLINET will provide most of the trainers and materials for the workshops.

The terms of the Gates training grant require that all participants work in a public library. In order to guarantee equal access to all, the host site public library can send only two participants. If the workshop does not fill, then the hosting library can fill in with local staff.

TSLA may add more workshops to this schedule, and additional workshops will be offered in the spring and summer of 2002.

The workshops generally run from 9 am to 4 pm with SOLINET providing a boxed lunch for all participants. All other travel expenses are the responsibility of the participant.

Each of these workshops provides 5.5 contact hours and can be counted for recertification hours by graduates of the Public Library Management Institute within the guidelines issued earlier by the State Library.

Pinkston's announcement advised that interested librarians watch for TNLIBTEC listserv announcements for registration directions and updates to the workshop schedule.

TBR Virtual Library Reality

--submitted by Scott Cohen

The Tennessee Board of Regents Virtual Library is now operational. The URL is <http://vl.tn.regentsdegrees.org>

Serving the over 1,000 students registered in the Regents Online Degree Program, the TBR Virtual Library offers access to the Tennessee Electronic Library, as well as the online catalogs of each TBR library.

In addition, there are specially designed tutorials which explain various items, including searching, using databases, using the online catalog, evaluating Web sources, etc. There is also a link to selected Internet sites chosen by each Tennessee Board of Regents library.

Students can get reference assistance by e-mail which is answered throughout the day, seven days a week. Interlibrary loan of materials is provided by the students' home institution library via a form on the web page.

Jennifer Gregory, Catalog/Reference Librarian at Jackson State Community College, is the webmaster.

A task force of TBR librarians developed the TBR Virtual Library to serve the research needs of students and faculty taking or teaching courses online through the Regents Online Degree Program.

Tenopir, UT-SIS Receive NSF Grant to Advance National Sci-Tech Digital Library

--submitted by Joel Southern

The National Science Foundation awarded University of Tennessee's Dr. Carol Tenopir a \$251,961 grant for studying electronic journal use by undergraduates. Dr. Tenopir, a long-time and well-regarded researcher of electronic journals, is a prodigious researcher in the field of information sciences. Her grant, entitled "Increasing Effective Student Use of the Scientific Journal Literature," is part of a broad initiative by the National Science Foundation.

The research is part of a multidisciplinary effort to create a national science, mathematics, engineering and technology digital library (NSDL), which will make collections of high-quality scientific teaching resources available for teaching at all levels. The new digital library will also develop communication networks to facilitate interactions and collaborations among educators, researchers and students.

Dr. Tenopir, the principal investigator, will begin the two-year research project by identifying, implementing and testing software features that will promote the sustained use of digital libraries by undergraduate student users. Once the software features have been prioritized as to their effectiveness, professors Dr. Peiling Wang and Dr. Richard Pollard, also of the School of Information Sciences, will construct and manage user testing with the support of the Department of Energy's Office of Scientific and Technical Information.

There is wide recognition of the fundamental importance of science, mathematics, engineering and technology to our society, and so education and resources are considered vital for the success of sustained technological growth. By enhancing the retrieval options that make digital collections more accessible, Dr. Tenopir's research will help maximize academic users' understanding of the complex presentation of technical information.

The "Services" track award is effective October 1, 2001, and expires September 30, 2003.

Best Bibliography: Hitchcock's TN History

A Bibliography of Tennessee History, 1973-1996 (University of Tennessee Press, 1999) co-edited by Eloise Hitchcock, Head of Reference at the University of the South's (Sewanee, TN) Jessie Ball duPont Library has been listed as one of the "Best Bibliographies in History," by the American Library Association.

ALA's Reference and User Services Association compiles this biannual list to "honor outstanding English-language book-length bibliographies in the field of history."

Hitchcock's bibliography was cited for its comprehensive coverage of over 6000 entries, inclusion of literary and entertainment topics, and its detailed author and subject indexes.

