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What's Inside

What can I say but “**CONFERENCE! CONFERENCE! CONFERENCE!**” Sure, we have some other items of interest — some highlights and photos from the recent Tennessee Library Legislative Day event, our trusty ALA -APA Councilor’s Report from ALA’s Mid-Winter Conference in Boston in January, news items from across the state, and updates on more counties coming into the Imagination Library program. Did I mention that we have lots of information about the upcoming 2005 TLA **CONFERENCE** in Nashville? We also have some of our regular features like Tennesseans in Typeset, Newcomers and Names to Know, Bits and Pieces From Across the State, SIS News, the President’s Point of View, the Executive Director’s Dialogue, and more. Oh, and we have news and information about the **CONFERENCE** that will

take place in just a few weeks, too!

If you aren’t already excited about the upcoming Conference, just looking at all of the things awaiting you as you flip through this issue of *TLAN* ought to set your heart a-racin’! Kudos to the 2005 Conference Committee who has worked extra-hard to make this year’s Conference a thing of beauty — an event to be remembered, a treasure to be cherished in the hearts and minds of TLA’ers for quite some time to come! So be sure to say “thanks” as you take in the sights and sounds of Music City, USA, on April 6-8. It’s OUR Conference; let’s all get to Nashville and enjoy it!



— Chrissie Anderson Peters,
TLA Newsletter Editor

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Reminder! TLA Ballots are due March 15, 2005. Make sure your vote counts!
— Annelle Huggins, Executive Director

Other Nashville Goings-On

There is also a lot going on in Downtown Nashville the week of the TLA Conference. In fact, there’s so much going on, why not plan on spending the entire week? To make this easy for you, you’ll find in your Conference bag, generously donated this year by Education Networks of America (ENA), coupons for discounts at several downtown attractions, including the Frist center for the Visual Arts (which is featuring a display that fits in perfectly with our All-Conference Reception at the Country Music Hall of Fame — sponsored by Thomson Gale — on Thursday night). Take a look at this link to see what I mean. The event mentioned has passed, but there are many more jackets just like this one on view during April at the Frist: <http://tinyurl.com/46b3j>.

Discount coupons for the excellent restaurant at the Frist, as well as for other downtown restaurants (including Provence, located in the Nashville Public Library), are also included. You really should make your trip to Music City worthwhile by bringing the entire family and staying awhile. Music City awaits!!

— Penny Frere,
Conference 2005 Co-Chair

2005 Conference’s Grammy Connection

At the 47th Annual Grammy Awards, “Night Train to Nashville: Music City Rhythm and Blues, 1945-1970” was awarded the Grammy for Historical Album. The TLA Conference 05 Connection: The exhibit “Night Train to Nashville: Music City Rhythm and Blues, 1945-1970” at the Country Music Hall of Fame will still be up when **YOU** are there for the TLA All-Conference Reception on Thursday, April 7. Just one more reason to come to the TLA Conference this year!

The Feb. 14 issue of *The Tennessean* reported, “Ray Charles was not the only R&B predecessor to be honored last night. The Country Music Hall of Fame’s ‘Night Train To Nashville: Music City Rhythm & Blues, 1945-1970’ was named Grammy’s best historical album. Released through the Country Music Hall of Fame, the album shone a light on some vital, under-celebrated recordings that have sprung from Nashville. Earl Gaines, Roscoe Shelton, Bobby Hebb, Johnny Bragg, Frank Howard, Johnny Jones and many others appeared on the double-disc set.

— Penny Frere,
Conference 2005 Co-Chair

The President's Point of View

Something for Everyone – a State of DIVERSITY in TLA!

By the time this newsletter is available to the membership, spring will be making its way from west to east across our beautiful state. Winter has its charms (reading beside a roaring fire, for one), but if it went on forever I would be screaming for something different -- a little DIVERSITY!

Your Library Conference!

There is truly "Something for Everyone" at this year's TLA Conference, April 6-8, in Nashville. If you still haven't registered, you really should at <http://www.tnla.org>. Conference Co-Chairs, Susan Rogers and Penny Frere, along with a superb Conference Committee, have organized a real treat.

The eleven pre-conferences and 80 programs will deliver almost a dizzying array of topics to inspire and delight us. Some of the best minds in the library world will be there to share their insights and to dare us to "Reinvent our Libraries," or to find out what ALA participation means to librarians, or to learn about "Books that Rock," or to discover what "Next Generation Libraries" will be like, or to answer your questions about "Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library."

A Diversity Track at TLA 2005?

