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The Editor's Edge



Welcome to the newest issue of the *TLA Newsletter*. My name is Chrissie Anderson Peters and I am a librarian at Northeast State Community College in Blountville, TN (the "suburbs" of Bristol). I joined TLA after moving to Tennessee from Virginia in 2000 and am a UT Alum, via their DE option in the MSIS program; ours was the first class to go through online (thus called the "Pioneers").

Upon moving to Tennessee, I straddled the state line for a year, working at the Bristol Public Library, in both its Main and Avoca locations. I began at Northeast State in August 2001 and do various things there, including ILL, reference, and sometimes helping out at circulation. I produce a monthly newsletter for the library called *Turn The Page* (available online if anyone is interested), plan and coordinate programs of interest to our campus and community (including Eating With the Experts, Open Books, and WHATTCHA Reading), and offer monthly storytimes to five area child care facilities as part of our campus' Child Care Access Means Parents In School federal grant (and produce a monthly newsletter for them, too, called *Spoonful of Sugar*).

I'm also involved with VLA, ALA's NMRT, ALA's YALSA, and serve as President of the Boone Tree Library Association.

I'm married to Russell Peters (a Chicago native), who helps me appreciate the joy in life. Russ is a Patient Care Technician for Bristol Dialysis. We married in January 2002, about 18 months after meeting online. I am the proud mother of five — all cats — Mel (boy, age 8), Reid (girl, age 8), Ella (girl, age 2, but our newest addition), Xander (boy, age 1), and Willow (girl, age 1).

Now that you know me better, I want to know more about you! Tell me what is going on across Tennessee — in your schools, your libraries, your region. I need to know what is newsworthy or celebrates Tennessee and its people working in literacy and information science endeavors. We need to share information in order to make our programs bigger, our totals grander, our expenses and creations less costly, and to make our causes more highly regarded. Make sure to tell me what you like or don't like about *TLAN* or what you would like to see us offer. This is our newsletter, TLA — it can only be what we make it together, so let's make it ROCK!

— Chrissie Anderson Peters, Editor

AUGUST 2004 DATEBOOK

August 5, SOLINET Training — "Managing and Preserving Digital Materials" — UT, Knoxville, 9:00 AM—4:00 PM. For more information, visit www.solinet.net for full descriptions and online registration.

August 6, Children's and Young Adult Roundtable Meeting, Jackson-Madison County Public Library, Jackson, TN, 1:00 PM —? For more information, see <http://www.tnla.org/cyar.html>.

August 13, six TENN-SHARE Workshops across the state. See article on page 12 or www.tenn-share.org/workshops2004.htm for more details.

August 20-27, Intellectual Freedom Library Association (IFLA) General Conference, Buenos Aires, Argentina. For more information, see <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla70>.

August 21, TLA Board Meeting, Williamson County Public Library, Franklin, TN, 10:00 AM—12:00 PM.

The President's Point of View

"It's the Members..... Sugar!"

Traditionally, the incoming President presents goals for the year at the June Board meeting. I prepared a complicated draft of goals and objectives, but soon realized my entire outline could be lumped under one very important goal — **Membership Development!** Our strategic plan includes generous mention of recruitment and involvement of members. (If you haven't already memorized the TLA Strategic Plan, you really should look at it — www.TNLA.org.)

Recruit! Diversify! Train!
Train for Succession!
Market! Communicate!
[TLA is] really all about
the members!

So, in June, I asked the new Board to strengthen our organization by concentrating on our members. This year, each Section, Roundtable, and Committee Chair will be testing their plans and activities with questions like these — Will this conference program bring new members to TLA? Will this workshop answer a need for our members? How can we get feedback to find out what our members need from TLA? Who would be a good choice to train to lead this committee?

Specifically, our plans revolve around these priorities:

* **RECRUIT!** Each of us must be proactive within our institutions. Find out *why* a colleague is not a TLA member. Ask him/her to join! Why are some of our best and brightest and newest library staff not joining TLA?

* **DIVERSIFY!** We need to begin the conversation — maybe through focus groups — to find out why many of our minority colleagues are choosing *not* to participate in TLA. We have a LAMA-award winning diversity program right here in Tennessee at the UT Libraries [see article on page 10]! We need to tap into the talent and expertise of all Tennessee library staff in order to create a strong, multi-cultural TLA membership.

* **TRAIN!** We know our members want top quality workshops and conferences to help them provide the best library services. From entry level to advanced symposia, TLA should be a leader in training Tennessee library staff. That means Tennessee librarians have to share their expertise. (To download a copy of the Program Proposal for the 2005 TLA Conference in Nashville, go to www.tnla.org/conf/conf-prop-05.pdf. The deadline

for Program Proposals is October 15, 2004!)

* **TRAIN FOR SUCCESSION!** Our largest institutions are beginning succession training to replace all of us aging baby boomers! TLA must do the same.

A) Each Section and Roundtable will actively recruit future leaders from their membership lists; B) Each leader on the Board will actively "teach" as well as "do" in their activities this year and then share the names of promising committee members with the Vice-President as she pulls together next year's committees; C) Our goal is to have TLA members "competing" for leadership slots instead of shying away from opportunities!

* **MARKET! COMMUNICATE!** TLA is hiding its light under a "big ole" bushel basket! We need to begin feeding our eager Public Relations Committee and Webmistress and *TLA Newsletter* Editor and *Tennessee Libraries* Editors the information they need to market TLA to our members to our customers, to our Trustees, to our legislators, to our colleagues across the country! [To send items to the *TLA Newsletter* Editor, email them to TLANewsletter@yahoo.com or TLANewsletter@gmail.com.]

Even the dedicated new 2004-2005 TLA Board can't do all of this alone. Each TLA member is an emissary for this organization. I'm asking for your help and for your ideas so we can create an even stronger, more responsive organization! Please **COMMUNICATE** with your Board members. Let them know what you would like to see TLA become! (See the Board roster at www.TNLA.org, or on page 3 of the *TLAN*.) Then you should be ready to **VOLUNTEER** to help make your dream a reality!

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Tennesseans in Typeset

Dark to Mortal Eyes by **Eric Wilson** (Waterbrook Press). A supernatural thriller about a young woman on a quest to find her birth parents.

Collaborative Collection Development: A Practical Guide for Your Library by **James Burgett, John Haar, and Linda Phillips** (ALA).

Annotations: A Guide to the Independent Critical Press 3rd Edition edited by **Marie F. Jones** (Alternative Press Center). An annotated bibliography of

selected alternative press serials, newly updated. For librarians, an excellent collection development tool; for writers, a writer's marketing tool.

The July 2004 issue of *Information Outlook* features the Special Libraries Association annual conference in Nashville, held June 5-10... **Mayo Taylor** and **William Black** have authored, "In Search of Reason: Libraries and the USA PATRIOT Act" for the *Journal of Librarianship and Information Science*.

It should appear in the fall... **Sue Alexander, William Black, Kathy Field,** and **Virginia Vesper** have authored, "Perceptions of the Library: A Key to Planning Effective Services," published in the Spring 2004 issue of *Southeastern Librarian*... **Chrissie Anderson Peters** has contributed a chapter ("The MLS: What Is It Worth?") to the book *The Librarian's Career Guidebook*, edited by Priscilla Shontz (October 2004, Scarecrow).

TLA Board Members for 2004-2005

As reported via TLA -L, here are your TLA Board Members for the 2004-2005 Committee Year. For individual contact information, see www.tnla.org.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Kay Due, President
Cathy Taylor, Vice-President/President-Elect
Francis Adams -O'Brien, Recording Secretary
Kathy Pagles, Past-President
Annelle Huggins, Executive Director

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Stephen Patrick, Advisory Committee on State Documents
Yildiz Binkley & Betsy Fisher, By-Laws & Procedures
Susan Rogers & Penny Frere, Conference Committee 2005
Tena Litherland, Finance
Sue Alexander & Pat Thompson, Awards & Honors
(Carolyn Wilson & Rebecca Tolley-Stokes, TN History Book)
(Kathy Patten & Patty Williams, Volunteer State Book)
Bob Ivey & Chris Matz, Intellectual Freedom
Sylverna V. Ford & Vivian Wynn, Legislation
Joanne Deeken & Chris Marszelek, Membership
ALL SECTION CHAIRS (See Names Below), Nominating
Louis Morgan & Joel Southern, Public Relations
Martha Earl & Betsy Park, Publications Advisory Board
Annelle Huggins & Marion Bryant, Site Selection
Susan Earl & Chris Durman, Staff Development
William Black & Kathy Pagles, Strategic Planning

ROUNDTABLES:

Michelle Yellin, Children's/Young Adults
Gayle Baker, Electronic Resources
Kevin Reynolds, Government Documents
John Evans, Integrated Library Systems
Elaine Berg, Library Instruction
Shirley Eaton, Paraprofessionals
Joyce McKibben & Jennifer Carless, Reference/Info Services
Linda Behrend, Technical Services

SECTION CHAIRS:

Margaret Casado & Rachel Kirk, Coll./University Lib. Section
Carolyn Head, Public Libraries Section
Annabel Haynes, School Libraries Section
Lisa Travis, Special Libraries Section
Allen Berry, Trustees/Friends Section

AFFILIATES:

Chrissie Anderson Peters, Boone Tree Library Association
Karen Hedgecorth, Chattanooga Area Library Association
Laura Vaughn, East Tennessee Library Association
Connie Albrecht, Friends of TN Libraries
Rosa Burnett, Memphis Area Library Council
Sue Alexander, Mid-State Library Association
Beverly Simmons, Student Chapter (UTK)
Diane Chen, Tennessee Association of School Librarians
Penny Frere, TENN_SHARE
Rick Wallace, TN Health Sciences Library Association

EDITORS:

Mark Ellis & Marie Jones, *Tennessee Libraries*
(Rebecca Tolley-Stokes, *TL Book Reviews*)
Chrissie Anderson Peters, *TLA Newsletter*
David Ratledge, TLA -L (Email Discussion List)
Teresa Walker, TLA Web Site

REPRESENTATIVES:

Annelle Huggins, American Library Association (ALA)
Dana Moore, Exhibitors
Stephen Patrick, Southeastern Library Association (SELA)
Ed Gleaves, State Library & Archives

AD-HOC COMMITTEES:

Bess Robinson & Stephen Patrick, TLA Centennial
Jacklyn Egolf & Pat Thompson, TEL Public Relations
Chrissie A. Peters & Debbie Stevens, TLA Scholarship

Nominating Committee Seeks 2005-2006 Candidates

We're looking for a few good candidates! The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for TLA Vice-President/President-Elect and Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary position is a 1-year commitment. The VP/President-Elect position is a 3-year commitment with the first year spent as VP, the second year as President, and the third year as Past-President. TLA terms of office run from July 1 to June 30. We are seeking persons willing to begin serving TLA from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006. One may nominate oneself. Please submit nominations to the Nominating Committee by August 9. Candidates need to give an informal nod of consent prior to August 16. The Nominating Committee will ensure that informal consents are obtained if they are not received at the same time as the nomination. This year's Nominating Committee members are Margaret Casado (casado@utk.edu), Rachel Kirk (rakirk@ulibnet.mtsu.edu), Carolyn Head (carolyn.head@nashville.gov), Annabel Haynes (haynesa@isdn.net), Lisa Travis (ltravis@southcollegetn.edu), and Allen Berry (nealphabravo@hotmail.com).

