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There are several “big news” items of interest in this issue of the TLA Newsletter. Highlighting that list is information pertaining to the candidates for TLA offices for the upcoming term (TLA voting takes place throughout February and ballots must be returned to the TLA Office no later than March 15). As a reminder, only members whose dues are renewed by Jan. 31 (the TLA membership year runs Jan. 1-Dec. 31, unless you renew after Oct. 1), are eligible to vote. If you haven’t already joined or renewed your membership, get your dues in so that your voice and vote can be counted in this year’s election process for the Association. Candidates for TLA Recording Secretary are (alphabetically) Melissa Brenneman and Sue Knoche. Candidates for Vice-President/President-Elect are (alphabetically) Chrissie Anderson Peters and Pat Thompson. You can read more about the candidates on pages 5-6.

Another major focus for this issue is the nominations of deserving individuals for the various TLA Honors and Awards. TLA offers about a dozen special Honors and Awards opportunities annually (see more on page 4). Do your part to nominate deserving folks for each of these awards this year — last year, several went unawarded because our membership failed to send in nominations.

And don’t forget to check out all of the great information on the TLA 2005 Conference in Nashville in this issue! Thanks to Conference Planning Co-Chairs Penny Frere and Susan Rogers for all of their hard work and patience with technological difficulties while trying to get the information into this issue of TLAN. Where there is a will, there is a way — and TLA’ers have LOTS of will!

— Chrissie Anderson Peters, TLA Newsletter Editor

YOUR Library Conference Is Coming!

Wednesday, April 6, in addition to pre-conferences (some will be half-day, so you’ll have a chance to attend a couple!), we’re offering tours of the Country Music Hall of Fame Library & Archive, and we’ll be pointing your family towards some interesting and fun Nashville activities while you learn.

Thursday you’ll receive a complimentary lunch, courtesy of the exhibitors, and have the Intellectual Freedom Breakfast with former ALA President and livewire Nancy Kranich. Library Consultant Karen Hyman, creator of the “Law of 1965,” will address the General Session that afternoon, telling us why “There is No ‘I’ in Librarian.”

Thursday evening is the All-Conference Reception at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, with complimentary tours and a “Best Hat” Contest.

Friday will begin with teen authors and screenwriters Cherie Bennett and Jeff Gottesfeld at the CYA Breakfast—and Peter Jenkins will join us for the Trusteess Luncheon on Friday. Peter is working on a new book—I imagine you could get him to talk about it… Also that day Canadian Library Association President Stephen Abram (LJ lists him as one of the top 50 library futurists today), will expound on “Next Generation Libraries: Bricks, Clicks, and Tricks.” And if you didn’t get a chance to tour on Wednesday, you’ll have another chance at the Country Music Hall of Fame Library or a tour of the impressive new Williamson County Library in Franklin on Friday afternoon.

Meanwhile try to catch some renowned authors, reading from their works, in the exhibits area. Those names will be released a mite later—to maintain a little suspense…

All three days are packed with information and fun! The program grid is complete and will soon be posted at the TLA web site. This year we’ll have an online hotel registration option and we’re working towards online conference registration in the future. Watch http://www.tnla.org for more details.

We’re getting ready for you—are you ready for us?!!!

— Susan Rogers and Penny Frere, Conference 2005 Co-Chairs
Show YOUR Love for Tennessee Libraries!

Happy New Year! While making your 2005 New Year’s resolutions, why not vow to participate in a “library love-in” this year? Tennessee Library Legislative Day (TLLD) will follow Valentine’s Day – on February 15, 2005. TLA members have already received registration forms in the mail. The form is also available on the TLA website (www.tnla.org).

TLLD is always an invigorating, educational day. We begin at the beautiful Nashville Public Library for a thorough review of major issues. Then we meet our legislators for lunch at the Sheraton where the topic is, hopefully, libraries and library funding! The afternoon is set aside for pre-scheduled appointments with your legislators where we will all get a chance to practice this piece of wise advice from Nathan Ridley, who spoke at the 2004 TLLD: “Be bright. Be brief. Be gone!” Contact information for legislators is available at http://www.tennesseeanytime.org/government/elected.html.

Bring Your Friends!
OK, I know, nobody really LOVES to ask politicians for money, but some of our politicians may not understand why libraries are so important to their communities, to their counties and to this state. In a tough economic climate, we must be certain that libraries are seen as priorities. It is up to us and our wonderful Friends and Trustees to explain why libraries are such a good investment!

Please encourage YOUR library’s Friends and Trustees to attend. Legislators really pay attention when library users talk to them about what libraries do for them! Our wonderful Friends of Tennessee Libraries are usually there in full force, so your Friends will be in very good company.

Tell Your Stories!
Last year, I asked one of my local representatives the question that ALA recommends: “What can we do to help you help libraries?” The response I got was a little surprising. He said, “You bring up TEL every year and I know it’s important – I use it too! But I would love to have examples of how TEL helps my constituents! Then I can explain to my colleagues why I want to provide scarce budget money for it!”

Could we all prepare for TLLD by jotting down at least one real-life scenario that illustrates how library services made a real difference for one specific Tennessee citizen?

This was from a fiscal conservative, as well as a known library supporter. He was obviously asking for help in justifying money for libraries!

I told him about how we help adults as they look for jobs and as they try to educate themselves to get better jobs. I told him about the help we provide to students who are the life-blood of Tennessee’s future. But, I have to admit I was not prepared with specific stories to feed him and that is what he wanted! He wanted to put a face on the need for library services. He wanted – our stories!

Could we all prepare for TLLD by jotting down at least one real-life scenario that illustrates how library services made a real difference for one specific Tennessee citizen? Bring your stories to TLLD! If you can’t come – give your story to someone who is going so they can share it with a legislator. Share your stories over the TLA-List! Share your stories at local meetings! Talk about what a difference your library is making in the lives of Tennesseans.

Learn How to Tell Your Stories!
This training won’t happen in time for TLLD 2005, but I just have to put in a plug for one of the April 6, 2005, Pre-Conferences at the TLA Conference in Nashville! This terrific Pre-Conference will show you how to effectively use “story-telling” to improve work-related presentations. David Hutchins’ “Making Meaning – Using Storytelling as a Tool for Learning and Change” comes to TLA after “wowing” ALA CLENE (Continuing Library Education Network Roundtable) in Toronto last summer. If enough of us take this course, our voices would really be heard at the 2006 TLLD!

Happy Valentine’s Day to all you Library Lovers! See you at TLLD!

— Kay Mills Due,
TLA President, 2004-2005
duek@memphis.lib.tn.us

Special Libraries Section to Host Meeting

The Special Libraries Section of TLA will host a meeting at the upcoming conference. Section members can expect an email with more details soon. Anyone else interested may contact Lisa Travis at ltravis@southcollegetn.edu.

— Lisa Travis,
Special Libraries Section Chair

Grant Writing Workshop To Be Offered by TSLA

The Tennessee State Library and Archives will offer two workshops this winter designed to help public libraries interested in applying for federally funded Direct Service Grants for the Disadvantaged. The workshop dates will be January 25th at the Jackson Public Library in Jackson, and February 3rd at the Blount County Library in Maryville. The workshops will be taught by Jane Pinkston and Tricia Bengel of the State Library staff. The workshop agenda includes the following:

- LSTA Direct Service Grant Requirements
- Grant Writing Techniques
- Evaluation Process (Specifically Outcome Based Evaluation)
- Quarterly and Final Reports
- Review of Previously Submitted Grants

Attendance at these workshops will be voluntary, but 10 points will be added to the grant proposals of project managers who attend. The only cost will be lunch. A registration form for these workshops is being mailed to libraries that submit a Declaration of Intent for the 2005 LSTA Direct Service Grants for the Disadvantaged, but anyone else interested in attending may mail the registration form, available from the TSLA.
Schedule of Events — January

- Jan. 1 — New Year’s Day
- JANUARY — TLA Membership Renewal Period
- Jan. 14-19 — ALA Midwinter Conference, Boston, MA
- Jan. 17 — Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan. 28-30 — Winter Storytelling Festival in Kennesaw, GA. For more info, phone: 404-329-9950 or email soswsfcmt@aol.com.
- Jan. 31 — Author Elizabeth Gilbert at UTK’s Writers in the Library series. See http://www.lib.utk.edu/writersinthebibliary/ for more information.
- Jan. 31 — Final day to pay TLA membership dues for eligibility to vote in upcoming 2005 elections. The form can be accessed through the TLA website at http://www.lib.utk.edu/%7Etlamemform05.doc. Don’t forget to select a free Section and Roundtable membership with your TLA membership and become active in those TLA units!