YES! Think Tennessee is just the same ole state it's always been? Think again! Our customer base has been diversifying rapidly over the past decade. Ten years ago, who would have thought Nashville could be chosen as one of 5 polling places in the United States for the Iraqi elections? These contributed programs at TLA 2005 reflect the growing change in our customers and in our membership. I encourage you to drop in on one – or more – of the following:

- "Common Threads – Understanding Our Own Diversity: Reducing Prejudice and Building Inter-group Understanding and Cooperation"
- "Empowering Book Clubs on the Urban Beat!"
- "President's Program: The Rainbow Effect – Under-

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Represented Groups and Library Leadership"

- "Programming and Bilingual Storytimes for Spanish-Speaking Patrons"
- "Project Access: Reaching out to the Immigrant Community"
- "Racism, Sexism & Homophobia, Oh My! Cultural Content in Children's Literature"
- "Tennessee Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped"
- "Tennessee's Link to Iraq Through Libraries"
- "We Are Reading! Second Language Learners and the Library"

Learn More about Serving Diverse Populations. . . .

Library associations can provide us with the help we need as we begin to recruit multi-cultural staff and to serve multi-cultural customers. Here are a few of the resources available:

- ALA Diversity Office (<http://www.ala.org/diversity>)
- ALA Office for Literacy and Outreach (OLOS) (<http://www.ala.org/Template.cfm?Section=olos>)
- ALA Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (<http://www.ala.org/Template.cfm?Section=emiert>)
- REFORMA – National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking (<http://www.reforma.org>)

I look forward to sharing the TLA 2005 Conference with all of you!



— Kay Mills Due,
TLA President, 2004-2005
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Generation TN Nominations

Something exciting is happening, Tennessee! Emerging leaders in their 20's and 30's from across the state are coming together for a weekend-long conference to share their experiences and form a lasting network of the next generation of Tennessee leaders. GenerationTN is a two-day conference, to be held August 19-21 in Nashville, which exposes participants to some of Tennessee's most innovative and successful men and women through workshops and panel discussions. Participants also have the opportunity to network with a diverse selection of their peers from the business, political, and civic worlds. As they get to know one another, the bonds needed to enact positive change across the state are formed.

Plans for this August's event are in the works, and periodic updates are available on our website, www.generationtn.com. I invite you to visit the site to learn more about the goals and mission of GenerationTN. GenerationTN alumni are a diverse group, ranging from Shelby County to Sullivan County. They are active citizens, assuming leadership positions in their professional fields and are above all dedicated to bettering their communities through their leadership. Alumni are provided with the opportunity to participate in regional events throughout the year and are invited to participate in special sessions of subsequent annual conferences focused on taking the issues at hand to a higher level. The Executive Committee is currently working to identify Tennessee leaders in their 20's and 30's, and we value your input. The ideal candidate has demonstrated a maturity, sense of purpose, and dedication to bettering the community which makes him stand out from his peers. Simply put, we are looking for the best of the best.

The deadline for submitting nominations is March 15. Please feel free to contact me at erosencranz@generationtn.com with any questions you may have. I appreciate your time and consideration given to this exciting project.

— Emily Rosencranz
Chair, Generation TN

Schedule of Events — March

- **TLA Elections Period** continues. Ballots must be returned to TLA Office no later than March 15.
- **Small Press Month** <http://www.smallpress.org>
- **Mar. 6-12** — Read an E-Book Week
http://julieduffy.com/writing/ebook_week.htm
- **Mar. 7-11** — Newspaper in education Week
<http://www.naa.org/foundation/NIEweek2005>
- **Mar. 9** — SIS Spring Research Symposium with UT librarians, Travis Dolence and Ron Gilmour, 12-1 p.m., Communications Bldg., Room 298.
- **Mar. 9-13** — A Mountain Quiltfest (Pigeon Forge)
<http://www.mypigeonforge.com/quiltfest.asp>
- **Mar. 10** — CALA Ice Cream Social at Girls Preparatory School
- **Mar. 16** — ETLA Meeting, Hodges Library (UTK), 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- **Mar. 16** — Freedom of Information Day
- **Mar. 17** — Boone Tree Spring Meeting (see announcement below)
- **Mar. 17** — St. Patrick's Day
- **Mar. 21-27** — Anonymous Giving Week
- **Mar. 28** — Sharyn McCrumb at Northeast State Community College. Evening reception and program to begin at 7:00 p.m. For more details, click the "Open Books" link, <http://www.NortheastState.edu/library>.
- **Mar. 29** — Sharyn McCrumb @ Renaissance Center in Kingsport. More info available at <http://www.BooneTree.org/news.htm>
- **Mar. 30** — Sharyn McCrumb @ Johnson City Public Library. More info available at <http://www.jcpl.net>
- **Mar. 31-Apr. 3** — Mule Day (Columbia) <http://www.muleday.com>

Boone Tree Spring 2005 Meeting Set

The Spring 2005 meeting of the Boone Tree Library Association will be held on **Mar. 17**, from 7-9 p.m., at the Sherrod Library on the ETSU campus in Johnson City. Troy Davis (UTK) will speak on Media Literacy. For more information, check out the "Upcoming Events" link on the Boone Tree website at <http://www.BooneTree.org>.