The officers' duties are explained in the "TLA Manual of Procedures," <http://www.tnla.org/toc1.html>. VP/President-Elect is covered in Art. VII, Sec. 1 of the TLA Bylaws and Section C of the document called "Administration." Recording Secretary is covered in Art. VII, Sec. 3 of the Bylaws and Section C of "Administration." Each serves on the Board, covered in Art. IX of the Bylaws and Section B of "Administration." Thanks in advance for your help in finding candidates for these positions! For more information about these positions or their duties, contact Lisa Travis (ltravis@southcollegetn.edu).

— Submitted by Lisa Travis, Nominating Committee Chair

News From Tennessee State Library and Archives

The Tennessee State Library and Archives (TSLA) has awarded \$536,919 from Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) and Gates Foundation Funds as technology matching grants to 116 Tennessee public libraries.

Gates Grant PC's (317)	\$190,200
LSTA PC's (389)	\$233,400
Library Management Software	\$20,964
General Software	\$26,865
Filtering Software	\$10,270
Computer Peripherals	\$53,546
Faxes	\$1,674

Total Tech Grants \$536,919

TSLA has also awarded over \$292,000 in LSTA funds to 22 Tennessee Public Libraries as Direct Service Grants in the areas of Services to the Elderly, Services to the Disadvantaged, Family Literacy Support, Adult Education, and Workforce Support.

Libraries and locations receiving grants include Argie Cooper Public Library (Shelbyville); Beene Pearson Public Library; Benton County Public Library; Bolivar-Hardeman County Public Library; Chattanooga Bicentennial Library; Clay County Public Library; Elmer Hin-

ton Memorial Library (Portland); Everett Horn Public Library (Lexington); Gibson County Public Library; Huntsville Public Library; Kingsport Public Library; Knoxville Public Library System; Linebaugh Public Library (Murfreesboro); Madisonville Public Library; Memphis/Shelby County Public Library; Monterey Branch Library; Morristown-Hamblen County Public Library; Oneida Public Library; Parsons Public Library; and Winfield Public Library.

— Submitted by Ed Gleaves

SELA Call for Book Reviews

The *Southeastern Librarian* (the print publication of the Southeastern Library Association) is accepting book reviews for publication in future issues. Guidelines include: *Title needs to have been published within past 2 years. *Work should have some connection to the Southern USA, either in the subject material or author affiliation. *Suggested length is 600-850 words. *Book review authors do not have to be members of SELA. Reviews are accepted on a rolling basis. If an issue is full, the accepted review will be moved to the next available issue. Reviews, as well as questions may be sent to: Frank R. Allen, *Southeastern Librarian* Editor, at fallen@mail.ucf.edu. General information about SELA may be found at <http://sela.lib.ucf.edu>.

Tennessee, Unclaimed

The TN Treasury Unclaimed Property Division has updated its unclaimed property list with thousands of new names and accounts. Accounts are in the names of individuals, businesses, public entities, schools, churches, Scout troops, cities, (libraries may be included), social groups, etc. This service is provided to potential claimants at no charge. If a claimant prepares a claim form over the web site, he/she must print the claim form out and submit the request documentation in a paper format with a notarized signature to the TUPD office. It is the TUPD's goal to return these accounts to the rightful owners. Sharing this data via email will reduce the cost to the state of finding the rightful owners. It may also allow someone to locate missing funds that they lost track of at no cost to them. The number for the public to call if they have questions about unclaimed property is 615.741.6499, but TUPD prefers they use the internet for speed in claiming the funds. For more information, contact Beth R. Chapman, Director, at 615-253-5354 (voice), 615-734-6458 (fax), Beth.Chapman@state.tn.us (email), or TN Treasury Unclaimed Property Div./ 500 Deaderick St., 9th Floor/ Andrew Jackson Bldg./ Nashville, TN 37243. Conduct a free search at www.treasury.state.tn.us/unclaim.

THESLA Fall Meeting Set

The Tennessee Health Science Library Association (THESLA) Fall Meeting will be on Sept. 29 in Nashville, at the Convention Center, in conjunction with the Tennessee Hospital Association (THA) annual conference. The workshop speaker will be Peg Allen, well-known in MLA circles as an expert in nursing information. (See <http://www.pegallen.net> for further information about the speaker.) Six MLA CEU's will be given to those interested. If you need more information and/or need a Registration Form, please contact Rick Wallace, ETSU, Box 70693, Johnson City, TN 37614 or email WALLACER@etsu.edu.

TEL Statistics Announced

Utilization of TEL, in terms of searches continues to grow, by 10% from 2001 to 2002, and by 14% from 2002-2003. Total membership now stands at 1,602; 1,235 of those are K-12 schools.

The TSLA will maintain its contract with the Gale Group to provide database content for TEL at an annual cost of \$750,000. While all costs are now paid out of LSTA funds, efforts are continuing to achieve a wider base of state support.

— Contributed by Ed Gleaves, State Librarian

Newcomers & Names to Know

In November 2003, **Rebecca Rhodes** joined the staff of the Tennessee Department of Transportation Library. Rebecca is a retired Kentucky school librarian... **Janice Keck** was honored by the Tennessee General Assembly with a House Joint Resolution for her 25 years of laudable service to the people of Williamson County as the Director of the Williamson County Public Library... **R. Neil Scott** has been appointed to the position of User Services Librarian - Circulation at MTSU. He previously served as Director of Library Services at Beacon College and Graduate School. Scott's experience has included administrative and public service work at Georgia College and State University, Stetson University, and William Carey College. He holds the MLS from Florida State University and an MBA from Stetson University... Memphis Area Library Council (MALC) has named **Judy Card** the "Librarian of the Year" for 2004. This is MALC's highest award and Ms. Card was chosen for her years of outstanding service to the Memphis community as a librarian and educator... *Family Tree Magazine's* August 2004 issue names 19 state archives among its "101 Best Web Sites for Tracing Your Roots." The **Tennessee State Library and Archives** was among those honored, in part for its "indexes to Tennessee death records (complete from 1908 to 1912, partial from 1914 to 1925) ... databases of Confederate pension applications, Spanish-American War records, names from the Acts of Tennessee (1796 to 1850), Southern Claims Commission files, even state penitentiary inmates (1831 to 1850), [and] genealogi-

cal 'fact sheets' for each Tennessee county." The complete article can be accessed at <http://tinyurl.com/4e3xb...> **Amber Barfield** has been appointed as Documents Conservator at the State Library & Archives. A recent graduate of the MA program in History at MTSU, Amber previously worked at the Parthenon Museum, the Metropolitan Archives of Nashville and Davidson County and Lipscomb University in Nashville... **Amanda Buckner Jackson** is the new Children's Library Services Consultant in the Planning and Development Section of TSLA. A recent graduate of the University of Alabama, Amanda has already jumped into work for the 2005 Summer Reading Programs that will include Young Adults... **Elizabeth (Betty Jo) Jarvis** was appointed director of the Highland Rim Regional Library in December 2003, after serving as the assistant director and then director of the Upper Cumberland Regional Library. She has been succeeded as director of Upper Cumberland by **Jennifer Cowan-Henderson**, who has had previous regional experience both in Reelfoot and Upper Cumberland... **Fran Schell**, Assistant Director of Public Services at TSLA, retired in October 2003 after thirty years of service... **Mark Thomas**, former director of the Johnson City Public Library, who has served as the Director of the Watauga Regional Library for the past year, will be leaving Tennessee in late August to join the Worcester County Library on the Eastern Shore of Maryland as their new Director. Mark, please know that you will be missed immensely and that we all wish you the

very best of luck in your new position... **Nancy Weatherman**, Special Projects Coordinator at TSLA, retired in May after nearly 22 years of service to the State of Tennessee, almost all of them with the Tennessee State Library and Archives... **Jo Williams** has been appointed to the position of Collection Management Librarian - Cataloging at MTSU. Ms. Williams' prior experience has been as Technical Services Librarian at Belmont University and at Auburn University... Plough Library at Christian Brothers University is pleased to announce two additions to its ranks, **Suzanne Mangrum** and **Debi Babb**. Suzanne comes to us from the Hattiesburg Public Library and recently received her MLS from the University of Southern Mississippi. Debi comes to us from The Memphis and Shelby County Public Library and Information Center. Debi recently received her MLS from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville... **Nancy Snyder** has joined the faculty of the Woodward Library at Austin Peay State University (APSU). Nancy comes to APSU from Indiana University (IU) where she earned dual MLS/MIS degrees in December 2003... There will be several more new faces and names around the Tennessee State Library and Archives in August. These include **Stephanie S. Vukadinovich**, MLIS from Wayne State University, in the Public Services Section; **Judy Lee Watts**, also in the in the Public Services Section; and **James E. Staub, Jr.**, MS in Information Sciences from the University of Tennessee Knoxville, in the Technical Services section.

Do you have ideas, suggestions, or news for the TLA Newsletter? If so, we want to hear about it, Tennessee! Please send all announcements to TLANewsletter@yahoo.com or TLANewsletter@gmail.com by the 15th of the month preceding the publication date.

Deadlines for the remainder of 2004 are as follows:

August 15 for September/October issue;

October 15 for November/December issue;

and December 15 for January/February issue.

ALA/APA Councilor's Column

Even though the ALA Councilor's Report is lengthy, we feel that it has many useful and interesting information and will therefore include nearly all of a 5-page document of information that TLA's ALA/APA Councilor submitted for the TLAN. And, lest any of us think that Annelle Huggins does not work diligently and industriously in her various roles of representation for TLA, bear in mind that the meetings reported upon herein took place over a 4-day period. Many thanks to Annelle for representing us and reporting back from these various events.—CAP, TLAN Editor

ALA Council/Executive Board/Membership I Information Session

Sunday, June 27, 2004

1) Budget Analysis and Review Committee's report stated that ALA's 2004 revenue (as of April 2004) was 2% less than budget, with expenses for the same period at 6% less than budget. The 2005 budget to be presented at ALA Council II will reflect the impact of three years of decreasing revenues and increases in conference expenditures and rising employee benefit and compensation costs.

2) Endowment Trustees' report indicated a continued cautiousness in management of investments, noting a slight growth in both Market Value (\$20,353,000) and Book Value (\$13,784,000).

3) Attendees participated in a Strategic Long-Range Planning Process led by Paul Meyer of Tecker Consultants. This group activity was the next step in gathering information on the wants, needs and expectations of ALA members. The next step will be a review, of information gathered, at a Leadership Retreat where a statement on the future direction of the organization will be developed.

ALA-APA Information Session

Sunday, June 27, 2004

- 1) ALA/APA website is "up" <http://www.ala-apa.org>
- 2) Dynix has established a \$5000 award for person who has done most toward advancing salaries. Guidelines are being established for this award.
- 3) Online newsletter *Worklife* is now \$35 for ALA members and \$60 for non-members.
- 4) New donation campaign will call for \$5 in '05.