Best Practice: Watauga Network

The Watauga Regional Library's network was named a "best practice" in a 2001 survey of north-east Tennessee by the Best Manufacturing Practices Program, a joint effort by the US Dept. of Commerce, the US Navy, and the University of Maryland to identify and document exceptional programs as a means of improving quality. Watauga was selected as a candidate for recognition by the First Tennessee Development District.

Significant to the review team of engineers and managers was the way in which cooperation among Watauga, ETSU, and the local public libraries had resulted in the "maximized" availability of books for the general public by means of a communications network, a shared bibliographic database, and courier delivery of interlibrary loans.

TSLA Announces New TACL Appointments, Officers

State Librarian and Archivist Dr. Edwin Gleaves announced new appointments to the Tennessee Advisory Council on Libraries made by Secretary of State Riley Darnell, effective Oct. 1, 2001.

Appointed to three-year terms, representing library users, are John Nye, Mary Madison Platt, and Jack Vicary. Appointed to a 3-year term, representing public libraries, is Stephen Lesnak, the director of the Clarksville-Montgomery Co. Public Library. TLA president Faith Holdredge will fill a one-year seat, ex officio, as will TENN-SHARE's incoming president Winston Walden for three years.

Tom Taylor begins a two-year term as chair of the council. Bill Wernet assumes the office of vice chair. Marion Bryant is secretary.

TACL was established by the Dept. of State to advise the State Library and Archives on the development and administration of a long-range program for library services, and to assist the State Library in the evaluation of library programs, services, and activities.

Current members, with their terms and constituencies, are:

<p>Marion Bryant Blue Grass Regional Library Secretary Regional Libraries Term expires 9/03 First Term</p>	<p>Ellen Myrick, LaVergne Users Term expires 9/02 First Term</p>	<p>Tom Taylor, Maryville Chair Users Term expires 9/02 First Term</p>
<p>Ann Dietrich, Cleveland, TN Dalton MS, Dalton, GA School Libraries Term expires 9/02 First Term</p>	<p>John Nye, Crossville Users Term expires 09/04 First Term</p>	<p>Barbara Trentham, Martin Users Term expires 9/03 First Term</p>
<p>Frank P. Grisham, Nashville Users Term expires 9/02 Second Term</p>	<p>Mary Madison Platt Emma Waters Summar Library, Union University Academic Libraries/Users Term expires 09/04 First Term</p>	<p>Jack Vicary, Franklin Users Term expires 09/04 First term</p>
<p>Cheryl J. Hamberg Meharry Medical College Library Special Libraries Term expires 9/02 Second Term</p>	<p>Biddanda (Suresh) Ponnappa James H. Quillen College of Medicine, ETSU Special Libraries Term expires 9/02 First Term</p>	<p>Winston Walden TENN-SHARE Representative Term expires 09/04 First Term</p>
<p>Faith A. Holdredge TLA Representative Term expires 09/02 First Term</p>	<p>Douglas Raber School of Information Science, UTK Academic Libraries Term expires 9/02 First Term</p>	<p>William (Bill) Wernet, Whiteville Vice-Chair Users Term expires 9/02 First Term</p>
<p>Stephen Lesnak Clarksville-Montgomery Co. PL Public Libraries Term expires 09/04 First Term</p>		<p>Carolyn T. Wilson Beaman Library, David Lipscomb University Academic Libraries Term expires 9/02 First Term</p>

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The time has come to honor a deserving colleague by submitting a nomination on their behalf for one of the annual awards presented at the Tennessee Library Association Conference, March 26-28, 2002, in Nashville. The deadline for submission of most forms is February 1, 2002; however, it is never too early to begin thinking about who you'd like to nominate. Forms for the various awards are available on the following pages. Just cut out, fill out, and mail.

Please note the new award on p. 12: TLA Paraprofessional of the Year! The nomination for this award is due December 31, 2001.

--Annis Evans and Bess Robinson, TLA H&A Committee

2001 TLA Honor and TLA Trustee Awards
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2001 TLA Honor Award

Sponsor: TLA Honors and Awards Committee.
Recognizes: Any person or group who has made a significant contribution to the furtherance of librarianship on a statewide or national level.
Award: A plaque.
Eligibility: Nominee must be a member of TLA.