Thank-You’s and Acknowledgements

“Dear TLA, Thank you for the beautiful flowers sent to the Whitehaven Branch Library for our opening. The Whitehaven Branch staff appreciates your kindness and thoughtfulness. Sincerely yours, Verjeana Hunt, Manager Whitehaven Branch Staff (MSCPLIC)”

“Dear Kay and TLA Board, Thank you for your participation in the grand opening of our new branch library in Cordova. We appreciate your support. The plant adds a welcoming touch at the check-out desk! Gratefully, Caroline Barnett (Manager, Cordova Branch Library, MSCPLIC)”

[Historically, the TLA Board has sent a plant when a new library opens in Tennessee. The President's discretionary fund is used to purchase the plants. Since July 2004, plants have been sent to Germantown Community Library, Whitehaven (MSCPLIC) Branch Library; Collierville Library; and Cordova (MSCPLIC) Branch Library. We also try to have a TLA Executive Committee or Board representative at the ceremony. Please be sure to notify either Annelle or me when you are aware of a grand opening in your part of the state. The plants are very appreciated by the recipients. A TLA presence at the ceremony is a nice way to welcome new libraries and staff (and sometimes new TLA members) into the Tennessee library community. Thanks for your help! — Kay Due, TLA President]

Schedule of Events — February

- TLA Elections Period Begins; Ballots mailed to members current as of January 31 in February.
- Feb. 2 — Ground Hog Day
- Feb. 14 — Valentine’s Day
- Feb. 15 — Tennessee Library Legislative Day (reservation form available on page 23)
- Feb. 21 — President’s Day

Schedule of Events — March

- TLA Elections Period continues. Ballots must be returned to TLA Office no later than March 15.
- Mar. 15 — Boone Tree Library Association Meeting, tentatively set for Sherrod Library, ETSU, 7-9 p.m. See http://www.BooneTree.org for more details.
- Mar. 28 — Sharyn McCrumb to visit Northeast State Community College. Evening reception and program to begin at 7:00 p.m. For more details, click the “Spring Programs” link, http://www.NortheastState.edu/library.

Schedule of Events — April

- Apr. 6-8 — TLA 2005 Conference
- Apr. 7-10 — Association of College and Research Libraries Conference, Minneapolis, MN
- Apr. 9 — TLA Board Meeting, Green Hills Branch Public Library, Nashville, TN
- Apr. 10-16 — National Library Week
- Apr. 20 — SLA SAC hosts SLA President Ethel Salonen in Knoxville

Boone Tree Spring 2005 Meeting Set

The Spring 2005 meeting of the Boone Tree Library Association will be held on Mar. 15, from 7-9 p.m., and will tentatively be hosted at the Sherrod Library on the ETSU campus in Johnson City. For more information, check out the “Upcoming Events” link on the Boone Tree website at http://www.BooneTree.org.

SLA Southern Appalachian Chapter

On Feb. 24, 2005, Factiva’s Anne Caputo will present “e-Learning: Creation, Promotion and Evaluation of Electronic Learning Tools,” from 1-5 p.m. Location forthcoming

The SLA/Southern Appalachian Chapter will host SLA President Ethel Salonen on Mon., Apr. 20 in Knoxville. Program details to be announced. For more information about Ms. Salonen, see http://www.sla.org/content/SLA/governance/bodsection/esalonenbio.cfm

— Sharon Weiner,
SLA SAC President
Thank Your Lucky Stars!
TLA Honors & Awards 2005

Where do stars shine the brightest? Usually, in your own back yard. The same could be said for library stars—those talented people who work with you, shoulder to shoulder, who have yet to receive recognition for their expertise and dedication to libraries. TLA Honors & Awards 2005 provides a way to recognize the efforts of deserving members of the library community.

All awards and their descriptions may be located at www.tnla.org/awards.html. Please browse the award criteria for each award so that we can present awards in all categories next year.

Deadline for award nominations is Friday, February 11, 2005, even though some pages for awards have other deadline dates. As you approach the new year and its promise of new beginnings, remember to thank your lucky stars—and nominate!

— Pat Thompson and Sue Alexander, Co-Chairs, Honors & Awards Committee

TLA Honors & Awards:
Awards and Brief Descriptions

Daniel Taylor Memorial Award — Sponsored by TLA Children's/Young Adults Roundtable and the family of Daniel Taylor; recognizes a significant contribution to Children's/Young Adult Services through creative approaches to enhance library services for children and youth; award includes an engraved personal recognition plaque, plus $50 for the recipient's library.

Frances Neel Cheney Award — Sponsored by TLA Honors and Awards Committee; recognizes a significant contribution to the world of books and librarianship through the encouragement of the love of books and reading; award includes a plaque and $100.

James E. Ward Library Instruction Award — Sponsored by TLA Library Instruction Round Table; recognizes any member of TLA who participates in the planning, execution, or evaluation of a continuing program or special project of library instruction for an academic, school, public, or special library; where the significant contributions of more than one person are involved, the award may be shared.

Louise Meredith School Media Award — Sponsored by TLA School Library Section; purpose is to honor Louise Meredith for her 28 years of devoted service as the Tennessee State Department of Education School Library Supervisor and to stimulate interest in promotion of school library media services as essential components of the daily learning experiences, K-12; recognizes a School Library Media Specialist who has made unique and worthy contributions to the total school instructional program through effective unified school library media services.

Tennessee Resource Sharing Award — Sponsored by TLA Honors and Awards Committee and TENN-SHARE; recognizes any person, institution, or organization in Tennessee who has done outstanding work in promoting resource sharing within and among Tennessee libraries; award recipient will receive a plaque, and $100 provided by TENN-SHARE to be given to an institution of the recipient's choice.

TLA Honor Award — Sponsored by TLA Honors and Awards Committee; recognizes any person or group who has made a significant contribution to the furtherance of librarianship on a statewide or national level; award includes a plaque.

TLA Honorary Membership Award — Sponsored by TLA Honors and Awards Committee; recognizes an individual who has made significant, sustained contributions to librarianship in the state of Tennessee — the award is for an individual per se, not an individual representing the accomplishments of many; award recipient receives a plaque and a life membership in TLA, with no further payment of dues.

TLA Library Support Staff Award — Sponsored by TLA Paraprofessional Roundtable; recognizes an outstanding performance by a Library Support Staff Member; award includes a plaque.

TLA Trustee Award — Sponsored by Trustees/Friends Section; recognizes a trustee who has made a significant contribution to library and information services in the State of Tennessee; award includes a plaque.

TLA/SIRS Freedom of Information Award — Sponsored by TLA Intellectual Freedom Committee and Social Issues Resources Series, Inc.; recognizes the contribution of an individual or group who has actively promoted intellectual freedom in Tennessee; award includes $500 and a plaque given to the award recipient and $500 given to a Tennessee library of the recipient's choice.

Vote on TENN-SHARE Databases

Ready to take advantage of the buying power of TENN-SHARE? Want to choose the databases? In January, libraries in Tennessee are asked to VOTE for the database they want TENN-SHARE to pursue. There are 7 databases to choose from, and the top vote-getter for each library type (academic, public, school) WILL BE NEGOTIATED as a group purchase. We may even be able to work out some state funding, or arrange a funding model to allow the databases' availability state-wide, similar to TEL. Visit the TENN-SHARE web site (http://www.tenn-share.org/) for more information and to vote!

— DeAnne Luck, TENN-SHARE Database Coordinator

TLA 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.
TLA Candidates for Office 2005: Vice-President/President-Elect

Chrisie Anderson Peters
Librarian
Northeast State Community College

Professional Concerns Statement:

An Association that welcomes new members and helps them find a niche for themselves and their talents within the established vitality of the existing organization ensures its own future. Helping new leaders to develop is a paramount concern, both in TLA and in librarianship as a whole. Through the wisdom of our past and the service-oriented strength of our present, I believe that TLA’s future generations can do even more for the library agencies they serve, for the literacy needs and information wants of their communities, and for the countless quiet voices that they represent professionally.