ALA Council I

Sunday, June 27, 2004

- 1) Nominations for 04/05 Council Committee on Committees
- 2) Nominations for 04/05 Planning and Budget Assembly (Annelle R. Huggins was nominated, subsequently chosen)
- 3) Public Awareness Committee called attention to: a) Woman's Day Online Book Club; b) Get on Board and Read @ your library; c) Register to Vote @ your library; d) Join the Major Leagues @ your library; e) The Smartest Card. Get It. Use It @ your library; f) Put It in Writing @ your library; g)

New ABC-TV PSA's with Campaign for America's Libraries
4) President-elect Carol A. Brey-Casiano highlighted her Presidential year topic: Stand Up and Speak Out for Libraries. Announced Advocacy Institutes to be held and Mid-Winter and Annual Conference 2005.

5) Kieth Fiels, ALA Executive Director, reported membership of 65,320 as of 5-31-2004. This is a 2% increase from last year. Also announced that ALA's Legislative Action Center now offers the ability to fax messages directly to Members of Congress as well as send email messages.

<http://capwiz.com/ala/home>

6) Freedom to Read Foundation has joined the American Booksellers Association as amici curiae in Muslim Community Association of Ann Arbor v. Ashcroft, a facial legal challenge

to Section 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act which amends the business records provision of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act to permit FBI agents to obtain all types of records, including library records, without showing of probable cause. FTRF has also joined with the ABFFE and the ALA to file an amicus curiae brief in John Doe and ACLU v. Ashcroft, the ACLU's constitutional challenge to the PATRIOT Act's expansion of the FBI's

authority to obtain records without judicial review.

7) The Task Force on Rural School, Tribal, and Public Libraries completed a survey to identify and study issues and challenges facing these libraries. The results showed the following challenges/issues: poverty within communities; illiteracy; population surges; lack of funds; training in computer usage; collection development. The Task Force called for the permanent assignment of responsibility within ALA for oversight of these types of libraries; collaborate on a national survey; and develop a national advocacy campaign for these libraries. Because there were budget implications in these recommendations the report was sent to BARC for review.

ALA Membership II Meeting

June 28, 2004

- 1) Memorials/Tributes: a) Cynthia J. Johanson; b) Thomas J. Galvin; c) Joyce C. Parks; d) Charles E. Beard; e) June Kahler Berry; f) South Dakota Library Association's 100th Anniversary; g) RUSA/RSS Library Service to an Aging Population Committee on its 40th Anniversary
- 2) Paul Meyer from Tecker Consultants led another round of Strategic Planning discussions on critical issues that the association should address in the next 5-10 years.

(ALA/APA Councilor's Report Continued on page 7.)

19,731 attendees, including 5,758 exhibitors, gathered in Orlando to discuss books, authors, libraries, and ALA matters. ALA and ALA/APA Council sessions extended over a 4 day period.

ALA/APA Councilor's Column

ALA-APA Council I

June 29, 2004

- 1) Committee on Salaries and Status of Library Workers presented a video and toolkit which is available to use in speaking about salaries and status.
- 2) Contributions to ALA-APA continue to arrive.
- 3) Staff are reviewing various state, regional, and institutional licensure programs in preparation for establishment of ALA-APA Certification programs.

ALA Council II

June 29, 2004

- 1) Council approved the FY 2005 ALA Budgetary Ceiling of \$48,972,061.
- 2) Council accepted the Committee on Education's proposed revision of the *Criteria for Programs to Prepare Library Technical Assistants*, which had not been revised since 1979. (Annelle R. Huggins is a member of the Committee on Education).
- 3) Council accepted the Core Values Task Force II Report, which listed the following values and indicated current ALA Policies which support these values: a) Access; b) Confidentiality/Privacy; c) Democracy; d) Diversity; e) Education and Lifelong Learning; f) Intellectual Freedom; g) Preservation; h) The Public Good; i) Professionalism; j) Service; k) Social Responsibility.
- 4) Council approved a resolution to extend the appointment of the Task Force on Library School Closings.
- 5) Council sent to the Committee on Intellectual Freedom a resolution presented by the Committee on Diversity to amend the "Libraries: An American Value Statement" (Policy 53.8) to include a statement regarding library workers of diverse backgrounds.
- 6) Council heard a resolution from the Committee on Diversity requesting the designation of an appropriate unit within ALA to undertake an ongoing statistical assessment of diversity within the library profession. Council referred this resolution to BARC, because it has budgetary implications.

ALA Council III

June 30, 2004

- 1) Memorials / tributes presented: a) Cynthia J. Johanson; b) Thomas J. Galvin; c) Joyce C. Parks; d) Charles E. Beard; e) June Kahler Berry; f) Me Weine; g) Elizabeth Morrissett; h) South Dakota Library Association's 100th Anniversary; i) RUSA/RSS Library Service to an Aging Population Committee on its 40th Anniversary; j) Proclamation for David Cohen for Lifetime Achievement in Multiculturalism and Intellectual Freedom.
- 2) Committee on Intellectual Freedom highlighted the availability of the Privacy II Toolkit.
<http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/statementspols/privacypages.html>.
- 3) Council approved the following resolutions presented by the Committee on Legislation: a) Resolution on Guidelines for Sensitive Information; b) Resolution on Securing Government Ac-

- countability through Whistleblower Protection; c) Resolution on Access to and Ownership of Government Information; d) Resolution on Superintendent of Documents Salaries and Expenses Appropriation for FY 2005; e) Resolution on Administrative Conference of the United States.
- 4) Council passed the following resolutions resubmitted by the Task Force on Rural School, Tribal and Public Libraries: a) Create a standing committee to replace the Task Force. Committee will have a close relationship with the Office of Literacy and Outreach Services; b) ALA Executive Director will allocate resources and staff time to assist OLOS in fulfilling Committee business — b1) Expanding electronic resources to provide information to rural and tribal libraries and their staff; b2) Disseminate information regarding initiatives to rural and tribal libraries.
- 5) Council referred the following resolutions from the Task Force on Rural School, Tribal and Public Libraries: a) To the Office of Literacy and Outreach Services — a1) Collaborate with the Center for Rural Librarianship and other parties to complete a nation-wide, in-depth survey of rural school, tribal and public libraries; a2) Beginning in fiscal year 2006, develop a national advocacy campaign, emphasizing the needs and contributions of rural and tribal libraries.
- 6) Council approved resolution from Committee on Membership Meetings to reduce quorum to the same quorum as required for ALA Council (75 members).
- 7) Council passed the following resolutions: a) "Be it resolved that ALA condemns the use or threat of torture by the US government as a barbarous violation of human rights, intellectual freedom, and the rule of law. The ALA decries — along with the practice of torture anywhere — the suggestion by the US government that under a "state of emergency" in this country, or in territories it occupies, torture is an acceptable tool in pursuit of its goals." b) (Dealing with ALA elections) "Be it resolved that the electronic ballot in 2005 and all following years shall be accessible for people with disabilities by following the standards established in Section 508 of the federal Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1998 and that all future electronic and information technology procurement (e.g. Internet resources, telephone, captioned and audio described videos) shall also follow the standards established by Section 508."
- 8) Council defeated the resolution entitled "Resolution on the Occupation of Iraq."
- 9) Council adjourned before it had addressed the following resolutions: a) Resolution on Privacy and Library Use; b) Resolution on Health Care; c) Resolution of Workplace Speech; d) Resolution on the Retention of the Paper Publication of the *ALA Handbook of Organization*; e) Resolution on the Terrorist Destruction of the United Talmud Torah Elementary School Library (Montreal) and of the C. A. N. D. L. E. S. Holocaust Museum and Archive (Terre Haute, Indiana)
- 10) Council adjourned before it held a scheduled discussion on Partnerships and Co-sponsorships.

— Submitted by Annelle Huggins, ALA/APA Councilor

Building Our Futures

Building Projects and Expansion News in the Volunteer State

With the recent passage of the Tennessee state budget, two community colleges, Dyersburg State and Motlow State, received funding for new libraries. The total amount budgeted and partially funded with bond issues is almost 21 million dollars. These projects have been in the planning stages since 1992, when the first architectural drawings were made. Library directors at these institutions are Bob Lhota and Sue Szostak. Szostak says, "I look forward to working with faculty, staff and students in planning and building a new facility. As with any older building, we far exceeded our space for services and the available technology years ago. The challenge with a new building is to build into it flexibility to change as new services and technologies evolve. I look forward to these challenges." Lhota adds, "[We have] been looking forward to this new LRC since planning began in 1986. [It] will provide the additional space to accommodate the expanding use of the facility. The challenge is to provide flexible space, resources, and technology for the changing vision and mission of the LRC as an Information Gateway." More information will be forthcoming as these projects unfold.

— Contributed by Sue Szostak
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Peabody Library at Vanderbilt is the library for the Peabody College of Edu-

cation and Human Development. The library building was constructed in 1919, funded by the Carnegie Foundation; Edward Tilton of New York was the architect.

The library has undergone cosmetic renovations that have greatly improved the beauty and functionality of the building. The three main floors have been painted and carpeted... The impressive main floor has a Service Desk, study areas, workstations, and the current journal, reference, and AV collections. The lower level has a new reading room with a "faux" fireplace, individual and group study rooms, and framed photos depicting the history of the College. A café is near a new outdoor terrace and sculpture garden. Students can plug in their laptops on the terrace and work at picnic tables with red umbrellas.

More renovations are coming in the near future. All are welcome to come and visit! You can see photos at <http://tinyurl.com/6k2nd> and <http://tinyurl.com/66sdb>.

— Contributed by Sharon Gray  
Weiner, Peabody Library Director

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Knox County's new library project may get some additional monies from federal funding, thus reported a July 13, 2004, *Knoxville News* article. According to the

article, Knox County Mayor Mike Ragsdale has recommended that the new downtown facility be built on vacant county-owned property on State Street, a move that could purportedly cut costs to local government "by millions of dollars." The estimated cost for the new building is around \$45 million. Federal funding could come into play if this new proposed site is approved, since the city's transit center receives funding from the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA). Relocating the library project makes county officials confident that they could "piggyback" on the FTA monies that will be used for the transit center if the project meets certain guidelines — including increased traffic and revenues on the site. At least \$5 million in private funds has already been pledged to the Knox County library fund for a new facility. For now, the County Commissioners will discuss Ragsdale's new plan and research the feasibility, etc., of the State Street site and pairing the project with the transit center. With reports of a number of Knox County constituents still balking at the costs for a new library, the next few months may well be interesting for the project. Knox County Director LJ Frank adds, "I am optimistic that the planning, design and building of a new Central Library for Knox County Public Library system will move forward. There are challenges ahead of us, but all are surmountable."

The September Project Announced

"On Saturday, September 11th, 2004, people across the nation will go to public spaces to participate collectively and think creatively about our country, our government, and our media. With public libraries as host, The September Project will help facilitate talks and roundtables, public forums, and performances in towns and cities across the US." If your library plans to take part in this Project, please send your info to TLANewsletter@yahoo.com. The *TLAN* Editor would like to include some of the plans across Tennessee for the September/October issue (deadline, Aug. 15). If you carry out activities in conjunction with the Project, please send articles and/or photos for inclusion with our November/ December issue (deadline, Oct. 15). For more information see www.theseptemberproject.org/forlibraries.htm.