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.

Schedule of Events — April

- **Mar. 31-Apr. 3** — Mule Day (Columbia)
<http://www.muleday.com>
- **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. 13** — SIS Spring Research Symposium with Dr. Bharat Mehra and Dr. Jinx Watson. More information forthcoming.
- **Apr. 14** — CALA Meeting at Cleveland Public Library with Andy Hunt discussing e-books. See <http://www.lib.utc.edu/cala> for more information
- **Apr. 10-16** — National Library Week
- **Apr. 20** — SLA SAC hosts SLA President Ethel Salonen in Knoxville

Schedule of Events — May

- **May 18** — TLA Staff Development Workshop, Northeast Tennessee, 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
- **May 19** — TLA Staff Development Workshop, Memphis, 9:00 a.m.—5 p.m.
- **May 20** — TLA Staff Development Workshop, Nashville, 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
- **May 21** — UTK SIS Alumni & Friends Day, Knoxville, 1-5 p.m. Cost is free, but pre-registration is requested. See more information at <http://www.sis.utk.edu/alumni> and on page 15.

Schedule of Events — June

- **June 4** — TLA Board Meeting, Brentwood Library, Brentwood, TN
- **June 13-15** — Conference of the Association of Christian Librarians, Columbia International University, Columbia, SC.

Thank-Yous and Acknowledgements

Just had a phone call from someone in Alabama, who is the head of the Alabama Paraprofessional Roundtable and saw the [TLA] *Newsletter* online from someone who worked there before but has now relocated to Nashville. The picture and credits in the nominations section prompted her to write to me as a new member (apparently still being processed) of ALA-LSSIRT and wanted to know what LSSIRT has done or planning for the future and become involved in committees, etc., or possibly joining TLA if that's possible being out of state... I will be passing the information along to the ALA Steering Committee but isn't it cool that [our] newsletter has reached someone from the University of South Alabama who says, "It's well-constructed" and how many other countless library workers we haven't heard from who probably read and appreciate this publication. Nice work!

— Sue Knoche
Medical Library Assistant, Cataloging/Acquisitions
East Tennessee State University

Technical Services Roundtable News

Tennessee NACO Funnel Project : “‘What’s In A Name’ Redux”

What’s In A Name? Creating Local Tennessee Headings for Your Library Catalog” was presented at TLA annual conference last year by the Technical Services Roundtable. Now, one year later, through the efforts of the roundtable, libraries from across the state are participating in the Tennessee NACO Funnel Project and contributing name authority records to the national authority file.

At annual conference in Nashville this year, the Technical Services Roundtable is sponsoring a program--"Tennessee NACO Funnel Project: 'What's In A Name' Redux"--about the funnel project. Panelists include Gracie Gilliam, Cooperative Cataloging Program Specialist at the Library of Congress; Mary Charles Lasater, Authorities Coordinator at Vanderbilt University and NACO regional trainer; Ann Denton, Head of Cataloging, University of Memphis, and Tennessee Funnel coordinator, and Dr. Mark H. Danley, Catalog Librarian/Authorities Specialist, also of University of Memphis, host institution for the funnel; and Linda Behrend, chair of the Technical Services Roundtable.

On Wednesday, April 6, participants in the funnel will receive training in geographic headings and changes to authority records, thus completing the required five-day NACO training course.

— Submitted by Linda Behrend
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Children & Young Adult Roundtable News

This has been an exciting time for the roundtable and the young people of TN.

This summer will be the first state-wide Young Adult Summer Reading Program titled “Find Yourself @ your Library: Discover the Arts”. The online manual is available at <http://www.state.tn.us/sos/statelib/p&d/srp/srp2005.htm>. The artwork was selected from young adult artists across the state. The winner is Loren Phillips from Monterey, TN, who will be attending the TLA conference, so bring your posters for signing! The roundtable would like to send out a special thank you to Robert Greene, in the Publications Division of the Secretary of State’s Office, for all his help in making all the artwork, work. We would also like to thank Amanda Jackson, for all the work she did with the roundtable, producing the final manuals and her enthusiastic & professional approach to youth services across the state. She is working at the public library in her hometown, Gasden, AL, and we wish her much success!