TLA is more than a listserv, a newsletter, and a journal, although all of those help to make TLA vibrant and exciting! TLA is more than an annual conference composed of caring individuals driven to plan and deliver the best of all possible professional development opportunities, as well as healthy doses of fun and the nurturing of networking with friends and colleagues from across Tennessee. It is more than a scholarship program begun as a dream and a hope for others to be able to succeed professionally if they choose to do so in this way. It is more than what each of us can do individually. It is greater than the mathematical “sum” of all its parts combined, because it is an Association whose mission includes a desire and drive to help the communities its members serve, a dedication to furthering the profession and what we believe it to stand for, a delight in learning with and from our colleagues regardless of their ranks and backgrounds, and a determination to truly serve others for the joy and learning that such service brings to all involved.

Education: MSIS, UT, Knoxville, 2002; BA, English/Education (Grades 6-12), Emory & Henry College, Emory, VA, 1993.


Tennessee Library Association Activities: *Co-Chair Scholarship Ad Hoc Committee (2004-2005), was Chair in 2003-2004); Co-Chair, Public Relations Committee (2003-2004); *Editor, TLA Newsletter (2004-2005); have also been member of College and University Libraries Section, Tennessee Library and Instruction Round Table, and Children’s/Young Adult Services Round Table.


Pat Thompson
Assistant Head of Reference
Blount County Public Library

Professional Concerns Statement:

Our charge as guardians of intellectual freedom, proponents of life-long learning, and champions for freedom of information requires that we face our responsibilities squarely. It is necessary that each individual engage in the conversation that will enable libraries to carry on the legacy of intellectual freedom: a struggle that was won by courage and diligence but continues to be challenged.

In preparing for that struggle, Tennessee Library Association provides staff development and continuing education for library employees. Library workers need encouragement to develop critical skills for an evolving profession. Workshops and conferences provide innovative instruction, but also they provide valuable networking with peers. These learning and sharing opportunities help Tennessee libraries to retain talented people. By growing a vibrant organization, both libraries and their communities benefit from the educational and professional support provided by the Tennessee Library Association.

Additionally, this organization serves as our collective voice to legislators. As a group, we have the ability to be heard to funding and lawmaking bodies. Libraries enable a well-informed electorate to make rational decisions that will affect the future of freedom in this country.

Education: MSIS, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2001; B.A. (Summa cum laude), University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 1995.

Professional Experience: Assistant Head of Reference, Blount County Public Library, Maryville, TN (2002-present); Cataloging Assistant, Law Library, UTK (2002); Assistant Branch Manager, La Prade Library, Richmond, VA (2001-2002); Graduate Student Assistant, Reference Department, Hodges Library, UTK (2000-2001); Reference Assistant, Pellissippi State Technical Community College (2001); Data Entry Assistant, Herbarium, Department of Botany, UTK (2000); Library Assistant — Circulation, Hodges Library, UTK (1994-1996); Library Assistant, Map Library, UTK (1994); Homebound Coordinator/Branch Library Assistant, Knox County Public Library (1995-2000); Director, Stewart County Public Library, Dover, TN (Aug. 1983-Oct. 1986); Cataloging Assistant, Clearwater Public Library, Clearwater, FL (1973); Periodicals assistant, Tampa Public Library, Tampa, FL (1972); Circulation Assistant, Knox County Public Library (1971-1972).

Tennessee Library Association Activities: Co-Chair, Staff Development Committee (1999-2001); Vice-President, TLA Student Chapter, School of Information Sciences, University of Tennessee (2000-2001); Co-Chair, Reference and Information Services Roundtable (2003); Co-Chair, *Honors and Awards Committee (2003-present); *Co-Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on TEL Public Relations (incoming 2004); Staff Development Committee (committee member, 1998-2003); Honors and Awards Committee (committee member, 2002-present); Reference Roundtable (member, 2002-present); Tennessee Library and Instruction Roundtable (member, 2002-2003).

TLA Candidates for Office 2005: Vice-President/President-Elect (Continued)
Chrissie Anderson Peters (continued)

Membership in Other Professional Organizations/Learned Societies: *Alumni Board, School of Information Sciences, University of Tennessee (2003-present) — Member-at-Large (2004-present); *Sullivan County Imagination Library (Spring 2004-present) — *Registration Committee, *Public Relations Committee (Secretary), and *Executive Board; *Southwest Virginia Information Network Group (1993-present) — *Community College Representative (2004-present); Virginia State Reading Association (1999-2000).

Honors, Awards, Prizes, Medals, Citations: UT’s School of Information Sciences Representative for ALA’s Student-to-Staff Project, (2001); Member of Virginia’s Library Staff of the Year, Bedford Public Library System (2000); ALA’s ALSC/Bound-to-Stay-Bound Scholarship (2000); Virginia Library Association Scholarship (2000); Southwest Virginia Information Network Group Scholarship (2000).

TLA Candidates for Office 2005: Recording Secretary
Melissa J. Brenneman
Reference Technology Librarian
Knox County Public Library

Professional Concerns Statement: N/A

Education: MSLIS, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (1992).


Tennessee Library Association Activities: Parliamnentarian (1999); Bylaws and Procedures Committee (1999); Library Instruction Roundtable — Secretary (1996), Vice-President (1997), President (1998).

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Sue Knoche
Medical Library Assistant, Cataloging/Acquisitions
ETSU James H. Quillen College of Medicine Library

Professional Concerns Statement:
I would like to see TLA form a task force or committee to examine the issue of better salaries or pay equity for support staff and librarians across the State of Tennessee. Job descriptions have changed over the years and in my opinion support staff as well as librarians with an MLS elevated to higher levels or given additional responsibilities should be compensated accordingly. The support of TLA in the area of staff development has been commendable; however, I would like to see more continuing education workshop opportunities for all library workers. In a position where attention to detail, organizational skills and an ability to follow up or meet deadlines is essential, if given the opportunity I will do my best to carry out all responsibilities in a professional and effective manner. I would appreciate your consideration and vote for Recording Secretary of TLA.

Education: 1 year of undergraduate studies, Northeast State; C.P.S. certification (1995); High School Graduate (1971).

Professional Experience: Medical Library Assistant, Cataloging/Acquisitions, ETSU James H. Quillen College of Medicine Library (Oct. 20, 1988-present).


Membership in Other Professional Organizations/Learned Societies: Appalachian Girl Scout Council — delegate representative of Buffalo Mountain Area, Board of Directors, Director and Co-Director of day camps/other programs, committees including Adult Recognition and Cookie Incentives (1995-2001); Standardized Program with Johnson City Family Medicine Associates (1999-present); Secretary of Watauga Historical Association (1995-1999) and created/edited a newsletter (1996-2000).

Honors, Awards, Prizes, Medals, Citations: Library Journal Paraprofessional of the Year (2003); Congress on Professional Education III (COPE) Delegate (May 2003); Guest Speaker at Virginia Library Association Paraprofessional Forum Mini-Conference (Oct. 2003); Outstanding Volunteer – Appalachian Girl Scout Council (2002); ETSU Volunteer of the Month (1996); CPS Certification (1995).
Sevier County Book Cover Contest Winners

1st-, 2nd-, & 3rd-Place Winners, K-4

As was reported in the last issue of the TLA Newsletter, the Sevier County Public Library System sponsored a “Design Your Favorite Book Cover Contest” for all Sevier County primary, elementary, and middle schools and home school children in grades K-8 in honor of the 85th Annual Children’s Book Week Celebration (the week of Nov. 15-21, 2004).

First, Second and Third Place awards were presented to the winning students in each grade category. The top three winning entries in each grade category have been printed as actual book covers to be distributed to the winning students and are also available at all of the Sevier County Public Libraries. All contestants received certificates for their entries. All submissions became the property of the Sevier County Public Library and have been displayed in the three county libraries in honor of the 85th Annual Children’s Book Week Celebration.

— Robin Cogdill, Kodak Branch Manager/PR Coordinator

MSCPLIC Children’s Department Happenings

On Saturday, Nov. 6, 2004, MSCPLIC’s Central Library Children’s Department presented its Second Annual Family Literacy Day. This collaborative effort with the Memphis Literacy Council attracted nearly 200 participants. Families with children were welcomed by PBS’s Mr. Chuck, and were offered a wide range of literacy-enhancing activities. Volunteers from the literacy council, Hands On Memphis, and the Kappa Sigma fraternity from Mississippi State University provided plenty of manpower and assistance with the activities. The highlight for many of the children was the opportunity to have their photo made with the Cat in the Hat. The huge costume was donated for the event by Davis-Kidd Booksellers, and one of the intrepid Kappa Sigs wore the suit for the entire event. Story reading by Mr. Chuck and Donna Eddins of the Children’s Department were also popular activities. The Memphis Grizzlies, a presenting sponsor, were on hand with their dance team and lots of giveaways. Other sponsors included WKNO-PBS, Jabberblabber, It’s Time to Read, Go Kids Writer, and United Way Success by 6. Each child received a goody bag with a book, pens, pencils, pads of paper, crayons, markers, stickers, and erasers; parents received lots of good advice on how to encourage their children to read.