Grants to Public Libraries

On December 4, 2003, the TSLA received a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in the amount of \$582,800 "to support public access computing sustainability efforts in Tennessee public libraries." These funds will be used over a 3-year period to replace 1,203 computers in Tennessee public libraries on a 50-50 matching basis, and to provide technical support to those libraries. Gates grants totaling \$267,000 to replace 446 computers are now in process, complemented by \$274,783 in LSTA funds to replace 259 computers and needed software.

— Contributed by Ed Gleaves, State Librarian

Tennessee Delegation at ALA National Legislation Day

Fourteen library advocates from Tennessee arrived in Washington DC for the 30th annual ALA Library Legislative Day. Secretary of State, the Honorable Riley Darnell, headed our group. Other folks attending included Diane Chen, President, TASL, Nashville; Penny Frere, TENN-SHARE Executive Director, Bell Buckle; Judy Greeson, Regional Library Director, Clinton; An-nelle Huggins, TLA Executive Director, Memphis; Freddie and Evealyn Clowers, Fort Loudoun Regional Library Board, Cleve-



Senator Lamar Alexander and the 2004 Tennessee Delegation.

land; George Harding, Highland Rim Regional Library Board, Lebanon; John and Effie McCord, representing Friends of Tennessee Libraries, Quebeck; Rob Montgomery, Watauga Regional Library, Kingsport; Jeanne Sugg, Assistant State Librarian and Archivist for Administration, TSLA, Nashville; James Staub, student, School of Information Sciences, UT, Knoxville; and Vivian Wynn, retired Assistant Director, Nashville Public Library. This year's Legislative Day was Tuesday, May 4 with preliminary briefings being held Monday, May 3.

Appointments with all of our state's Congressional delegation were made before our arrival. As always, our Smaller groups of library advocates were warmly received in each of the offices. Our day started with a continental breakfast meeting with Sen. William Frist and Sen. Lamar Alexander and their staffs. Other groups from Tennessee, attending for other reasons, were part of this "Tennessee Tuesday" event. Sen. Frist had previously held these "Tennessee Tuesdays" to meet with constituents for a few words of greetings and information, as well as a photo op with each one. When Sen. Alexander came to office, he and his staff joined in this event. Staff members of both Senatorial offices were on hand to receive our information and to

speak with briefly.

We met with all of our US Representatives with the exception of Congressmen Zach Wamp and Harold Ford. Within those two offices, we met with legislative aides. In each office, we discussed the importance of Library Services and Technology Act federal dollars. We

asked that this FY 2005 Appropriation be at \$232 million. The President's Administration is requesting funding at \$220 million. We thanked

the members of Congress for supporting the passage of the Museum and Library Services Act of 2003, which reauthorized LSTA. These federal dollars provide us such programs as the Tennessee Electronic Library. The use and need of continuance of the E-rate program was a topic. We asked our Congress members to co-sponsor House Resolution 107, the Digital Millennium Copyright Act. The US PATRIOT Act was also discussed, with our concerns of how it affects libraries and patrons' rights to access materials and confidentiality. We asked our representatives to co-sponsor and support the SAFE Act (H.R. 3352) and the Freedom to Read Protections Act (H.R. 1157) to help restore protections for confidentiality that existed before the USA PATRIOT Act. Diane Chen brought to the attention of our delegation the federally funded "Improving Literacy through School Libraries" grants available to certain school districts in our state.

As always, the ALA Washington Office provided materials summarizing the status of federally funded library programs, as well as legislation that affects libraries.

Our group of 14 was part of more than 500 people from 49 states attending this year's National Library Legislative Day. National Library Legislative Day is co-sponsored by the District of Columbia Library Association and ALA.

Penny Frere Chaired a subcommittee created to help plan Tennessee's participation in National Library Legislative Day. Members of the committee in attendance included Diane Chen, Judy Greeson, and Vivian Wynn; members not present were Frances Darnell, Friends of TN Libraries; Margaret Harmon, Shiloh Regional Library; Doug Insch, Memphis/Shelby County Public Library; Kathy Pagles, Blount County Public Library; Larry Price, Ingram Library Services; and Larry Romans, Vanderbilt University. A special thank you goes to Larry Romans for preparing informational sheets about our state's US Representatives.

We wish to thank Ingram Library Services, Inc., and Larry Price, Executive Vice-President of Ingram, for providing a meeting room and refreshments for our Tennessee delegation on Monday evening. As in the past, this meeting allows us to gather, review our Congressional office assignments, and to discuss our "talking points" on the issues at hand.

Next year, the ALA Legislative Day activities are scheduled for May 3-4, 2005. For the first time in our memory, Legislative Day will be on Wednesday instead of Tuesday. Our preliminary briefings meetings, structured by ALA, will be on Tuesday, May 3. We would especially encourage library trustees and members of Friends of Libraries groups to consider attending a future ALA Legislative Day.

— Contributed by Judy Greeson,
State Coordinator,
ALA Legislation Day

Next year's Legislative Day activities are scheduled for May 3 -4, 2005. Mark your calendars now!

What IS In YOUR Wallet?

PLA will launch its new public awareness campaign “The Smartest Card — Get It. Use It. @ your library” during Library Card Sign-up Month this September. While September is just around the corner, there are a few very simple things you can do to support this effort and help us extend our media reach.

- 1) Let PLA know that you’re participating in the launch so we can include you in our media relations materials.
- 2) Reach out to a local elected official - governor, mayor, city council member - and ask him or her to be photographed with a library card featuring the new Smartest Card logo and the name of your local public library.



3) Schedule the photograph and develop a short press release announcing that “Governor Joan Smith has the Smartest Card — Do You?” and sharing information about the campaign and your local public library.

4) Send press releases to your local media contacts, plus a copy to PLA.

5) Let us know how it went, plus send us a copy of your photo. We’ll use as many as we can in a future issue of *Public Libraries* and also make them available to *American Libraries* magazine.

Send your stories, press releases and photos to PLA at pla@ala.org; subject line: September Launch Story; or fax: 312.280.5029.

PLA is working now with ALA’s Public Information

Office on sample media and marketing materials you can easily customize and use to help get out the message that your library card is the most valuable card in every wallet — even downloadable oversized library cards in English and Spanish. These materials will be available for use by early August at www.pla.org.

We hope every public library will consider participating in this nationwide media effort. Please let us know if you’ll join us by July 28 so we can “count you in” among our media outreach efforts. Just send an email to pla@ala.org with subject line: “We’re joining the campaign” and provide contact information in the body of message.

— From PLA Announcement

Children’s and Young Adult Roundtable News

Hello from the 2004-2006 Children’s and Young Adult Roundtable Board! We are looking forward to involving members across the state in meetings and other activities. The next Children’s and Young Adult Roundtable meeting will be held on Friday, Aug. 6th at 1:00 pm at the Jackson-Madison County Library. This is open to all CYA members.

The theme for the 2005 Children’s Summer Reading Program is “Be Major

League, Read!” This theme includes all sports.

We are also honored to be part of the first state-wide Summer Reading Program for Young Adults. The theme is “Find Yourself @ your library: Discover the Arts!” This is an exciting opportunity to promote reading and library services to middle & high school age students. See you in Jackson!

- Michele Yellin, Chair, Memphis
- Debbie Hall-Kokes, Vice-Chair, Crossville
- Linda Ackerman, Secretary, Portland
- Leslie Pullins, Treasurer, Fentress County

UT Libraries News and Events

Upcoming Event: The University of Tennessee Press and University libraries are sponsoring a symposium entitled “The Book and The Scholar: Celebrating the Year of the University Press,” on Sept 23 & 24. The evening of Sept. 23, the Press and the Library Friends will host a kickoff event of a new book club, “Tennessee Reads,” which will feature UT Press books. More information is available at <http://www.lib.utk.edu/bookandscholar/>.

Upcoming Event: Henry Fribourg, professor emeritus of Plant Sciences at UT, will discuss his book, *I Gave You Life Twice* for UT Library friends on Monday, Aug. 2 from 2-3:30PM at the John C. Hodges Library. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, see our press release at: <http://www.lib.utk.edu/announce/fribourg.html>.



Good News: Minority Librarian Residents Kawanna Bright, Jayati Chaudhuri, and Maud Mundava, along with advisor Jill Keally, were presented with the 2004 Cultural Diversity Grant from the Library Administration and Management Association (LAMA) during the ALA President’s Program in – Orlando.

— Submitted by Laura Purcell, Library Outreach

WHATTCHA Reading

(*W*hat's *H*ot *A*nd *T*opics *T*hat *C*an *H*elp *A*dvance Reading!)

Dr. Bill Robinson's Reader's Advisory (Genre Fiction) course at SIS taught me many important things, among them — Rosenberg's First Law of

Reading: "Never apologize for your reading tastes!" Whether we admit it or not, most of us love to indulge our not-so-thought-provoking reading senses, at least now and then without being judged in any way. Likewise, some of us prefer professional and technical literature, even for fun. Thanks to all who contributed ideas/suggestions for this column! And start thinking of suggestions for us all for the next issue! — CAP, TLAN Editor

Middlemarch [sound recording] /by George Eliot; Read by Nadia May. The author's wickedly accurate commentary on Victorian social life is crisply enunciated by May's narration.

Lincoln: A Photobiography /by Russell Freedman. This 1988 Newbery Award winner has a text as vivid and revealing as its photographs.

Day of Fire /by Kathleen Nance. In 2176 Day Daniels of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is given a new partner that she doesn't like. He's a doctor and plague hunter. There's plenty of action and romance in this futuristic thriller.

The 2003 OCLC Environmental Scan: Pattern Recognition: A Report to the OCLC Membership /by Cathy De Rosa, Lorcan Dempsey, Alane Wilson. Will libraries, starved for public funds, be replaced by the Web, or will distance learning teach us all new tricks? Is digital preservation an oxymoron? The authors skim over the social, economic, technological, educational, and library trends in twenty-nine developed countries. A report that's almost as much fun as an issue of *Wired* magazine. — Contributed by Bruce Farrar, Branch Services Administrator, Nashville Public Library

Speak /by Laurie Halse Anderson. A powerful novel about a 14-year-old girl who is raped in the summer before she starts high school.

Stargirl /by Jerry Spinelli. A wonderful and fun read.

River Between Us /by Richard Peck. Incredible Civil war historical fiction
House of the Scorpion /by Nancy Farmer. Great Science Fiction. — Contributed by Jeannie E. Davis, Coordinator, Hawkins County Library System, SIS Student at UTK

Sushi for Beginners and **Lucy Sullivan is Getting Married** /both by Marian Keyes. They're pretty much all about the trials and tribulations of being a single chick in either London and/or Dublin. Anyone who is a fan of any famous/ infamous chick-lit author and Mauve Binchey would enjoy her books - full of semi-interesting, usually entertaining and sometimes funny stories that don't always end happily (but realistically).

Trading Up /by Candace Bushnell. — Reminds me of a Dominick Dunn book — with secret name-dropping (hmmm, so, this "fictional" character must be based on...). Most of it is set on the East/West coasts but Janey Wilcox, the main character, is similar to the so Southern Scarlett O'Hara, self-centered and ambitious, but instead of Ashley, seems to love only money and power.