The Children’s Summer Reading Program, “Be Major League, READ!” also has a new look. The theme’s focus is to involve schoolage boys and girls who may be more interested in sports than reading to be Major League and READ! Amanda Jackson contacted college & professional sports teams across the state that will visit your library this summer. (pp. 19-20 in manual for contact info). Norris Hall has shown his versatile talent in the artwork and we appreciate his effort. Thanks also to the 2005 manual committees — great work!

The CYA Roundtable meets across the state to involve children & young adult librarians from different regions. The January meeting was in the beautiful Pigeon Forge Public Library. Thanks to Marsha Nelson for hosting and their Friends for feeding us! The library is a gem that I encourage folks to visit when in the area.

The TLA-2005 conference offers some great opportunities to learn, share and have fun for youth services librarians and those that want to be! There are children or young adult programs in every session slot. From fingerplays (bring your favorite) to multicultural children’s literature; bilingual storytimes to getting organized, you’ll find a broad choice of programs.

Some Highlights: Norris Hall with Jim Moore will be presenting an exciting session on their collaborative work, “The Animal Band”. Norris & Jim will be signing at the opening of the exhibits. The roundtable will have a booth in the exhibit hall! Stop by to purchase your “Be Major League, READ!” bag to carry all your conference goodies.

With the attention on young adults, please join us at the roundtable breakfast, to hear Cherie Bennett & Jeff Gottesfeld, authors of “A Heart Divided” and other YA novels. www.cheriebennett.com. This will be an inspiring and informative morning. The next roundtable meeting will be on Friday, April 8, at the conference. We will be electing Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer for 2005-2006. Hope to see you all there!

— Michele Yellin,
Chair, Children & Young Adult Roundtable

Books From Birth Update

We are delighted to share with you news of our exciting Winter months! In **January**, Scott, Knox, Greene, Lauderdale, Polk, and Overton Counties Kicked off their very own Imagination Library programs. **February** hosted kick-offs for Henry, Giles, Grainger, White, Moore, and Marion Counties, and a “birthday party” for Meigs County.

March and **April** are proving to be just as thrilling - with Putnam, Carter, Unicoi, Washington, Bradley, Trousdale, Lawrence, Wayne, and Lincoln Counties kicking off. Davidson County kicked off on March 15, becoming the largest community in the nation to offer the program!

Winter was also a big partnership quarter for the Governor’s Foundation - with Delta Dental of Tennessee and the Tennessee Press Association signing on as statewide sponsors.

Thank you for your continued support and look for our Spring Quarter newsletter, *Signpost*, to arrive in your mailbox in early April. To be added to the mailing list, please contact us at 615.253.3600. Don’t forget to check out our website—
<http://www.governorsfoundation.org>.



— Margie Maddux,
Communications Officer, GBBF

TENN-SHARE Database Vote Results

The results of the TENN-SHARE database vote are in! The “winners” are: Literature Resource Center (academic libraries’ top choice), Learn-A-Test (public libraries’ top choice), and SIRS (school libraries’ top choice).

Although the top priority of each library type (academic, public, school) was chosen, please note that we will be including **ALL** types of libraries for each of the database purchases. More information will be coming soon. Thank you to everyone who participated in the voting! We had more than 150 libraries vote, and I appreciate the input of each one of you. If your favorite database didn’t win, we will hopefully be doing another round of voting before too long.

— DeAnne Luck,
TENN-SHARE Database Coordinator

TLA Conference 2005 — Decisions, Decisions!

You're looking at your pre-registration booklet and wondering where to start? We have three full days of what you've told us you need and want. And plenty of fun to go around!

We're fortunate to have Karen Hyman, national library consultant and Executive Director of the South Jersey Regional Library Cooperative for a half-day pre-conference on Wednesday. Karen will also be our keynote speaker at the General Session on Thursday afternoon. Several of us remember how she addressed the Public Library Association last year on the pre-conference topic, "Reinventing Your Library for the 21st Century: Strategies for a Connected World." Tennesseans came back raving about it! She'll attempt to convince us "There's no 'I' in Librarian," the next day at General Session. One thing's for sure—she'll keep our attention!