2001 TLA Trustee Award

Sponsor: Trustees/Friends Section.
Recognizes: A trustee who has made a significant contribution to library and information services in the State of Tennessee.
Award: A plaque.
Eligibility: Nominee must be a member of TLA.

Deadline for nominations: 1 February 2002

Circle one: **TLA Honor Award** **TLA Trustee Award**

Name of Nominee: _____
Present Position: _____
Name of Nominator: _____
Mailing Address: _____

Phone: (home) _____ **(office)** _____

Please attach statements:
1) Reasons for nominating this person. 2) Nominee's contributions according to the description of the award. (Supporting documentation should be included.)

Mail **2001 TLA Honor Award** nominations to:
Bess Robinson
University of Memphis
126 Ned R. McWherter Library
Memphis, TN 38125-3250

Mail **2001 TLA Trustee Award** nominations to:
Virginia L. Hodges
Northeast State Technical Community College
P.O. Box 246
Blountville, TN 37617-0246

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2001 Frances Neel Cheney Award

Sponsor: TLA Honors and Awards Committee.

Recognizes: A significant contribution to the world of books and librarianship through the encouragement of the love of books and reading.

Award: A plaque and \$100.

Eligibility: Includes but need not be limited to: a) notable professional/bibliographical writing or editing that deals with books, the book arts, reading; b) a program in a library that encourages reading and/or the appreciation of books; c) creative teaching with books at any level (elementary through university); d) promotion of books and reading by way of news media; e) past recipients may not be re-nominated; f) nominee must be a member of TLA.

Deadline for nominations: 1 February 2002

Name of Nominee: _____
Present Position: _____
Name of Nominator: _____
Mailing Address: _____

Phone: (home) _____ **(office)** _____

Please attach statements: 1) Reasons for nominating this person. 2) Nominee's contributions according to the description of the award. (Supporting documentation should be included.)

Mail nomination to Virginia L. Hodges, Northeast State Technical Community College, P.O. Box 246, Blountville, TN 37617-0246

Email: vlhodges@nstcc.cc.tn.us

2001 James E. Ward Library Instruction Award

Sponsor: Tennessee Library Instruction Round Table.

Recognizes: Any member of TLA who participates in the planning, execution, or evaluation of a continuing program or special project of library instruction for an academic, school, public, or special library. Where the significant contributions of more than one person are involved, the award may be shared.

Criteria: a) Outstanding and sustained work on continuing programs or projects concerned with library instruction; b) innovative and creative achievement in the development of library instruction programs or projects; c) promotion of a positive image of libraries in the minds of library users; d) leadership in the promotion of library instruction on the local, state, regional, or national level; e) contributions to the knowledge of instructional librarianship through publications, lectures, etc.; f) participation in TLIRT activities.

Deadline for nominations: 1 February 2002

Name of Nominee: _____
Present Position: _____
Name of Nominator: _____
Mailing Address: _____

Phone: (home) _____ **(office)** _____

Please attach 1) a brief description of the instructional program or project and the contribution of the individual(s) being nominated; 2) a summary of the nominee's background in library instruction.

Mail nomination to Roger Myers, Lamar Memorial Library, Maryville College, 502 E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy., Maryville, TN 37804

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2001 TLA Honorary Membership Award

Sponsor: TLA Honors and Awards Committee.

Recognizes: An individual who has made significant, sustained contributions to librarianship in the state of Tennessee. The award is for an individual per se, not an individual representing the accomplishments of many.

Award: Recipient receives a plaque and a life membership in TLA, with no further payment of dues.

Eligibility: The recipient may be a librarian or a person in a related field; need not be a member of TLA; only living persons will be considered.

Criteria: a) Person selected for honorary membership should be of such caliber as to reflect honor upon TLA by this designation; b) contribution of more than passing importance and of more than limited achievement; c) nominations must be made by a member of TLA.