On Monday, Nov. 15, 2004, MSCPLIC and Southwest Tennessee Community College hosted an “Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library” full-day training session. PLA trainer Saroj Ghoting presented the program.

Participants included members of the MSCPLIC children’s staff, Germantown Community Library children’s librarians, and educators from almost every area institution that is a stakeholder in early literacy. We are extremely pleased that this highly-regarded training from PLA/ALSC has brought so many diverse organizations together with the common goal of improving early literacy in the greater Memphis area. For more information about “Every Child Ready to Read,” see the PLA website at http://www.ala.org/ala/pla/plaissues/earlylit/earlyliteracy.htm.

— Mary M. Seratt, Senior Manager, Central Library Children’s Department
MSCPLIC Happenings and News

Hollywood — MSCPLIC-Style

It doesn’t look much like a library right now. The roof is mostly gone, the windows have been taken out, the front entrance has been cut away, and the interior walls are nothing more than a memory. Teeming under the surface, however, are exciting changes awaiting the Hollywood Branch Library.

This renovation began as the pet project of Memphis City Councilwoman Barbara Swearengen-Holt. Holt spearheaded the move to enlarge the branch by 60 percent. She was interested in not only renovating the space but adding beauty to the neighborhood. Because of this, a portion of the building’s budget was allotted for the creation of public art, which would be integrated into the design and function of the library.

Jill Turman and Terance Brown, the two artists chosen, wanted their artwork to reflect the creativity of the community, particularly the children. The artists wanted the kids, even 20 years from now, to visit the library with their own children and be able to point out their contributions to the building’s beauty and design.

The artists hosted Art Day at the Hollywood Community Center (next door to the library). Local children created drawings that would be the basis for the subsequent artwork. Over 30 children attended and their efforts generated much inspiration for the delighted artists. Many community leaders who attended Art Day even created their own artwork. The enthusiasm of the artists, community leaders, and the children sparked even more excitement for the residents of the Hollywood community.

So, while the library’s neighbors are still seeing only a shell of a building, they have been given a glimpse of the enchanting place it will become.

— Debbie Stevens, Hollywood Branch Manager & Devin Misko, Communications Specialist, MSCPLIC

Randolph Branch Reopens

The Randolph Branch Library will hold its grand reopening on Jan. 20 at 10:00 a.m. Built in 1956, the branch received interior and exterior renovations beginning last April.

The 11,640 square-foot branch boasts a new HVAC system, larger restrooms, an improved staff area with offices for the branch manager and the regional manager, and a repaved parking lot and new signage.

The public area includes a revamped interior complete with new carpeting, shelving, furnishings and combined circulation and reference desks. The branch will feature 16 computers with Internet access and wireless access for laptops. The branch hosts a circulation collection of 27,000 books, tapes, DVDs and other materials.

— Kam McHugh, Randolph Agency Manager & Devin Misko

Cordova Grand Opening

From humble beginnings in the old Cordova Train Depot, to a one room existence in the Cordova Community Center, the Cordova Branch Library now calls a new 28,000 square foot building home.

Following the close of the old branch, almost 2,000 boxes of materials were moved to the new location, including 1,000 boxes of new materials. Aside from new materials, the $3.5 million branch also has new amenities such as portable phones for more mobile staff service, two notebook computers, wireless computer access, two study rooms, and a children’s program room. The new branch operates in the service of 16 public and private schools.

The Cordova Branch has served the community for more than 50 years. The library started in one room of the old train depot and grew to fill the whole building. Many residents donated their time and effort over the years, including selling plants and homemade stew to support the library. Residents also built shelves and did most of the repair work.

The library was declared a branch on July 1, 1979, and in 1986, the library moved to the Cordova Community Center. The library occupied a 1,000 square foot room until the new branch completion. The branch serves more than 56,000 residents.

— Devin Misko

Executive Director’s Dialogue

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To forget the thing that binds you fast
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What’s Cooking @ Your Library?

MSCPLIC cooked up a Chili Cook-Off recently and has graciously passed along the prize-winning recipes to us for the TLA Newsletter’s first issue of 2005! January is a great month for making and savoring homemade chili, so give these recipes a whirl the next time the weather outside is frightful and your tummy needs something delightful!

**Hobo Chili Recipe**
1st Place, John Lloyd of Sciences
(The following recipe is what John says he can remember putting in it, anyway — nice evasion tactic! John must know that great chefs never give away all of their secrets!!)

- 1 lb. ground turkey
- 1 3/4 lb. ground beef (used black angus)
- garlic powder and garlic clove added to meat when cooking
- 1 can black beans (partially drained)
- 1 can red beans (partially drained)
- 1 can pinto beans (partially drained)
- 1 can great northern beans (partially drained)
- 1 can butter beans (partially drained)
- 1/2 lb. bacon (I think the package said hickory smoked)
- 1 T yellow mustard (optional, I used it this time)
- 1 T apple cider vinegar
- 1 can Campbell’s tomato soup
- 1 C brown sugar
- 1 small can tomato paste
- 1 can Hunt’s diced tomatoes with garlic
- 1/2 C V-8
- Onion (large, diced)

BBQ sauce (guessing I used 1/2 C Hunt’s Honey Mustard BBQ)
Cook the turkey, beef and bacon, and then just throw it all in the crock pot. Most ingredients can be adjusted to taste if made ahead of time (I didn’t add the BBQ sauce until it had set about 8 hours and tasted like it needed something to give it more robust flavor).

**Lazy Woman’s Chili with Heat**
2nd Place, Ruth Kail of Business Operations

- 2 lbs. ground chuck
- 1 12 oz. can tomato paste
- 1 14 oz. can diced stewed tomatoes
- 1 can Rotel (mild), drained
- 1 can Rotel for Chili
- 1 can corn, drained
- 4 oz. cream cheese
- 1 bell pepper
- 1 medium onion
- 1 clove garlic
- Cayenne pepper
- Chili powder
- 1 pkg. Ranch Dip mix
- 1 pkg. shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 pkg. sour cream

Brown the ground chuck in a large pot. Drain the meat and return to the pot. Add the ranch mix, diced stewed tomatoes, drained kidney beans, drained corn, cream cheese, chili powder, and cayenne pepper. Sauté bell pepper, onion, and garlic in butter. Add to pot, cover and cook on medium heat for 35 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove pot from heat and spoon into individual serving bowls. Add 1-2 oz. of cheddar cheese and 1/2-1 tbsp. sour cream. Serve with “slaw dogs,” if desired. Serves 8-10 adults or 1 ranch hand for about a weekend-and-a-half!

**Texas, Three-Meat Chili**
3rd Place, Kay Due of Administration/Public Services

- 2 large cans crushed tomatoes
- 1 red pepper
- 1 large can tomato sauce
- 1 yellow pepper
- 4-5 cans tomatoes & chili (Rotel)
- 1 green bell pepper
- 1 packet chili spices
- 1 large onion
- 2 lbs. stew meat
- 1 lb. lean ground beef
- 1 lb. sausage
- Hot sauce to taste

Dump tomatoes, tomato sauce, Rotel, and chili spices into large stock pot. Cut stew meat into bite-size pieces and remove excess fat. Brown in skillet; drain fat; add to stock pot. Brown ground beef & sausage in skillet; drain fat; add to stock pot. Dice peppers and onion; sauté in skillet; add to stock pot. Heat to boiling, turn heat to low, cover and simmer for about an hour, stirring frequently. Add water to make thinner, if you prefer. Add hot sauce to taste, if you prefer. This is always better the second time it’s heated! Serves a bunch.

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**Tennessee Librarian News**

With the new year, Tennessee Librarian, the quarterly journal of TLA, will undergo a transformation. It’s new title will be Tennessee Libraries. This new title is actually the journal’s original title, used during its original run in the 1930’s and early 1940’s. In 1948, it was redesigned as Tennessee Librarian and published as the “New Series” since then.

The new title reflects the changes libraries in Tennessee have undergone in the last few years. New roles for library staff created by the changing nature of libraries in the 21st century have challenged us to broaden the scope and purpose of the journal.