L'Affaire /by Diane Johnson. Almost pointless, but I really like reading Johnson's books (also wrote *Le Divorce* and *Le Mariage*) because they give an interesting perspective of how the French feel about Americans. Each character's story is interesting but, once again, not all end happily.

What Should I Do With My Life /by Po Bronson. Interesting stories about people who are chasing their passions.

The Kalahari Typing School for Men (4th book in the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency) /by Alexander McCall Smith. Precious Ramotswe is a smart, determined, honest business woman who loves and is dedicated to her country. — Contributed by Gayla B. Hall, Distance Learning & Reference Librarian, Tennessee Technological University

I Stink /by Kate McMullan

My Name is Yoon /by Helen Recorvits
Chato's Kitchen or Chato and the Party Animals /by Gary Soto

Sky /by Roderick Townley
Amulet of Samarkand /by Jonathan Stroud — Submitted by Kathy Patten, Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership, MTSU

Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time /by Mark Haddon. I cannot say enough good stuff about this one. The card catalogue summary says, "Despite his overwhelming fear of interacting with people, Christopher, a mathematically-gifted, autistic 15-year-old boy, decides to investigate the murder of his neighbor's dog and uncovers secret information about his mother." That's a good beginning, but doesn't even touch the many curiosities of this book, like the chapter numbering and the illustrations. (Yes, an adult fiction book with illustrations!) This is one you have to experience yourself to believe and understand. — Submitted by Cathy Taylor, Director, White County Public Library

Opening Skinner's Box: Great Psychological Experiments of the Twentieth Century /by Lauren Slater. I've been reading this one because it looked interesting when I ordered it for the library. — Contributed by Janet Caruth, Acquisitions & Reference, Cleveland State Library

Pigeon Finds a Hotdog /by Mo Willems. A book that is certain to be a blast with the 5- & 6-year-old set (and a million miles away from anything academic). This great blast of silliness has Pigeon trying to learn about sharing as a curious duckling keeps asking questions about the hotdog. The duckling annoys the pigeon into submission. Big cartoon-style graphics with super sound-effect speech bubbles make this a great read and read-aloud to boot! — Contributed by William E. Worthey, Children's Services Librarian, Oak Ridge Public Library

Miracles of Santo Fico [sound recording] /by DL Smith. It's really great. — Contributed by Regina Forsythe, Technical & Patron Services Coordinator, Instructional Media Resources, Middle Tennessee State University

Plough Library Introduces New OPAC

Plough Library introduced its new Buccaneer Catalog "Buc Cat" web catalog on Wed., July 7, 2004, at an open house. Many curious faculty and staff stopped by to see the new Endeavor product.

The new online catalog is quite user friendly and versatile. Students, faculty and staff can search more conveniently and effectively for books and other materials and can view their accounts of item checked out, fines and other information about their transactions. They can place holds for particular items that may be checked out. In advanced search, users can tailor a search for a more focused result. Search result list and item records can be printed or emailed. This Endeavor Integrated Library Project was made possible by a generous grant from university benefactors and is the only one of its kind in Memphis.

— Submitted by
Benjamin Head,
Instruction Librarian,
Plough Library



Open House, Plough Library,
Christian Brothers University

TENN-SHARE *DataFest**

Thursday, September 16, 2004

Nashville Public Library

2:00 – 7:00 PM

Representatives from 16 vendors will demonstrate online databases on 16 topics of interest to TENN-SHARE member librarians.

*Free with Fall Conference registration for Friday, September 17.

TENN-SHARE

*Fall Conference***

Friday, September 17, 2004

Nashville Public Library

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Come hear about and discuss the future of Tennessee libraries!

**\$30 for representatives of TENN-SHARE member libraries.

TENN-SHARE Renewal Time and Workshop Offerings

It is time to renew your library's TENN-SHARE membership for 2004-2005, if you have not yet done so. And if your library is not yet a TENN-SHARE member, now is the time to join. More than 225 libraries have already renewed or joined for this year, so be among the second 225 and help us surpass last year's record membership number of 450. Membership invoices were sent in May. New members will find applications at www.tenn-share.org/membershipapp.html.

TENN-SHARE's popular Summer Workshops continue in August, with six sessions on August 13. West Tennessee Workshops include "Researching Genealogy and Local History in the Library" (*Jack D. Wood*), "Answering those Pesky Medical and Health Care Questions" (*Priscilla Stephenson & Linda Farmer*), "Save that Volume - Basic Book Repair" (*Barbara Casey*), and "Preparing for Your Performance Appraisal" (*Rosa S. Burnett*). The Middle Tennessee Workshop will be "TEL Training" (*Tim Lovelace*). The East Tennessee Workshop will be "Marketing Your Library" (*Jane Pinkston*). For locations and times, as well as registration information, see the TENN-SHARE website at www.tenn-share.org/workshops2004.htm. Registrations should be sent in by August 2 to Sharon Parente at MTSU. Check the website for September offerings also.

TLA Thank-You's and Acknowledgements

6-21-04

Dear Kathryn [Pagles],

What a wonderful surprise to receive that lovely plaque and your letter from TLA. I will treasure these items as well as all the great times I have had working with TLA. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Mary Glenn [Hearne]

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The past few months have seen several donations to the Gleaves Scholarship. The following have donated, some in honor of, or in memory of, loved ones or colleagues: **Margaret Casado; Kay Mills Due; Walter T. Durham; Janey T. Gleaves**, in memory of Hazel Hunter Gleaves; **Edwin S. Gleaves; Judy Greeson**, in honor of Mark and Barbara Tucker; **Jane R. Gunter**, in memory of Hazel Hunter Gleaves; **Ernest Heard; Mary Glenn Hearne**, in honor of Ed

Gleaves; **Gene Hollars; Sam G. McFarland**, in memory of Mrs. Sam B. McFarland (Gwendolyn); **Jane Pinkston; Marguerite V. Pruett**, in memory of Hazel Hunter Gleaves; **Dorothy M. Reeves**, in memory of Hazel Hunter Gleaves; **JP Richiuso; Charles Sherrill**; and **Mina and Ollie Smith**, in memory of Edith Carleen Ralph; Many thanks to all of you for your gifts, encouragement, and support of the Gleaves Scholarship and the TLA scholarship program!

## Blount County Participates in Open World

During the week of June 28-July 3, the Blount County Public Library in Maryville, was honored to host a delegation of librarians from five cities in Russia. In collaboration with BCPL and the Blount County Sister City Organization, the librarians' visit was sponsored by the Open World Program, an exchange project of the Open World Leadership Center, which is funded by the US Congress and located at the Library of Congress.

The goal of the program is to promote mutual understanding between the United States and Russia by bringing young Russian leaders to American communities to share ideas and to observe our democratic institutions firsthand.



A group of Russian librarians at the Blount County Public Library.

Following their visit to Orlando for the conference of the American Library Association, BCPL's Russian guests

toured the local library as well as other libraries in the region, including Pigeon Forge, Gatlinburg, Maryville College, and Pellissippi State Community College. After a tour of University of Tennessee's John C. Hodges Library, they also participated in discussions at the School of Information Sciences.

As Blount County's staff members learned from their guests, both Russian and American libraries share many of the same concerns and challenges. However, they sometimes differ in philosophical approach to these issues. For instance, in regard to social problems, US libraries tend to focus on information and referral services to guide patrons to appropriate outside agencies, while Russian libraries often offer more extensive social services directly within their organizations. Because many of the

Russian librarians visiting BCPL are deeply involved in outreach programs which serve the needs of young adults, staff members arranged for them to share in a panel discussion with representatives of local social agencies regarding such issues as drug abuse, child advocacy, and domestic violence.

In addition to professional activities, BCPL's guests also enjoyed a number of recreational activities, including trips to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, shopping at area malls, and an old-fashioned Fourth of July picnic hosted by Blount County Library staff.

For more information about the Open World Program, please visit the website of the Open World Leadership Center at [www.openworld.gov](http://www.openworld.gov).

— Submitted by Pat Thompson,  
Assistant Head of Reference &  
Melinda Rust, Reference Librarian  
Blount County Public Library

## Boone Tree Fall Meeting, Elections Announced

The Fall 2004 Boone Tree Library Association Meeting will be on Thurs., Sept. 16, at 7:00 p.m., at the Johnson City Public Library. Our speaker for the program will be Rick Wallace, Outreach/Circuit Librarian, at the Quillen College of Medicine. Rick will speak about Consumer Health Issues and how those of us in various library environments can help our patrons with such issues. As a reminder to all Members, we will hold Elections that evening. The BTLA Nominating Committee is still working to compile a list of candidates and would be thrilled to hear from anyone wishing to run for Office in Boone Tree. We would like to have two candidates for each Office – President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. It is our goal to make a slate of candidates available by mid-August in order for Members to familiarize themselves with the candidates before the meeting. If you would like further information about membership in Boone Tree or about nominating yourself or someone else for Office, please visit [www.BooneTree.org](http://www.BooneTree.org). If you are Boone Tree Member, but are not getting organizational emails, make sure to sign up for BTLA-L (instructions available under "Boone Tree ListServ" link on the right-hand side of the homepage).

## Opry, Anyone?

Hey, there all of you TLA folks in/around Nashville and/or who will be attending the August 21 TLA Board Meeting in Franklin! A few of us are planning to attend the Grand Ole Opry on Friday night — or Saturday night, if more people are interested — and I wanted to open the "outing" to anyone else who might be interested. If we have 15 people, we can get a group rate of \$29.95. Details about who will be performing will be available closer to the date on the Opry's website — [www.Opry.com](http://www.Opry.com) — but I'd like to go ahead and start working up plans for who might be interested in joining us for what will no doubt be a fun evening. If you are interested, please email me at [TLANewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:TLANewsletter@yahoo.com) by August 6, so I can get an idea of how many we may have. —CAP, *TLAN* Editor

## Tennessee Trivia

- 1) What is the state insect of Tennessee?
- 2) Where did Nankipoo, in Lauderdale County, supposedly get its name?
- 3) What/Where is the alleged "Boone Tree" in Tennessee?

**ANSWERS WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE  
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2004 ISSUE.**

## ASERL Elects New Board of Directors

The members of the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL) recently elected new members to its Board of Directors. The 2004-2005 ASERL Board includes:

- President Barbara Dewey, Dean of Libraries, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- President-Elect Paul Gherman, University Librarian, Vanderbilt University, TN
- Secretary-Treasurer Sylverna Ford, Dean of Libraries, University of Memphis
- Past-President Derrie Perez, Interim Dean of Libraries, University of

South Florida

- At-Large Members Barry Baker, Director of Libraries, University of Central Florida; Louis Pitschmann, Dean of Libraries, University of Alabama; and Paul Willis, Dean of Libraries, University of South Carolina

ASERL will continue to focus on program development for its members and seek additional involvement from research libraries in other regions of the country. A top priority for the remainder of 2004 is the completion of a feasibility study of a cooperative virtual storage system for little-used materials. ASERL is also considering options for collabora-

tive digitization projects, and updating the technology that supports Kudzu, the association's shared catalog system.

Founded in 1956, ASERL is the largest regional academic library cooperative in the country, with 37 research libraries and six state libraries. ASERL was a founding member of the Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET) and established SOLINET's group licensing program. For more information about ASERL's ongoing programs, please visit [www.aserl.org](http://www.aserl.org).