Deadline for nominations: 1 February 2002

Name of Nominee: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Name of Nominator: _____
Mailing Address: _____

Phone: (home) _____ **(office)** _____

Please attach supporting evidence and appropriate statement regarding qualifications.

Mail nomination to Annis M. Evans, Northeast State Technical Community College, P.O. Box 246, Blountville, TN 37617-0246

2001 Tennessee History Book Award

Sponsor: Tennessee Library Association and Tennessee Historical Commission.

Recognizes: Excellence in Tennessee historical writing.

Award: A plaque and \$200.

Eligibility: Publications on Tennessee history. Excluded: Children’s books, fiction, poetry, individual volumes in an uncompleted set or series.

Past Award winners: **1998** Carroll Van West, *The Tennessee Encyclopedia of History & Culture*; Mary Hoffschwelle, *Rebuilding the Rural Southern Community: Reformers, Schools, and Homes in Tennessee, 1900-1930*; **1999** Rod Simbeck, *Daughter of the Air: The Brief Soaring Life of Cornelia Fort*; **2000** Bill Carey, *Fortunes, Fiddles, and Fried Chicken: A Nashville Business History*.

Deadline for nominations: 1 February 2002

Book Title: _____
Author: _____
Publisher and Publication Date: _____
Name of Nominator: _____
Mailing Address: _____

Phone: (home) _____ **(office)** _____

A copy of the publication nominated must be mailed along with the nomination.

Mail nomination to Mary Glenn Hearne, 3838 Granny White Pike, Nashville, TN 37204

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2001 TLA/SIRS Freedom of Information Award

Sponsor: TLA Intellectual Freedom Committee and Social Issues Resources Series, Inc.

Recognizes: The contribution of an individual or group who has actively promoted intellectual freedom in Tennessee.

Award: \$500 and a plaque given to the award recipient and \$500 given to a Tennessee library of the recipient's choice.

Eligibility: Persons or groups who have actively promoted intellectual freedom in Tennessee. Activities of the last three years are eligible for consideration. Individuals and groups are encouraged to nominate themselves for the award.

Documentation: Include supporting documentation of the nominee's activities, such as: written and approved policies and procedures relating to intellectual freedom; documented reports (newspaper clippings, minutes, etc.) of the role which the nominee played in advocating intellectual freedom; a description of programming activities and other methods of encouraging intellectual freedom on a continuing basis; any other relevant information which further clarifies the nominee's role in the promotion of intellectual freedom; one or more letters of recommendation from persons familiar with the nominee's contributions to intellectual freedom.

Deadline for nominations: 1 February 2002

Name of Nominee: _____
Present Position: _____
Name of Nominator: _____
Mailing Address: _____

Phone: (home) _____ **(office)** _____

Please attach supporting evidence and appropriate statement regarding qualifications.
Mail nomination to Betsy Park, University of Memphis, 126 Ned R. McWherter Library, Memphis, TN 38152-3250

2001 Tennessee Resource Sharing Award

Sponsor: TLA Honors and Awards Committee and TENN-SHARE.

Recognizes: Any person, institution, or organization in Tennessee who has done outstanding work in promoting resource sharing within and among Tennessee libraries.

Award: The award recipient will receive a plaque, and \$100 provided by TENN-SHARE to be given to an institution of the recipient's choice that provides resource sharing among Tennessee libraries, with the money being earmarked for resource sharing services.

Eligibility: The recipient may be an individual, institution, or organization, and need not be a member of TLA or TENN-SHARE.

Deadline for nominations: 1 February 2002

Name of Nominee: _____
Present Position: _____
Name of Nominator: _____
Mailing Address: _____

Phone: (home) _____ **(office)** _____

Please attach supporting evidence and appropriate statement regarding qualifications.
Mail nomination to Penny Frere, Executive Director, TENN-SHARE, P.O. Box 357, Bell Buckle, TN 37020

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2001 Louise Meredith School Media Award

Sponsor: TLA School Library Section.