— Mark Ellis, TL Co-Editor

**Books From Birth Foundation News**

November and December were tremendously exciting months for the Governor’s Books from Birth Foundation, as Cannon, Hamblen, Loudon, Morgan and Pickett Counties launched their county-wide Imagination Library programs. In addition, Macon County celebrated their Imagination Library “first birthday” with a community carnival and “birthday party”!

In December 2004, the new GBBF public service announcement featuring Governor Bredesen and Dolly Parton began airing statewide! Taping, post-production and a great deal of air time were generously sponsored by The Comcast Foundation.

In mid-December, the Governor’s Books from Birth Foundation launched their new website: http://www.governorsfoundation.org. This “one-stop online resource shop” was created by the fine folks at Tennessee Tech University’s Business Media Center in Cookeville, TN. The site includes everything from an interactive state map to a newsroom of our most recent media events.

Please visit our new site often, and be sure to check our County Kick-Off Calendar, as January and February will prove the busiest months yet with 15 Tennessee counties kicking-off their Imagination Library programs!

And finally, be sure to keep an eye out for our new quarterly newsletter, Signpost. Please call us at (877) 99-Books, if you would like to be added to our email distribution list.

— Margie Maddux
Governor’s Books from Birth Foundation Communications Officer
TSLA Awards Technology Grants for FY 2004/05

Edwin S. Gleaves, State Librarian and Archivist, has announced the award of technology grants to 91 Tennessee public libraries in the amount of $385,950, in the following categories: Gates-funded computers $127,800; LSTA-funded computers $120,600; library management software $55,311; general software $6,133; PC filters $3,683; computer peripherals $47,398; fax machines $2,625; laptop computers $22,400. All grants except for the Gates-funded computers are funded by the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), under the auspices of the Institute of Museum and Library Services. For further information, contact Jack Stacy at jack.stacy@state.tn.us.

Personnel Additions/Transitions/Openings

Nancy Renfro has been appointed Director of the Watauga Regional Library, succeeding Mark Thomas who has accepted a position in Maryland. Ms. Renfro has had prior experience in both academic and public libraries. Most recently she served as a Reference Librarian at Milligan College in Johnson City and prior to that was Library Director for the Moore County Library System in Carthage, NC. She began her career as Assistant Director of the Harlingen Public Library in Texas and worked for a time at the San Antonio Public Library System. Ms. Renfro holds the MLS from the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee.

Amanda Jackson, Children’s Services Coordinator, has resigned to take a library position in her hometown of Gadsden, Alabama. Ms. Jackson had taken the initiative to promote children’s library services and services to the Spanish-speaking on several fronts, and will be missed greatly. The job opening has not been posted yet, but if you know of anyone interested in/qualified for this important position, please notify Jane Pinkston at jane.pinkston@state.tn.us.

The Department of State is also actively searching for a Network Services Consultant for East Tennessee, serving the counties of Anderson, Campbell, Carter, Claiborne, Cocke, Grainger, Greene, Hamblen, Hawkins, Jefferson, Johnson, Morgan, Scott, Sevier, Sullivan, Unicoi, Union, and Washington. The person in this position assists State Library and Archives staff to determine current and future technology requirements through research and library interviews, plans and implements network developments and upgrades accordingly, installs and upgrades microcomputer hardware and software, consults with library personnel in assessing information systems planning and physical facility planning, develops training aids and materials for these information systems plans, organizes and conducts basic and advanced training sessions in both classroom and on-site settings. Interacts effectively with personnel from the state Office for Information Resources, the State Library and Archives, the state libraries, and various state-wide Internet service providers, departmental information systems and library personnel.

Groundbreaking Ceremony

White County Public Library

Sparta, TN — A groundbreaking ceremony was held for the new White County Public Library building on Sunday, September 26, 2004 at 3 p.m. The ceremony took place at the building site, located on the corner of North Church and Rhea Streets in downtown Sparta. Speakers for the event included Sparta Mayor Tommy Pedigo, White County Executive Herb Sullivan, State Representative Charles Curtiss and U.S. Representative Lincoln Davis.

The new facility will feature a large parking lot, two public meeting rooms, technology center, local history and genealogy room, children’s story time area, adult services area and youth section. The building will contain just over 15,000 square feet. The lead architect for the project is Greg Stamps and the project manager is Ingrid Bertmeyer, both from Stamps Design Group in Cookeville.

For more information, contact Cathy Taylor at 931-836-3613.

Dr. Charles Mitchell, long-time Library Board member, and Cathy Taylor, Director of the White County Public Library

Government Information Now!

Looking for government information NOW? The University of Memphis Libraries and the Tennessee State Library and Archives are two of more than 30 institutions participating in a nationwide pilot program offering online reference service for people seeking government information. You and your patrons can use the live chat and email question forms available at http://govtinfo.org. For further information, contact James Staub at TSLA at james.staub@state.tn.us.

Local Public Libraries:

Within the Clinch-Powell Region, Leotta Hawks has been appointed the new library director at the Coalfield Public Library; as well as Judy Williams, new director of the Wartburg Public Library. Both libraries are in Morgan County. —Reported by Judy Greeson.

— Edwin S. Gleaves
State Librarian & Archivist
Tennessee State Library & Archives

Tennesseans In Typeset


Wayne Dowdy, Senior Librarian in the Central History Department at MSCPLIC, has had an article published. “The People Have Made Their Statement: The Bellomini Payoff Book and the 1927 Memphis City Election” is a look into city politics during the era of Federal prohibition. The article is published in Arkansas Review, v.35, no. 3, December, 2004…

Chrsie Anderson Peters’ article entitled “Unintentional Leaders” has been picked up for reprinting in the January 2005 issue of The One-Person Library: A Newsletter for Librarians and Management, published and edited by Judith Siess.
**Free, Live Music @ The Rothrock Café**

**WHAT:** Music @ The Rothrock Café, winter series  
**WHEN:** Every Tuesday Evening @ 6:30 PM  
**WHERE:** Lawson McGhee Library, 500 Church Ave.  
**HOW:** Free to the public; Free Parking at the Locust Street Garage

Lawson McGhee Library (Knoxville, TN) is anything but hushed on Tuesday evenings in the Rothrock Café. From folk music to opera, the inaugural series of “Music @ The Rothrock Café” often drew standing-room-only crowds in 2004. The lineup for the 2005 winter series promises to be a crowd-pleasing second act. Musical performances are open to the public, and free parking is available at the Locust Street Garage. Winter 2005 schedule:

- **Jan. 4** — Randall Brown. Newsman by day, bluesman by night, Randall Brown’s quirky and literate blues rock will kick off the year with a good groove.
- **Jan. 11** — **Music Therapy** with Danny Gammon. Acoustic folksy free-for-all that is guaranteed to cure what ails you.
- **Jan. 18** — **Southerly Winds**. This classically elegant woodwind quintet brings new meaning to chamber music.
- **Jan. 25** — **Opera Evening**. The Knoxville Opera Company will preview its upcoming production of *The Mikado*. Where else is it possible to get up-close and personal with *The Mikado’s* bevy of colorful characters?
- **Feb. 1** — **William Boyd Group**. It’s an evening of funk-inflected jazz by some of Knoxville’s sauciest young jazz musicians.
- **Feb. 8** — **Opera Evening**. Preview April and the Rossini Festival with the Knoxville Opera Studio.
- **Feb. 15** — **Rhea Sunshine**. Passionate and sassy, Sunshine is back in the Rothrock for an evening of poetry and song.
- **Feb. 22** — **Austin East High School Jazz Band**. Directed by Dorothy Brice in a unique library performance, this jazz band is anything but flegding.

For more information on Music @ The Rothrock Café, please contact Nelda Hill at 865-215-8729.

— Mary Pom Claiborne, Knox County Public Library System

**TICUA Member Library Directors Meeting in Nashville**

On Thursday, Oct. 14, over a dozen Tennesse Independent Colleges and Universities Association (TICUA) member Library Directors met at the Nashville Public Library’s downtown branch to discuss Academic Library Recruitment and Training and Library Design and Student Learning. Session I, on recruitment and training, was facilitated by Michelle Noel of Cumberland University and Valerie Howell of Union University. Several libraries are now or have recently faced the challenge of hiring librarians, and the morning was spent discussing the challenges of attracting qualified candidates for those positions, as well as the need to recruit new librarians for the future. Valerie Howell, Circulation Manager at Union University, talked about her path to librarianship and her experience with the online distance education program she will be completing next summer through Texas Women’s University.

In the afternoon session, Dr. Donald Smeeton (Lee University) led a panel discussion exploring the confluence of the physical library building and educational outcomes. Specifically, the panel considered how the building contributes to or detracts from the educational process.