— From ASERL Press Release

## Atlanta/Fulton County Director Sought

Fulton County, GA, is currently conducting a nation-wide search for the next Director of the Atlanta/Fulton Public Library System (AFPL). The system serves all of Fulton County, (population of 832,000). AFPL operates with a budget of \$30 million and employs 390 full-time staff persons. There are 35 branches that consist of neighborhood-based facilities and larger regional locations. There is an annual circulation of 3 million. Additional AFPL information can be found at [www.af.public.lib.ga.us](http://www.af.public.lib.ga.us). Questions about the position should be addressed to: Keith Chadwell, Deputy County Manager, Community Services 404.224.3722, or may be sent by email to [keith.chadwell@co.fulton.ga.us](mailto:keith.chadwell@co.fulton.ga.us).

## TLA Member Wins ALA Professional Development Grant

Tiffani Conner, recent graduate of UT's School of Information Sciences, is one of this year's 3M/NMRT Professional Development Award winners. The grant, sponsored by ALA's New Members Round Table and generously contributed by 3M, covers round-trip airfare, lodging, conference registration fees and some incidental expenses for recipients to attend the upcoming American Library Association annual conference. This year's applicant pool was strong, including 112 applications. According to 3M/NMRT Professional Development Award Committee Chair, Laura Kortz, "Committee members were amazed with how much [Tiffani] was able to accomplish while working full-time and going to library school. We were also im-

pressed by her many presentations and publications on the issue of diversity... She fulfilled all our criteria and was an outstanding candidate."

Tiffani began working at the University of Connecticut in June, where she is a reference librarian and serves as liaison to the department of sociology, also working with the Human Rights Initiative and the Roper Center for Public Opinion.



## Technical Services Roundtable News

The TLA Technical Services Roundtable News Officers for 2004-2005 are:

- \* Linda Behrend, University of Tennessee, Chair
- \* Rebecca Tolley-Stokes, East Tennessee State University, Vice-Chair
- \* Meixiang Hu, Tennessee Technological University, Secretary

JoAnne Deeken, University of Tennessee, is the roundtable's representative to the ALCTS Council of Regional Groups. Members of the roundtable are working toward establishing a Tennessee Name Authorities (NACO) Funnel. Anyone interested may contact Linda Behrend ([behrend@utk.edu](mailto:behrend@utk.edu)).

— Submitted by Linda Behrend, Technical Services Roundtable Chair

## TEL Member Benefits

Don't forget that one of the many benefits available to you as a member of TLA is the TLA Member Benefits Long Term Care Program, underwritten by a highly rated insurance company. For more information, contact Caroline Jackson. Ms Jackson may be reached by phone at 859.276.2513 or 800.458.1186, and by email at [CBJack1020@aol.com](mailto:CBJack1020@aol.com).

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## School of Information Sciences



UT School of Information Sciences students have won prestigious national scholarships this summer for their academic work, career goals, and outreach to their communities as librarians.

### Memphis Woman Awarded First-Ever Spectrum Scholarship in State

A senior adult services librarian at the Raleigh Branch of Memphis/Shelby County Public Library and Information Center, Doris G. Dixon is the recipient of the first ALA Spectrum Scholarship to be awarded to a Tennessean. Doris is also one of three local recipients of Memphis' in-house Urban Libraries Council/Institute of Museum and Libraries Studies scholarship.

The Spectrum Initiative is the American Library Association's national diversity and recruitment effort designed to address under representation of critically needed African American, American Indian, Asian, and Native Hawaiian librarians within the profession while serving as a model for ways to bring attention to larger diversity issues.

Earning a master's degree in history from the University of Michigan in 1999 seems to have only stoked Dixon's academic pursuits. She will begin the University of Tennessee's School of Information Sciences' program this fall with an agenda: She wants to develop innovative approaches to library services with a focus on African-American studies.

Doris's vision is clear: "I would like to hone my knowledge and information retrieval skills to help people better access the variety of resources related to African-American history and culture."

ALA's Spectrum Initiative's major drive is to recruit applicants and award scholarships to minority students for graduate programs in library and information science. The ALA Spectrum Scholarship provides \$5,000 scholarships to eligible recipients each year.

### UT SIS Student Receives ASCLA Century Scholarship

Sara Lynn Hyder was honored at the ALA annual conference in June as the 2003 recipient of the Century Scholarship presented by the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA), a division of the ALA. Hyder is a student and graduate assistant at UT's School of Information Sciences in Knoxville. The Century Scholarship is a diversity initiative aimed at promoting ALA's mission of improving service at the local level through the development of a representative workforce that reflects the communities served by all libraries in the new millennium and includes a \$2,500 monetary award given annually to students pursuing a degree in library and information science.

"Ms. Hyder is an exemplary role model in her scholarly achievement, community involvement and advocacy on disability issues," stated scholarship Chair Elizabeth Ridler. "Hyder plans to continue her advocacy on disability issues as she did as a liaison for Students with Disabilities to the Auburn University Student Government Association Cabinet and as president and secretary of Advocates for Disability Awareness."

Hyder's advice to information professionals is the same lesson she has learned through her work. "Never assume," she told attendees of the ASCLA meeting, "that someone is not hurting or ill or fighting alongside someone who is. We as information specialists have a professional and personal obligation to never assume a person's condition, to see beyond any limitations, and to continue the fight to provide access for all."

### UT Information Sciences Graduate Awarded Dialog's Distinguished Summit Scholarship

For the third time in six years, a UT SIS graduate student has been awarded the

Dialog company's Roger K. Summit Scholarship. This year's recipient is Ann Clapp.

The \$5,000 award is named in honor of the founder and current chairman emeritus of Dialog. A Thomson business and a leading worldwide provider of online-based information services and integrated information solutions, Dialog made the announcement during a ceremony at the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Special Libraries Association meeting in Nashville.

Selected from a large national pool of applicants, Clapp graduated this year with an MS from SIS' distance learning program. Working from her home in Nolensville, TN, a community south of Nashville, Clapp pursued her studies while also caring for a child and helping to manage her family's farm.

Clapp is also an advocate of the Tennessee Electronic Library, which provides online educational and research services to libraries across the state. Libby Trudell, Dialog Senior Vice-President of Information Professional Development said, "Ann did a great job at UT-Knoxville, and her passion for the Tennessee Electronic Library is impressive. We have no doubt that she will continue to make a real contribution to Tennessee and librarianship as her career progresses."

Prior to her studies at UT-Knoxville, Clapp worked as a district manager for a bookstore chain. She also has completed a bibliographic instruction and reference program at MTSU and worked in a public library in Franklin, TN. Clapp earned her undergraduate degree from Lipscomb University in Nashville.

Former SIS graduate students Rachel Kirk and Michelle McGinnis have also won the scholarship.

— Submitted by Joel Southern,  
Public Information and Development  
UT School of Information Sciences

THE *Center for Children's & Young Adult Literature*

**What:** Free Public Lecture by Jack Gantos, children's author

**When:** Thursday, Sept. 23 at 7:30 PM

**Where:** UT's University Center Auditorium. For maps & parking, see [www.utk.edu/maps](http://www.utk.edu/maps).

The Center for Children's and Young Adult Literature's announces its 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Lecture, by Jack Gantos. Jack Gantos is the author of *Heads or Tails: Stories from the Sixth Grade* (1994), *Jack's New Power: Stories from a Caribbean Year* (1995), *Desire Lines* (1997), and *Jack's Black Book* (1997), as well as the Joey Pigza series (*Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key*, 1998 Book Award Finalist; *Joey Pigza Loses Control*, 2001 Newbery Honor Book; *Hole in My Life*, 2003 Michael L. Printz Award Honor Book and 2003 Robert F. Sibert Award Honor Book).

While in college, Gantos began working on picture books with an illustrator friend. In 1976, they published their first book, *Rotten Ralph*. Gantos continued writing children's books and began to teach courses in children's book writing.

Gantos developed the master's degree program in children's book writing at Emerson College in Boston, and now teaches in the Vermont College M.F.A. program for children's book writers.

The Center for Children's and Young Adult Literature works to promote the use of literature in the education and lives of children and young adults by providing workshops for teachers and librarians and sponsoring talks by authors and illustrators, which are open to the public.

Publishers of children's and young adult books have agreed to place review copies of their most recently published books in the Center, where they are displayed for 18 months. These books are available for study within the Center by librarians, students, teachers, and the public.

The Center for Children's and Young Adult Literature was created through the cooperative efforts of the UT Libraries, the School of Information Sciences, the College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences, the Knox County Schools, and the Knox County Public Library. The Center is located in the Reserve Reading Room of Hodges Library on the UT campus. For more information about the Center, visit [www.lib.utk.edu/refs/ccyal/](http://www.lib.utk.edu/refs/ccyal/), or contact Ken Wise at [kwise@utk.edu](mailto:kwise@utk.edu).

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School of Information Sciences

UT's School of Information Sciences named recipients for its 2003-2004 Scholarships and Awards in May. The three top school awards went to Katie Lantrip Archambault (Outstanding Service Award); Ann Clapp (Academic Achievement Award); and Ashley Pillow (Gary R. Purcell Award).

Additional awards announced included James Staub (ASIST Student of the Year

Award); Julie Loder (Best Paper Award for "As Academic Institutions Increase Use of Adjunct Faculty to Combat Budget Woes: What are the Concerns for the Academic Library?"); Mary Bartolini & Beverly Simmons (Best Technical Project Award for "SIS 520 Project II, Cataloging"); and Sarah Sewell, (College of Communication and Information Graduate Student of the Year Award).

SIS Scholarships awarded included Beverly Ann Simmons (Information International Award); Tracy Lynette Kemp (Carmen L. Moulton Scholarship); Susan McCall Fisher (Pioneer Award); Martha Willis Hendricks, DE student (HW Wilson Scholarship); Marcelle Mary Savoy (HW Wilson Scholarship); Heidi Holthaus Gillis, DE student (HW Wilson Scholarship); and Jamie L. Payne (HW Wilson Scholarship).

## TLA Member Wins Ticket to Newbery/Caldecott Banquet at ALA Annual Conference

It has been a "winning" Spring and Summer for Ann Clapp (see UT SIS articles on pages 15 and above on 16). Clapp was selected as one of two recipients through ALA's New Members Round Table to receive a complimentary ticket to the Annual Newbery/Caldecott Banquet. Applicants were asked to write an essay explaining what they could "get out of" such an experience and judged by an NMRT Committee on behalf of Marshall Cavendish Publishers, who

supplies the tickets.

Clapp said, "The Newbery/Caldecott evening was indeed a fairy tale. In addition to the awards banquet, we were invited to the VIP Pre-Reception, which included all the authors and their publishers, committee members, and past-presidents of ALA. During the banquet, we sat at the Marshall Cavendish table and met lots of fascinating people. The speeches were truly inspirational. Mordicai Gerstein, the

Caldecott winner, spoke about the creativity of mankind, and Kate DiCamillo, the Newbery winner, spoke of the need for bravery to do the right thing and to pursue our dreams in our everyday lives. Some experiences are too magical to describe adequately to anyone else, and this banquet falls into that category."