Purpose: To honor Louise Meredith for her 28 years of devoted service as the Tennessee State Department of Education School Library Supervisor and to stimulate interest in promotion of school library media services as essential components of the daily learning experiences, K-12.

Recognizes: A School Library Media Specialist who has made unique and worthy contributions to the total school instructional program through effective unified school library media services.

Eligibility: a) Holds certification endorsement as a school librarian (school library media specialist); b) has at least three years' experience as a school library media specialist in an accredited elementary and/or secondary school and is currently serving at the building level; c) holds membership in at least one of the following professional organizations: TLA, SELA, ALA.

Criteria: a) Participation in local, state, regional, and national professional library organizations; b) development and implementation of a creative library media program at the building level; c) active involvement in community affairs; d) recognition by administrators, fellow teachers, students, and other school library media specialists as a leader in the field.

Deadline for nominations: 1 February 2002

Name of Nominee: _____

Present Position: _____

Name of Nominator: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: (home) _____ **(office)** _____

Please attach statements: 1) Education (include degrees and endorsements including area listed on certificate); 2) positions held; 3) professional organizations (include memberships, offices held, committee work, etc.); 4) community activities; 5) specific examples of contributions to the total school instruction program through effective united school library media services.

Mail nomination to Bonnie Baker, Memphis University School, 6191 Park Ave., Memphis, TN 38119

2001 Paraprofessional of the Year (New Award**)**

Sponsor: TLA Paraprofessional Round Table.

Recognizes: Outstanding performance by a library paraprofessional.

Eligibility: Must be a library paraprofessional currently employed in a Tennessee library.

Criteria: Innovations or creative activity enabling a library to better fulfill its mission; willingness to learn new technologies and incorporate them into the overall operations of the library; length of service in improving or enhancing library services.

Deadline for nominations: Postmarked no later than 31 December 2001.

Name of Nominee: _____

Present Position: _____

Name of Nominator: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: (home) _____ **(office)** _____

Please attach statements addressing the above criteria, with additional information and supporting documentation.

Mail nomination to Paulette Calhoun, Brown-Daniel Library, Tennessee State University, 3500 John A. Merritt Blvd., Nashville, TN. 37209-1561

Tennessee History Websites of Interest

—reviewed by Ross Bowron, ETSU
Quillen College of Medicine Library

Tennessee Blue Book: Section 6 A History of Tennessee

<http://www.state.tn.us/sos/bluebook/online/bbonline.htm>

This site has a lot of general information about Tennessee, but section 6 has a number of pages that discuss the history of Tennessee. It includes information that is broken down by era, including the time before Western Culture came to the continent. There are also a couple of lists of other historical information such as past governors, historic sites, and origins of county names. In order to use this site, you'll need Adobe's Acrobat reader.

Tennessee Local History Network

<http://www.usgennet.org/usa/tn/state/>
There are a lot of holes in the information available on this site. For example, if you look at the county information, some of the counties have no information listed. However, the information that is available is very useful. It includes an overview of the history of the government, the formations of some of the counties, and a brief general history of Tennessee.

Tennessee Historical Commission

<http://www.state.tn.us/environment/hist/index.html>

There is quite a bit of information on different topics available on this website. It includes a number of links to other resources, but mainly it provides information on how to record, preserve and interpret information about people, places and objects of historical significance to the state of Tennessee. As a part of the Tennessee Department of

Environment and Conservation website, there is a lot of information on the environmental and natural history of Tennessee.

Tennessee State Museum

<http://www.tnmuseum.org/>

The Tennessee State Museum is one of the largest state museums in the nation with more than 60,000 square feet of permanent exhibits and a 10,000 square foot changing exhibition hall. The museum's interpretive exhibits begin 15,000 years ago and continue through the early 1900s interpreting Tennessee's history during the Prehistoric, Frontier, Jacksonian, Antebellum, Civil War, and Reconstruction Periods. This site mainly discusses what is in the museum, but it also has a good bit of information about the different points in the history of Tennessee.