Panelists Darlene Brooks (Rhodes College) reviewed the design of the new library building on her campus and Ruth Kinnersley (Trevecca Nazarene University) reflected on what is good and not-so-ideal about her recently completed building now that it has been occupied for a couple of years.

The lively discussion that followed the presentations suggested a distinct trend in library design focusing on engaging students in the learning process and indicated the need for campus-wide involvement in the design of space to achieve student learning outcomes. Consideration was given to instructional technology units, tutorial space, collaborative study areas, testing services and 24-hour study space.

Todd Kelly (University of the South) told the group about soon-to-be-released research that applies the disciplines of anthropology to the study patterns preferred by today’s students. This new study apparently parallels to some extent the conclusions of Scott Bennett published by the Council on Library and Information Resources and should have significant impact on future academic library buildings.

— Michelle Noel, Cumberland University & Dr. Donald Smeeton, Director, Squires Library Lee University

**Newcomers and Names to Know**

Julie Loder has accepted a position as Systems Librarian in Library Information Technology Services at Vanderbilt University…  
Nancy Renfro is the new director for the Watauga Regional Library (WRL). Renfro comes to WRL from Milligan College, where she was Reference Librarian for 5 years. Her experience includes Director of the Moore County (NC) Public Library, Bibliographic Services Manager of the San Antonio Public Library and Harlingen (TX) Public Library Assistant Director. A Johnson City native, she received a bachelor’s degree from Meredith College (Raleigh, NC), and an MLIS from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee…  
Mary Evelyn Lynn, Cleveland State Community College Library Director, will co-present at INNOVATIONS 2005, the annual conference of the League for Innovation in the Community College, during the March 6-9, 2005, conference in New York City. Her topic will be PAGES, a book club for Cleveland State students. Two other Cleveland State personnel will be featured as well — Cele Curtis, Adult Services Coordinator and Jean Crockett, Assistant Professor of English. These three conceived and coordinated PAGES for our campus. This very successful project is a direct result of campus efforts to enhance student involvement…  
Linda Hale, Senior Library Circulation Assistant at the Jackson State Community College Library, retired on December 17, 2004, after 11 years of service. Ms. Hale has worked in libraries for 29 years in Tennessee and Connecticut. Jill Daniel will become the new Senior Library Circulation Assistant, starting on January 3, 2005…  
Dr. Carol Tenopir of UTK’s SIS was the featured interviewee in an online discussion promoted by ALA’s New Members Round Table Membership Meeting and Program Committee in December centered on the topic of “advice for current and up-and-coming library professionals who want to take more of a leadership role” in the profession…  
George Hoemann (MTSU) and Ken Middleton (TSU) had websites included on ALA’s MARS’ “Best Free Reference Sites of 2004.”
Cocke County Libraries Receive Libri Foundation Grants

“DEL RIO”—Young patrons of Marie Ellison Memorial Library are benefiting from a matching grant from The Libri Foundation.

Library Director Kathy Woody explained that The Libri Foundation provided more than $700 for the grant, which was matched with $350 in funds from Library Friends.

The total grant was $1060.53, which was given to the library in the form of 69 children’s books.

COBY—Patrons of Cosby Community Library are benefiting from a matching grant from The Libri Foundation.

Library Director Sandra Foster explained that The Libri Foundation provided more than $700 for the grant, which was matched with $350 in funds from Library Friends. The total grant was $1057.72, which was given to the library in the form of 66 children’s books.

Established in 1989, for the sole purpose of helping rural libraries acquire new, quality, hardcover children’s books they could not otherwise afford to buy, the foundation has donated more than $2,300,000 worth of new children’s books to more than 1,800 libraries in 48 states since Oct. 1990. The foundation supports the concept that children who learn to enjoy reading at an early age continue to read throughout their lives. In order to develop a love of reading, children must have access to books that stretch their imaginations, touch their emotions, and expand their horizons.”

For the full story on these libraries and their grants, please see the articles in their entirety from The Newport Plain Talk, both written by Kathy Hemsworth (http://tinyurl.com/6mymu and http://tinyurl.com/6x5hl).

— Chrissie Anderson Peters, TLA Newsletter Editor
TENN-SHARE Biennial Report, 2002-2004

Introduction
During the 2002-2004 biennial, TENN-SHARE made remarkable progress in its efforts to improve library services for Tennesseans. For this progress, TENN-SHARE participants can justly be proud; but they cannot rest. This progress was made through the combined efforts of many people working in myriad ways on numerous long and short-term projects of varying social, political, technical, and economic complexity. Some of these are outlined below. If you have not contributed, consider it. I have been extremely impressed by the willingness of a large number of people from all types of libraries to give their time, expertise, and money to TENN-SHARE activities.

Membership
In 1998-99 TENN-SHARE membership stood at 193 after the two previous years in the 200’s. Since the low in 1998-99, membership has grown consistently, due primarily to increases from school libraries. 2002-2003 membership stood at 394. There were 61 academic, 113 public, 193 school, and 27 special library members. In 2003-04 it increased again to 451 comprising 64 academic, 120 public, 239 schools, and 28 special. These numbers are important — members count with many constituencies from vendors to politicians. The large public libraries and the academic libraries have been the bedrock of TENN-SHARE for years in terms of finances and personnel. Support of these libraries is crucial for the continued success of TENN-SHARE.

TEL Phase II
From the initial conversation at the retreat of the TENN-SHARE Board in the spring followed by member contributions at the Fall Conference in 2001, TEL Phase II has progressed more rapidly and in ways no one anticipated or expected. The people and institutions involved made this happen. At the spring retreat, we said we could not wait for State funding, and we would not be deterred by the absence of it. Such funding is required for development in some areas, and it certainly would accelerate other projects. But TENN-SHARE will continue to pursue the TEL Phase II goals without State funding. For a detailed description of TEL Phase II, see the TENN-SHARE Website, http://www.TENN-SHARE.org. Here its goals, plans, organization, participants, and progress are detailed. Briefly, TEL Phase II comprises six projects. These are: 1) one-step access to the collections of all libraries throughout the state; 2) rapid delivery of library materials; 3) expanded electronic resources through TEL; 4) a means to preserve and share Tennessee history and culture; 5) training in the use of information resources; and 6) marketing of TEL Phase II.

To usher these projects, an Advisory Committee and a Steering Committee have been appointed. To develop them, taskforces have been appointed. When asked to serve on a committee or a taskforce by the co-chairs of the Steering Committee, not one person declined. At the first meeting of the Advisory Committee, members pledged money to pay for SOLNET consultation regarding definition and development of TEL Phase II goals. After SOLNET did not charge for this service, the Advisory Committee said to keep the money for other TEL Phase II needs.

Bringing all these people to the organized pursuit of TEL Phase II and defining the charges of the taskforces was largely the work of the co-chairs, Cathy Evans, Director of Libraries for St. Mary’s Episcopal School in Memphis, and Aubrey Mitchell, Associate Dean of Libraries for the University of Tennessee – Knoxville.

Fall Conference
The Fall Conferences in 2002 and 2003 were held at the Nashville Public Library. Having the conferences here enhanced them greatly. The Library is beautiful, the meeting rooms excellent, the staff extremely helpful and accommodating; and the food from Provence Breads & Café savory and reasonably priced.

The programs were equal to this environment. In 2002, 132 registrants enjoyed programs with the theme “Maximizing your TENN-SHARE Membership.” Programs included: an Introduction to TEL Phase II, Use of the GAC for ILL, and Marketing TEL. TENN-SHARE conferences usually have programs where attendees participate. In 2002 such a program asked how member libraries could bring TEL II into being. Ingram Book Services and the GALE Group provided financial support for the conference.

The theme of the 2003 Fall Conference was “Sharing Tennesse: From Story Telling to Digitization.” Attendance grew to 168 participants. Lunchtime storytelling by Doc McConnell and Elizabeth Rose proved to be very popular. One breakout session was “The Power of Stories for Powerful Presentations.” Other breakout sessions covered topics on developing digital collections and the profession of librarianship. The plenary session was a report and demonstration by the taskforce charged with the TEL Phase II project to preserve and share Tennessee history. This taskforce has made remarkable progress.