— Contributed by Ann Clapp

## Executive Director's Dialogue

The beginning of TLA's fiscal year brings with it new officers and new Board members. Each year at the June Board meeting, both the outgoing and incoming Board members meet to "pass the torch," plan the activities for the coming year, and enjoy a special program. This year, 43 persons met at the Brentwood Library on June 5, 2004, and heard Jim Vaillancourt, Executive Director of the Center for Non-profit Management in Nashville, speak on "Being an Effective Board Member." He challenged all Board members to be active in Board deliberations and to always remember the constituency each represents., while making decisions that will ensure a successful and growing organization.



Jim Vaillancourt, TLA Board program speaker.

Communicating TLA's plans and activities to each member throughout the year, whether electronically or in print through USPS, is my major goal for the year. Consultants to non-profit organizations state that each member should receive a communication from the organization at least 7 times during a membership year. TLA will strive to meet this minimum with communications in both electronic and print format. Both *Tennessee Libraries* (note the name change!) and the *TLA Newsletter* are back on publication track and I urge you to watch the website for new issues... and watch the website, itself, for redesign, using the new TLA logo. It's a changing organization and we need you – the members – to be active in the organization and help us respond to membership needs.

While the new fiscal year has begun, we are only at the half-way point of the 2004 membership year. As of July 16, TLA has 707 members (official membership in 2003: 710). The breakdown by Sections:

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|--------------------|-----|
| College/University | 229 |
| Public             | 249 |
| School             | 53  |
| Special            | 31  |
| Trustee/Friends    | 145 |

Keep in touch and we'll do the same....

Only halfway through the Membership Year (January-December), TLA is only three members short of our official 2003 total of 710. Although not broken out separately due to the breakdown being by "Section" rather than by "Affiliation," TLA is proud to announce that we have 48 Student Members!

— Annelle R. Huggins  
Executive Director



Annelle Huggins, Executive Director

## Memphis/Shelby County Has Annual Staff Institute Day



Staff Institute Day committee checks-in staff members.

The annual Staff Institute Day for the Memphis/ Shelby County Public Library and Information Center, a system-wide day of training and fun (and a chance to get to know coworkers

from throughout the system), took place on Friday, July 16. This year's theme was "Keepin' the Library On Track," a theme that seemed most appropriate, given the recent pullout of one of the system's 23 library branches (Germantown) earlier this month (see article on page 20). For the Staff Institute Day (SID), all of the libraries in the system closed for the day. All of the employees in the system — approximately 500 of them — gathered at the Central Library for all-day training and catching

up with colleagues. Director Judith Drescher delivered an annual "State of the Library" address, then the presentations and "work" for the day began.



The band, "Transitions."

Some of this year's workshops and presentations included "Has Your Credit Been Derailed," "Jumping on Board the Publication Train," "Movie Star Librarians," "How to Deal With Bad Businesses and Shady Business Practices," "Salsaerobics," the Knowledge Bowl Competition, and more.

After a long morning of hard work, in-

formative workshops, and networking with colleagues throughout the system, the MSCPLIC employees this year were treated to entertainment from the band, "Transitions."

An anonymous employee praised the Staff Institute Day, as well as MSCPLIC, in general. "Despite all that has happened, this is still one of the most pleasant employee climates I've ever been part of." The employee added, "Memphis is doing just fine. Morale is high and we all have the utmost confidence in our director."

—Contributed by  
Bobby King,  
Public Relations  
Supervisor,  
MSCPLIC



MSCPLIC Employees enjoy a live band after a morning of workshops.

## Membership Has Its Responsibilities — Thoughts From ALA Conference

This year's ALA membership meetings geared up to serve a dual purpose. According to Larry Romans from Vanderbilt University, on the Libs-Or email discussion list, "This year Membership Meetings are trying to provide a forum for resolutions and to address important ALA policies." Admittedly, the title of this session ("ALA and Social Activism — Where to Draw the Line") is what caught my attention and made me attend my first-ever ALA membership meeting (bear in mind that this was my third annual conference in a membership that has only spanned five annual conferences). ALA Members were counted as meeting attendees entered the room (all members were checked by status on their nametags and were given tickets for a free registration to next year's Annual Conference in Chicago — UT's own Troy Davis won the free registration).

At the time the meeting began (3:30 PM, or shortly thereafter), there were approximately 150 members in attendance. In accordance with the ALA By-Laws, this constituted less than the number required for a quorum, therefore resulting in no formal business meeting (½ of 1% of the total number of members of the Association is required to conduct a formal business meeting — total ALA membership as of last August when ALA's fiscal year ends was approximately 58,000; ½ of 1% of that number would have required the presence of 290 current ALA members at the meeting). Even those of us who are not math majors can see that the number of those present fell dramatically short of what was required for carrying out the business of passing or not passing resolutions that might have an impact on the Association. Despite the inadequate number of members for a business meeting, Carla Hayden agreed to preside over the discussion forum

advertised for the meeting and Larry Romans introduced the two "panelists," each representing a different side of this debate. Romans remarked before beginning the forum that he wished to remind all in attendance to "stick to the issues, rather than the personalities" involved. John Berry III, Editor of Library Journal, spoke first, commented, "I believe that every social issue is a library issue... But ALA is not a library. ALA is the volunteer association of librarians and others [and each member can vote]... ALA is not a library [but] an organization we join voluntarily, in order to amplify our voice... Every issue is a library issue. Where we draw the line on what we stand for is simply a matter of the exercise of our democratic vote."

Jim Rettig of the University of Richmond in Richmond, VA, spoke next, remarking that ALA has had social responsibilities since its beginnings. He cited specific examples such as CIPA, Americans' access to information, privacy, literacy for all — "a sine qua non for a democratic society" and that he feels that ALA's role should include assuring the "vitality of libraries, especially publicly-funded libraries." He stated, "We owe it to our society — and the world — to work tirelessly, [but] we must select carefully the issues we promote. We should speak about issues we are qualified to speak about." Saying "When there is a demonstrable link to our mission," then we should become involved, Rettig specifically mentioned the appropriateness of Iraq's libraries as a foreign policy issue, while maintaining that he does not feel that ALA should be "the organization" to speak out in general against the US foreign policy. Several meeting attendees followed with their own opinions and ideas.

The speakers in the audience kept coming — calmly, consistently, and consider-

ately. There was none of the frenzied flaming I'd feared when I decided to attend my first-ever ALA membership meeting. It was a room of people exchanging ideas, remarks, and opinions, not something from an episode of Jerry Springer. Most speakers commented that they'd prefer a microphone in the middle — indicating a feeling that ALA could become too socially active or too socially unconcerned.

What almost all speakers spoke to, however, was the disappointment that they felt in looking around them in a membership meeting that did not have enough participants at the appointed time of the meeting's call to order to address any actual business. Admittedly, I felt that way, too. No one ever told me that I should go to those membership meetings or that resolutions might be presented if enough members were present. No one ever made me feel as though my vote or voice really mattered in a membership meeting at the ALA Annual Conference. Very few of the people I know who are active in ALA seemed to be present at the meeting at all.

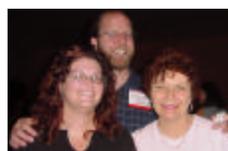
Despite these circumstances, I was impressed and inspired by my first ALA membership meeting. I hope that more people will stand and be counted at the next one — and that they will tell their friends to come, so we can all engage in thoughtful, meaningful exchanges that can shape the future of our American Library Association. Membership — in ALA, and TLA, too — has its privileges, but it also has its responsibilities. I hope that more of us will realize that and live up to what our dues entitle us to do.

— Chrissie Anderson Peters, Editor  
Reprinted in part from *Footnotes*, ALA's  
NMRT Newsletter



Troy Davis wins ALA 2005  
Registration at Membership  
Meeting I (Left)

Aaron Dobbs, Tiffani  
Conner, and Tiffani's  
Mom (Jacquie Turner),  
at the 3M/NMRT Social  
(Right)



SIS Alums  
Aaron Dobbs  
and Debby  
Andreadis at  
the 3M/NMRT  
Social  
(Right)



Tiffani Conner, Kawanna Bright, Anne Pemberton,  
Chrissie Anderson Peters, Amy York, and Danielle  
Greene Barney at the 3M/NMRT Social  
(Below)



## Tennessee Librarians to Help Implement Dolly Parton Imagination

In June, Governor Phil Bredesen joined Dolly Parton at Dollywood to make good on a campaign promise and announce the country's first statewide Imagination Library. Launched in 1996 as a gift to the preschoolers of Sevier County, the Imagination Library is now in over 300 communities in 42 states and mails books to about 85,000 children each month.



**Governor Phil Bredesen and Singer/Songwriter/Actress Dolly Parton announced a partnership to help establish Parton's Imagination Library statewide in Tennessee.** [Photo from [www.state.tn.us/governor/imaglibrary.htm](http://www.state.tn.us/governor/imaglibrary.htm)]

Beginning this fall, Tennessee librarians will find themselves in the spotlight for directing users to sign-up displays of the program to parents of the some 375,000 young children in Tennessee who stand to benefit. Individual community sponsors decide how and where to display sign-up materials, though libraries, maternity wards, and Wal-Mart stores are among the more popular sites.

In his 2004 State of the State address, Bredesen announced a budgeted \$2 million in "challenge grants" to spur private fundraising to make the program a statewide initiative. "Books in the home are one of the signposts of a child who will do well in school, and perhaps the greatest contribution we can make to a child is to help that child develop a true, life-long love for reading," Bredesen said.

Implementation of the statewide program will occur county by county, and sign-up displays will be placed in all libraries. Each county will be responsible for inspiring a local sponsor who will pay 50 percent of the cost, register the children, maintain the database, handle returns, and promote the program locally. A new office created by the Governor will use public and private funds to cover the

remaining 50 percent of the cost, help counties develop their local sponsor, and promote the program across the state.

Seventeen counties (out of the 95 counties that make up Tennessee), already offer the program, with the remaining counties expected to join sometime within the next year — many this fall. The state's effort is being led by Lady Jackson and Claiborne Gayden, with assistance from the Dollywood Foundation.

To find out if there is an effort underway in your county, or if your library would like to know more about helping to sign up patrons in your county, contact David Dotson, executive director of the Dollywood Foundation, at or 865.428.9604 or via email at [ddotson@dollyfoundation.com](mailto:ddotson@dollyfoundation.com), or Claiborne Gayden, Vice-President of the Governor's Foundation, at 615.253.6036 or by email at [claiborne.gayden@state.tn.us](mailto:claiborne.gayden@state.tn.us).

The Imagination Library is now in over 300 communities in 42 states and mails books to about 85,000 children each month. Tennessee will be the first state to implement the program state-wide.

### Literacy's Legacy: The University of Tennessee - Imagination Library Connection

Dr. Jinx Watson of UT's School of Information Sciences continues to serve on the book selection committee for the Library, along with literacy leaders from around the nation. Presenting a paper recently entitled "The Imagination Li-

brary: Reporting the Interview Research," Dr. Watson reported a surprise finding that children approached their growing 'home library' as a collection. Like a collection of Beanie Babies or baseball cards, kids call each other to check new titles and parents exchange notes about books. And because these books go to all children, and not just children of a certain demographic, whole communities are talking about books."