Tennessee Historical Society

<http://www.tennesseehistory.org/>

The Tennessee Historical Society is a non-profit, membership organization headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee. This website provides a good amount of information about the Tennessee Historical Society, and a few bits of information about the history of Tennessee. The main use of this site is to facilitate contact with other people that have knowledge of historical importance concerning Tennessee. It also provides a Table of Contents listing for recent issues of Tennessee Historical Quarterly.

TLA Events Calendar

For more information and updates, see online page for updates at www.tnla.org/events.html
Events listed as "Gates workshops" are limited to public librarians (see "TSLA," p. 5).

December, 2001

The Successful Searcher (Solinet), Dec 6, Knoxville

Copy Cataloging with CORC (Solinet), Dec 7, Knoxville

Webpage Authoring (Gates workshop), Dec 11, Jackson

Webpage Authoring (Gates workshop), Dec 12, Jackson

Webpage Authoring (Gates workshop), Dec 17, Athens

Webpage Authoring (Gates workshop), Dec 18, Knoxville

Genealogy for 2000 & Beyond (Gates workshop), Dec 18, Athens

Resource Sharing Forum (Solinet), Dec 18, Memphis

ILL: Beyond the Basics (Solinet), Dec 19, Memphis

Genealogy for 2000 & Beyond (Gates workshop), Dec 19, Knoxville

Creative Alternatives in ILL Workflow (Solinet), Dec 20, Memphis

January, 2002

Genealogy for 2000 & Beyond (Gates workshop), Jan 3, Clarksville

Genealogy for 2000 & Beyond (Gates workshop), Jan 4, Crossville

ETLA Meeting, Jan 15, Knoxville

Library Legislative Day, Jan 29, Nashville

ALA Midwinter Meeting, Jan 18-23, New Orleans, LA

March, 2002

ETLA Meeting, March 4, Knoxville

TLA 2002 Annual Conference, March 26-28, Nashville

Public Library Assn, Mar 12-16, Phoenix, AZ

April, 2002

National Library Week, Apr 14-20

TLA NEWSLETTER

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SUBMISSION OF NEWS

Deadlines: The deadline for submission of news items for the January, 2002, issue, is Dec. 28.

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.

You know the vigilance tripwire is pretty taut when a padded envelope, used and abused for interlibrary loan, leaks its stuffing and shuts down a post office.

But that, as Cathy Taylor put it on the TLA e-mail list, is "mailing in the days of anthrax," and the least we can do is to use sound mailers. It was said in a past war that loose lips sank ships. Things are different today, including the rhyme scheme: bad bags close P.O.'s.

Less certain is what the new, post-Sept. 11 sense of the need for enhanced homeland security means for libraries.

Librarians share the sense of need. In a number of incidents across the state, in libraries small and large, librarians have confronted suspicious and possibly threatening behavior. Would it have been suspicious before Sept. 11? It hardly matters. Sept. 11 happened. It changed things. It would be naive to think that libraries and librarians could be unaffected.

In fact, the change is particularly problematic for librarians because they are the custodians of the most open civic spaces in America. Law and ethics require that librarians reinforce that openness by protecting the confidentiality of those who use it. Now they have to face the question of how to balance openness--and the confidentiality that maintains it--with enhanced homeland security.

How best to do this? All Tennessee librarians and library boards should know the law on confidentiality (TCA 10-8). They should read the new USA PATRIOT Act and keep up with ALA updates on the subject.

Then they must be willing to share their experiences and opinions openly, using as a forum such publications as this newsletter, or even better the TLA e-mail list. Our professionally enculturated "committee habits" shouldn't prevent us from thinking through issues together. Nor should our zeal for confidentiality prevent us from sharing experiences in a manner that satisfies the requirements of ethical behavior.

Whether it's "mailing in the days of anthrax" or openness in the days of homeland security, our experiences become valuable information. Sharing them--in an ethical manner--is a basic component of professionalism.

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