Workshops
TENN-SHARE continued to conduct TEL training across the State and sponsor a variety of summer workshops in the three regions of the State. TEL training has been ably organized by Marie Jones (ETSU) for several years. During the summer of 2003, TENN-SHARE scheduled seventeen workshops of which three were cancelled. In 2003, 199 people attended these workshops. These workshops were shepherded by Marie Jones and Lori Buchanan (APSU). Serving as regional coordinators were: east – Connie Booker (Knox County Schools); middle – Sharon Parente (MTSU); and west – Bonnie Barnes (Memphis University School). In 2004, 205 attendees participated in 20 workshops after seven were cancelled. For these, Kathy Campbell (ETSU) worked with these regional coordinators: east – Janet Drumheller (Knox County Public Library); middle – Chuck Sherrill (Brentwood Public Library); and west – Priscilla Stephenson (UT-Memphis). Each year roughly an equal number of workshops were held in east, middle and west Tennessee. The complete schedule of topics, dates, and locations for the forthcoming summer is posted on the TENN-SHARE Website each spring. Two sources for topics are membership surveys from the fall conferences and the TENN-SHARE LISTSERV. The quality, proximity, and low cost have continued to make these popular. In our rapidly changing technical and social environment, continual development is a necessity. Such development has been and will continue to be an important component of the TENN-SHARE mission.

— Winston A. Walden
TENN-SHARE President
2002-2004
SIS Professor Honored at Information Industry Conference in London

Professor Carol Tenopir was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2nd annual International Information Industry Awards ceremony recently in London. Hosted by Online Information 2004 and Information World Review, the awards ceremony was emceed by European cultural icon Loyd Grossman. Grossman (left) and George Kondrach, executive vice-president of Inmodata Isogen presented Dr. Tenopir with the award (see photo below).

Dr. Tenopir, professor at UT’s School of Information Sciences, was noted for her pro-digious and prolific career. Katherine Allen, director of the Information Division at VNU Exhibitions Europe commented that “Dr. Tenopir’s research has enthusiastically embraced new technologies from the advent of CD-ROM to the age of Google, subjecting each to a fearless analysis of the opportunities and threats posed to librarians, information professionals, and end-users.

“She is often cited as a role model who combines academic rigor with professional engagement and who refuses to rest on her laurels. Above all, our winner is an educator, noted for her tireless encouragement of the students in her care.”

Recently awarded a Fulbright Scholarship, Tenopir has published over 200 journal articles on the information industry, online reference services, and information access and retrieval, and since 1983 has written the “Online Databases” monthly column for Library Journal. Her latest book is Communications Patterns of Engineers and was published this year by John Wiley.

“We at the School of Information Sciences are very pleased by the recognition granted Carol by the International Information Industry. She is devoted to advancing knowledge in the information professions, and this award is well-deserved,” said Dr. Doug Raber, interim director of the school.

Cited as one of the most productive faculty members among international library and information science educators, Dr. Tenopir’s research bridges the fields of information science, communication, and librarianship.

Article by Information Sciences Professor Is the Most-Requested

An article co-authored by SIS Associate Professor Dania Bilal on children’s information seeking is the single most-requested article from the leading information science journal, Information Processing & Management (IPM). Out of some 80,000 articles downloaded from IPM’s website this year, Bilal’s article, co-authored by Joe Kirby, was the most requested article, according to IPM’s parent company, Reed Elsevier.

Bilal’s study analyzes patterns of information seeking behaviors of seventh-grade science students compared to information science graduate students using Yahoo!s Web search engine and directory.

The article is relevant, says Bilal, because it is one of only a few scholarly articles that compare children’s and adult’s Web searching behaviors. Using both quantitative and qualitative methodologies, she concludes that children need targeted instruction to help them develop search strategies and reflective skills to self evaluate their Web searching successes. System design improvements are also needed, she argues.

In a follow-up study, Bilal collected substantive survey data from children that include their participation in the design of search engine interfaces that make sense to them. No commercial search engines for children have incorporated children’s design concepts to date, however.

The article “addresses a very important research area in which many people are interested and it is a very good article, with interesting results,” says IPM editor, Dr. Tefko Saracevic, professor at Rutgers University.

Speaking of experts, Dr. Bilal is quoted as an authority in a recent feature article in Education Week, which examines new search engines aimed at children’s needs. Entitled “Web Searches Often Overwhelm Young Researchers,” Dr. Bilal warns that many of these “children’s search engines “don’t allow the wide-ranging exploration that is a great part of the potential of the World Wide Web.” Yahooligans!, for example, uses categories that reflect grown-up understandings of topics, rather than a child’s knowledge structure of these topics.

— Joel Southern, Communications Specialist, UTK School of Information Sciences

Nominations Solicited for SIS Distinguished Alumni Award

The SIS Distinguished Alumni Award honors graduates who have demonstrated professional achievement or leadership attributable to their education at UT’s School of Information Sciences.

Nominations are encouraged now for the 2004 Distinguished Alumni Award. Send nominations to Alumni Board Past-President Thura Mack (mack@aztec.lib.utk.edu), at the UT Library, 152 John C Hodges Library, 1015 Volunteer Blvd, Knoxville, TN 37996-1000.

The next award will be announced at the alumni board’s annual Alumni & Friends Day 2005 (date to be announced via the Alumni section of the SIS homepage and in an upcoming issue of TLAN).

Each nomination must include:
• a biographical statement on why the candidate is deserving of the award;
• a resume, if available, or a career summary;
• basic information such as name, address, employment history, and all LIS degrees and dates.

Candidates must have graduated from SIS at least five years prior to year of nomination.

See http://www.sis.utk.edu/alumni/distinguished/ for the full award criteria.

— Joel Southern
Squires Library Director Attends Salzburg Seminar

Dr. Donald Smeeton, director of William G. Squires Library in Cleveland, Tennessee, recently participated in the 422nd session of the Salzburg Seminars—one of the world’s foremost international educational programs, committed to broadening the perspectives of tomorrow’s leaders. Dr. Smeeton was one of 57 participants from 28 countries invited to Austria in October to consider the momentous challenges and opportunities that libraries face globally. The seminar theme was “Libraries in the 21st Century.”

Plenary sessions were taught by such notable librarians as Paul LaClerc, director of the New York Public Library; Kay Rasero, president of the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA); Sohar F. Wastawy, chief librarian of the new Library of Alexandria, Egypt; and William G. Simpson, director of the John Rylands University Library in Manchester. Discussion groups focused on librarianship in the 21st century, how librarians serve their communities, how to reach new library users, and how libraries can be financed.

Participants represented diverse cultures and different types of libraries, while recognizing the vast number of commonalities in library service. The group concluded that the need for libraries will continue to expand even as the needs of the users increase and technologies change. “The week was a stimulating opportunity to step outside of the daily demands and to think about the big picture, about other cultures, and about the future,” notes Dr. Smeeton.

Founded in 1947, the Seminar promotes the free exchange of ideas, viewpoints, and understanding on economic, cultural, and political issues. This year’s seminar was held at the Schloss Leopoldskron, used as the setting for the ever popular “Sound of Music” film. Participants also explored the lovely city of Salzburg, which is the birthplace of W.A. Mozart.

Dr. Donald Smeeton is director of Squires Library, serving Lee University and the College of God Theological Seminary.

— Louis Morgan, PR Committee Co-Chair

TLA Pre-Conference Events

Construction — “In the Beginning: Getting a Library Building Project Started,” with internationally-renowned Library Consultant Anders Dahlgren of Wisconsin. Bring a friend from your institution, or a local official for $10 off their registration!


Management — “Reinventing Your Library for the 21st Century,” with Karen Hyman, Executive Director, South Jersey Regional Library Cooperative. Ms. Hyman is a nationally renowned speaker and writer on customer service, electronic library services, and interlibrary networking. An expansion of a rousing 2004 PLA Convention address!

Communications — “From Dull to Dynamic: Transforming Your Presentations,” with Dr. Stephen D. Boyd, Professor of Speech Communications, Northern Kentucky University. A Toastmaster International Speech Contest winner, Dr. Boyd will teach persuasive techniques and structure — all this with a liberal dose of humor.

Making Meaning: Using Storytelling as a Tool for Learning and Change,” with David Hutchins, of Smyrna, TN. Writer, learning designer, and communications consultant, Mr. Hutchins has helped to create change through innovative learning solutions and products for some of the greatest companies in the world. A hit at ALA in Toronto!

Trusteeship — “How to Be a Good Board Member,” with Jim Vaillancourt, Center for Non-profit Management, Nashville. Learn how to prepare for effective involvement on your board assignments.

Programming — “Planning Library Programs for Teens,” with Nashville Public Library YA Specialist. Learn how to connect with teens, even on a tight budget. Tips, tricks, great ideas!