The committee reviews dozens of books and replaces some 10-12 titles per year. They pay close attention to age appropriateness, diversity, language, and artwork. "Children enrolled in the program receive outstanding literature," says Dr. Watson.

According to Watson, the rapid growth of the Imagination Library is a function of getting the word out to new parents who aren't yet taking advantage of the program, and new communities embracing the idea that literacy is the foundation upon which their children develop and learn. In either case, Tennessee's librarians will soon be instrumental in providing sign-up materials and displays to encourage their patrons to enroll. The benefits are obvious and the cost is free, and so there won't be any "hard-sell" required to pitch the program.

The Dollywood Foundation believes that immersing a child in a "literacy environment" is a strong predictor of literacy and academic achievement. With closely aligned goals, the Foundation will work with public libraries so that the program can reach all eligible young Tennesseans. As the Imagination Library builds young readers who will want to continue reading new books, libraries are expected to increase circulation for years to come.

— Submitted by Joel Southern,  
Public Relations Committee, Co-Chair

## Memphis Suburban Blues

Suburban libraries in Memphis are singing the blues this Summer. On Monday, July 12, Germantown, the busiest of the 23 branches of the Memphis/Shelby County Public Library and Information Center (MSCPLIC), opted to leave the system it has been a part of for the entirety of its existence. The Shelby County government recently announced proposed cuts that would slash funding to county-located branches in the MSCPLIC system — Germantown, Collierville, East Shelby, Bartlett, Millington, and Arlington (there are 16 branches located inside the city limits of Memphis, plus the Central Library). With the proposed cuts, these suburban locations of the system would lose about half of their county-based funding this fiscal year and the eventual phasing-out of those county funds by 2007. Why such drastic measures?

MSCPLIC Public Relations Supervisor, Bobby King, says, “Simply put, this is a cost-cutting move. The new mayor of Shelby County — there are separate county and city governments — has made cuts in a number of areas, including schools and the Sheriff’s Department. The administration’s plan is to ‘get out of the library business’ and transfer the funding burden to the municipalities” that govern each county location. For the time being, Shelby County administrators have agreed to continue funding the East Shelby Branch — at a 20% reduction — as “that branch is located in unincorporated Shelby County.”

Basically, these county locations would be fully -funding themselves within two years, assuming that the current Shelby County administration’s plans continue as started (except for the East Shelby location, in which case the County would like to eventually shift the responsibility of funding to Memphis City since that branch is located “right on the line for the city limits”).

With this realization of fully funding themselves in two years, Germantown officials decided to investigate going

solo, leaving the MSCPLIC completely and contracting with a private firm (LSSI). The Maryland-based company reported to the powers-that-be in Germantown that LSSI could do what MSCPLIC is already doing for it — for about \$200,000 less per year than MSCPLIC was doing it (\$1.3 million vs. \$1.5 million). Leaving the system entirely, however, means that Germantown

MSCPLIC funding breakdown: 60% of funding has come from the city, about 25% from the county [for operation costs of branches outside the Memphis city limits], and about 15% from fines, fees, grants, donations, etc.

is operating in conjunction with “a private company with tax money earmarked for service that Shelby County has collected from the residents of Germantown,” according to an email interview with King.

What Germantown officials did not count on when they began negotiations with LSSI, however, was the unanimously-passed resolution whereby the Memphis City Council clearly outlined and explicitly identified the consequences for leaving the system — prohibition of cities hiring private companies to manage them independently of the MSCPLIC; disallowance of “sharing books” through overnight delivery services between branches or through library users dropping off and picking up materials at other MSCPLIC locations; and discontinued miscellaneous services from the library system. King said in a July 8, 2004 article in the *Commercial Appeal*, “The immediate effect [if you’re a Germantown Library user] is your card wouldn’t work anymore [at other locations]. You wouldn’t have access to the Internet, to the online databases or the catalog system.” It also meant an end to marketing, fund-raising, grant writing, and staff training provided by MSCPLIC.

The staff who worked at that branch will temporarily be reassigned to other locations until two new branches in Cordova and Whitehaven are opened.

Even before the official vote on July 12 in which Germantown made its move from MSCPLIC, job ads for new staff had already hit the newspaper. LSSI esti-

mated 10-14 days for the migration to their system to be completed — but that was before they realized that MSCPLIC would pull the plug on their access to all material records for Germantown holdings.

Germantown maintains in numerous articles reported in the *Commercial Appeal* that they are merely “trying to find the most economical way to maintain service levels.” In a July 12 article, the day of the vote to leave MSCPLIC, Germantown City Administrator Patrick Lawton commented, “We’re all in this together, and there shouldn’t be this hard line drawn in the sand,” referring to the ramifications that the Memphis City Council had issued as a precautionary warning of what to expect if, indeed, Germantown felt its best choice was to go with LSSI.

But when Germantown opted to leave MSCPLIC for LSSI’s offer, that “togetherness” was broken. Germantown is now on the outside looking in — as one article referred to it, an “information island separated from Memphis and Shelby County.”

Although Collierville has negotiated a proposed contract of \$638,000 with LSSI, it has held off on making the move as quickly and finally as Germantown. Currently, Collierville is in direct negotiations with the City of Memphis, according to King. “The city council appointed the Mayor of Memphis as the negotiating party for contracts with suburban municipalities for library service. I’ve heard... that Collierville is ‘optimistic’ that a deal can be reached.”

It’s difficult to proclaim a winner in the situation, but easy to see that Germantown’s library users are losing a lot. In a July 8 article, King summed it up accurately saying, “It’s a shame that this is what it has to come down to... No matter what happens now, nothing will ever be the same.”

— CAP, *TLAN* Editor  
with help from *Commercial Appeal*  
articles online and an email interview  
with Bobby King, Public Relations  
Supervisor of MSCPLIC

## Effort Maintained in Dickson County

The Dickson County Public Library's budget was brought back up to snuff in a 9-3 vote by the County Commission on Monday, July 19. Whether many understood it or not, it has been virtually impossible to be active in Tennessee libraries for the past year or so and *not* realize that there were some serious issues to be resolved in Dickson County. The past 13 months have been chaotic, uncertain, and just plain ugly in many regards, thanks to a decision made by Dickson's County Commissioners last Summer.

The trouble began, according to an email interview with Dr. Ed Gleaves of the Tennessee State Library and Archives, when, in fiscal year 2003/2004, "the

"With these [MOE] agreements in place, we continue our efforts to raise Tennessee's local library funding average up from its present ranking of 47th among the 50 states." — Hon. Riley C. Darnell memo

mayor proposed a budget that met MOE (about \$400,000), but the county commission cut it by \$50,000. Final accounting for that shortfall was delayed a year because of a lawsuit." During the year of talks and turmoil, Gleaves reported that TSLA had "been able to reduce the amount to be restored, [but] ... the commission [had] not seen fit to restore the funding to previous levels" by the end of the 2003-2004 fiscal year.

To better understand why this caused such a problem, it is imperative to understand a few basic things about the MOE. First, this is an agreement mandated by the state and upheld in all 95 counties of Tennessee. Second, the MOE has existed in Tennessee for almost 25 years — and prior to the problems in Dickson County, no county had ever been confronted by the state for not living up to the stipulations outlined in the agreement.

According to a memo to "All Local Officials in Tennessee," from the Honorable Riley C. Darnell, "The Maintenance of Effort... requires 'the allocation of locally appropriated funds at a level not less than the amount appropriated the last fiscal year as well as the expenditure of locally appropriated funds at a level

not less than the total amount expended in the last fiscal year.' [Additionally] the State Library and Archives is also required to maintain effort in order to receive federal funding, most of which is then passed on to local public libraries in Tennessee." Gleaves says, "At issue here is not state money; it is local money that the local government owes itself to 'maintain effort,' a standard agreement in many intergovernmental relationships, federal, state-to-state-, and state-to-local. If local governments find that they can

cut library budgets at will upon receipt of state monies and services, our public library system will be severely endangered." In short, the MOE exists to make sure that local municipalities don't short-change their public libraries.

When Dickson County Commissioners voted last year to reduce the budget by \$50,000, they jeopardized the Dickson County Public Library in numerous ways. The biggest impact would have been "immediate" ejection from the library's regional membership with TSLA. This would have meant the removal of 20,000 books — or 25% of DCPL's collection across the county. It would have meant forfeiting services such as "technical support, cataloging services, legal advice, eligibility for state and federal grants, and other financial support through the state library system," as pointed out in a July 20 *Dickson Herald* article. What many in library circles — as well as many citizens of Dickson County who were quoted in articles and op ed pieces in the *Dickson Herald* over the past year — did not understand was, how would cutting \$50,000 from a budget meeting MOE standards that was approved by the *mayor* make the county commissioners think that facing the loss of those materials and services was worth the risk?

In June 2004, the County Commissioners were given one more month, until their

July meeting, to meet the requirements. The State Library and Archives went back over the figures submitted by Dickson County twice in the past year (the last time in early July 2004), finally "writing off" almost \$30,000 of its eligible operating funds towards the MOE agreement, 2/3 of it for a security system for books, a one-time fee connected to a capital expense during a building project. With the county's figure to make-up slashed in about half, the commissioners apparently had a change of heart — or an arrival at their senses in terms of what was at stake.

Is the MOE a fair document? That may still be debatable by some in the positions that dole out monies to libraries and other public services. One Dickson County Commissioner, Robert Wetterau, was quoted as saying, "I still feel like the litmus test for the [MOE] should be the physical effort, and not the dollars and cents that were appropriated. The library was run very efficiently this past year with the budget cuts that were handed to them this year. Every program was operated. No employees lost jobs. The library was open all hours that it was scheduled to be open and operated, and [it was] done in a manner that served the citizens of Dickson County." Perhaps concerned Dickson County citizens or harried DCPL employees would disagree that "efficiency" equates "facility" or that making it work meant that it was accomplished with ease or even without sacrifices that don't show up in terms of numbers. In regards to the MOE and its "fairness," Gleaves responded that he *does* believe it is fair. "I feel like it's a reasonable agreement between states and local governments No one's broken the bank yet in terms of supporting libraries." In a *DH* article entitled "Dickson County's Chance," a citizen wrote, "The contents of libraries are irreplaceable."

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## Lee University Faculty Member Named Fulbright Scholar

Michael Sturgeon, the Director of Instructional Technology for Squires Library at Lee University, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to lecture at the Poltava Institute of Economics and Law in Ukraine during the 2004-2005 academic year, according to the United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

Sturgeon will lecture on instructional technology and computer assisted language learning. Meanwhile he will automate the library at the Institute.

In fall of 2003, Sturgeon presented a paper on these topics at a conference in Moscow. A student of the Russian language, he was able to present a portion of his paper in Russian. “This would have never happened if Lee University did not provide faculty with the opportunity to travel,” said Sturgeon.

“Through the Global Perspectives program, I discovered a culture of people that I dearly love, and in turn, my desire to make a contribution to these people is endless.” He will leave for the Ukraine on August 7, 2004, and will be there for five months.

Sturgeon is one of approximately 800 US faculty and professionals who will travel abroad to some 140 countries for the 2004-2005 academic year through the Fulbright Scholar Program. Established in 1946 under legislation introduced by the late Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, the program’s purpose is to build mutual understanding between the people of

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