Collection Development — “Easy to Read Health and Wellness Material for Consumers,” with Beth Westcott, National Network of Libraries of Medicine. Sponsored by the NLM. For all those tough questions!

Reading Readiness — “Is Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library?” Presented by Sue McCleaf Nespeca, of Kid Lit Plus Consulting. Create and maintain partnerships and programs using this PLA/ALSC model. Sponsored by the Children’s and YA Roundtable.

Genealogy and Local History — “Preservation & Arrangement of Archival Manuscript Collections and State Library & Archives Tour,” with Wayne Dowdy, of MSCPLIC, and Carol Roberts, of the TSLA. See the behind-the-scenes work. Invite your favorite genealogists!

TEL’s New Interface, with Trainer Tim Lovelace, of Thomson Gale, and Marie Jones, ETSU.

TLA Conference “Ethics Players” Seeking Scenarios

Sallie Johnson (Deputy Director at MSCPLIC), and her cohorts aren’t just “playing” around when it comes to “ethics” in the workplace! The Ethics Players will again take center stage (or some other pre-assigned place in the Conference Hall), to help us think about personal conduct and professional responsibilities in the workplace. And Sallie has requested input from you, the would-be audience members for the 2005 Conference in Nashville!

Some of last year’s scenarios included “The Gossip” (how gossip affects various parties), “The Shady Guy” (where a patron is a known porn surfer and a local minister is looking for people to talk with who indulge in such behaviors and just happens to ask a parishioner who also works at the library), “The Clash of the Titans” (two patrons approach an information desk seeking the same information at the same time — one is a teenager and one is a politician — and who gets helped first could be a big issue), “Hot Off the Press” (staff taking new items before patrons have the chance to check them out for themselves), “They” (less-than-friendly insinuations about the people in charge of a given activity/program), and others that include issues such as taking money from the library register or not placing it there in the first place, customer service and basic courtesy, staff members owing money for lost/damaged items, staff wanting the rules to be different for themselves than for the general public, staff allowing others to access staff privileges on his/her staff card when those people are not employed at the library, discussing patrons’ reference questions with other staff members once the patrons have gone, talking about co-workers behind their backs, etc.

Maybe you have had a scenario arise in your own institution, or perhaps at a previous workplace, and you’d like to submit your scenario to the Ethics Players, to see how they would handle things. Send your ideas to Sallie Johnson at MSCPLIC in the next few weeks, by fax at 901.323.7108, or by email at johnsons@memphis.lib.tn.us. Just remember to keep real people’s names and real institutions’ identities disclosed — for ethical reasons, of course!

— Chrissie Anderson Peters, TLAN Editor
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Wednesday Preconference Topics
• Construction
• Marketing
• Management
• Communication
• Storytelling
• Trusteeship
• Programming
• Collection Development
• Reading Readiness
• TEL
• Genealogy and Local History

Conference Special Events
Thursday
Intellectual Freedom Breakfast with Nancy Kranich, Former ALA President
General Sessions, with Keynote Speaker Karen Hyman: “There is No ‘I’ in Librarian.”
All-Conference Reception at the Country Music Hall of Fame
Friday
Children’s/Young Adult Breakfast with Cherie Bennett and Jeff Gottesfeld, Authors
Trustee/Friends Luncheon, with Peter Jenkins, Author

Conference Topics/Sessions
• Customer Service
• Management
• Reference
• Technical Services
• Planning
• ESL
• Intellectual Freedom
• Reader’s Advisory
• Table Topics
• Diversity
• Intellectual Freedom
• Children’s Programs
• Adult Programs
• Author Readings, Autograph Sessions
• Librarians’ Hit Parade
• Poster Sessions
• Tours of The Williamson County Public Library & The Country Music Hall of Fame Library

Watch the TLA website <www.tnla.org> for more details and updates

April 6 - 8
NASHVILLE CONVENTION CENTER
Sponsored by the Tennessee Library Association in cooperation with the Friends of Tennessee Libraries, TENN-SHARE, and the Tennessee Association of School Librarians and with support of the Nashville Public Library.

Preliminary Schedule for the Day

9:00 am Library Doors Open
9:00 - 9:30 am Registration & Continental Breakfast - Nashville Public Library
9:30 - 11:30 am Morning Program - Nashville Public Library
11:30 - 11:45 am Escort your Legislator to the Luncheon
11:45 am - 1:00 pm Legislative Luncheon - Sheraton Hotel, Ballroom
1:00 – 5:00 pm Meet with Legislators (schedule appointments in advance)

Registration (Please complete a separate form for each attendee.)

Name: __________________________________________
Address: ________________________________________________________________
City:______________________ County___________________ Zip code: ____________
Telephone: __________________________ E-Mail _______________________________
Library I will represent: ______________________________ County:_______________
Regional Library Area: ________________________________
I am attending as: (Please circle one category only)
Library Friend Library User Librarian Library Staff Other (specify)__________

My library is in TN Senate District #__________ and TN House District #__________
(This information will enable us to arrange adequate seating for the luncheon. Please complete.)

Registration fee: $25 per person. Make check payable to Tennessee Library Association and mail with completed registration form to: TLA, PO Box 241074, Memphis, TN 38124-1074, no later than January 30, 2005. No Refunds will be given but participant substitutions will be accepted.

For additional registration information contact TLA at ahuggins@midsouth.rr.com or (901) 485-6952.

Additional Legislative Committee Members

The additional members of the Legislative committee are Diane Chen, Judy Greeson, James Staub, and Suzanne Freeman. We also have several volunteers who will be serving on our three subcommittees.

— Sylverna Ford,
Legislative Committee Co-Chair

Call for Applicants for Conference Internship Program

Are you a student member of TLA and looking for a way to get actively involved with the organization? Or maybe you're a student member who would like funding assistance for the 2005 Conference? In either case, the TLA Scholarship Committee has some exciting news for you!

For the second year, we are soliciting applications from student members who are willing to trade their time and talents for some pretty cool “professional” experience at the TLA Conference! The Conference Internship Program (CIP) is open to ALL students — not just graduate students, but also undergraduate students who may be interested in a career in librarianship; not just students at the ALA-accredited School of Information Sciences at UTK, but any student who would like to apply for the program.

Eligibility considerations include current membership in TLA (regardless of state of residency), must have the status of “student” during the semester in which the CIP is being sought (full-time, part-time, on-campus, or DE students are eligible), and completed applications must be received no later than Friday, Feb. 11, 2005. “Benefits” include free registration, All-Conference Reception ticket, a $50 stipend, a certificate, and a wonderful opportunity to network with colleagues, develop professional contacts, and experience the Annual Conference in an exciting way!

Watch TLA-L and the TLA web site — http://www.tnla.org — for more information. Or, if you are interested and would like an application sooner than that, please contact Chrissie Anderson Peters at capeters@NortheastState.edu or Debbie Stevens at stevensd@memphis.lib.tn.us.

— Chrissie Anderson Peters & Debbie Stevens,
Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs
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Federated Searching can contribute to institutions’ goals of meeting certain facets of Information Literacy Standards — particularly “Accessing needed information effectively and efficiently,” and “Using information effectively to accomplish a purpose.” Agent’s search is limited to search ten resources simultaneously, but, Nerzak explained at TENN-SHARE, “Soon [a] ‘Cascading Search interface’ will be implemented where the interface will search an unlimited number of resources in a ‘cascading style,’ i.e., if more than 10 databases are selected, it will search the first 10, then stops, then searches the next 10, thus called ‘Cascading’ searching. This avoids searching degradation, and timeouts.”

The Search Interface permits searches from 10 selected “resources to search simultaneously,” sources that include Z39.50 library catalogs, online database resources, and Web links. The Search Results then provides a list of databases searched, the number of hits found in each, check marks denoting whether or not the database was successfully engaged, and a status indicating successfully completed searches. Nerzak adds, “Agent does not re-order or combine searches, but presents results found in a straightforward manner, listing the database and indicating the number of hits found.” Clicking on a database’s search results takes the user to the native interface of the original database, enabling the user to view results and conduct additional searches.

With Federated Searching, Tennessee’s community colleges can offer their students enhanced access in searching online resources subscribed to by these libraries. It enables synergies grouping related resources by subject and geography, and enhances student success in reaching Information Literacy Goals. Nerzak comments, “It combines like resources — online catalogs, subject-related databases, and helps us meet information literacy goals by accessing needed information effectively and efficiently,” which is better for everyone, in the end. — Peter Nerzak & Chrissie Anderson Peters