We're all eager to hear this year's Honors and Awards winners before we move on to the All-Conference Reception at the Country Music Hall of Fame on Thursday evening. Wear your best hat. It doesn't matter what kind — just cover your head! Enjoy the food, drink, and tour of the famous singers' and songwriters' hall of fame and museum. Come back the next afternoon for a tour of the CMHF library and archives — or visit the beautiful Williamson County Public Library on your way home.

It just gets better and better!

Nancy Kranich, ALA's Intellectual Freedom icon, leads off the meal events on early Thursday morning. Then enjoy a free box lunch with that day's registration during the exhibits grand opening. Check out the author readings and poster sessions! Carolyn Wilson has lined up some unbelievable talent! We have several new exhibitors this year, including a Barnes and Noble bookstore!

Teen authors Cherie Bennett and Jeff Gottesfeld will wake us up on Friday morning at the Children's and Young Adult Breakfast, and Peter Jenkins will let us in on what's inside his new book at the Trustees and Friends Luncheon on Friday. We'll end — but we won't wind down — with Stephen Abram, Canadian Library Association Vice-President, as he relates his vision of "Next Generation Libraries: Bricks, Clicks, and Tricks" at 3:30 on Friday afternoon.

As difficult as it is to make these decisions without cloning yourself, register now for Conference 2005. The deadline for hotel reservations at the group rate is March 5; for early conference registration, it's March 10. We have gorgeous registration bags from ENA this year — and we really want to run out!

Local Arrangements has already let us know of some local attractions. Expect much, much more!

— TLA Conference 2005 Committee

TENNESSEE
LIBRARY
ASSOCIATION
2005 CONFERENCE

BEST HAT CONTEST

ALL-CONFERENCE
Country Music Hall of Fame
6:15 - 9:00 p.m.
April 7, 2005
Winners announced @ 8 p.m.

IN THE BEGINNING: GETTING A LIBRARY BUILDING PROJECT STARTED



Anders C. Dahlgren,
President, Library Planning Associates, Inc.

Wednesday, April 6, 2005
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Room 102,
Nashville Convention Center

KAREN HYMAN

Executive Director,
South Jersey Regional Library Cooperative

Thursday, April 7
General Session

4 p.m., Room 206
Nashville Convention Center

“There Is No ‘I’ in Librarian”

AND

Wednesday, April 6
Pre-Conference

1:30-4:30 p.m., Room 103,
Nashville Convention Center

**“Reinventing Your Library for
the 21st Century”**

Health and Wellness Pre-Conference

On April 6, from 1-4:30 p.m., Beth Westcott, MLS, of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, will bring her award-winning class on "Easy to Read Health and Wellness Materials: Recognizing It, Finding It, Writing It, Rewriting It" to the TLA Annual Conference as a pre-conference event. She recently won the 2004 Institute for Healthcare Advancement Award for Outstanding Achievement in Health Literacy in the category of Innovative Programs. More information is available <http://nmlm.gov/sea/edn/easytoread.htm>. You can also contact me for a detailed outline.

This class can be useful for public librarians, health science librarians, and academic librarians training health professionals. In fact, invite any interested person and pass on the class announcement to those in your community that work in patient or consumer health information. One does not have to be a librarian to attend. The class carries 4 hours of MLA CE credit and costs \$25. Although we encourage you to attend the TLA Conference, it is not necessary to register for the conference to attend a pre-conference event.

More details on the class: Learn in a hands-on environment — in the large group and break-out groups, to create materials that get your health and wellness information across quickly and clearly. Bring some pieces you use or some information you need to be written in an easy-to-read manner. We'll review the disconnect between information providers and information seekers, the success of “plain language” initiatives and the importance of text, type, graphics, space and layout. During the workshop you will develop a piece of your own so you'll have new awareness, new skills, a new product, and access to further resources. In this workshop, you will also be provided brochure examples, SMOG and REALM tests, a webliography, and links to other training.

— Martha Earl,
Publications Advisory Board Co-Chair

**TRUSTEES AND FRIENDS
LUNCHEON**

PETER JENKINS, AUTHOR

Friday, April 8, 2005

Noon-1:15 p.m., Ryman Room
Nashville Renaissance Hotel

*****Unique Things To Do in Nashville*****

Nashville has some unusual museums besides those dealing with country music, plantations, and Tennessee history. Some I've been to and enjoyed and others are on my "gotta get there one of these days" list:

Nashville Toy Museum Inc
(615) 742-5678
162 8th Ave N
Nashville, TN 37203

Tennessee Central Railway Museum
(615) 244-9001
220 Willow St
Nashville, TN 37210

Lane Motor Museum
(615) 742-7445
702 Murfreesboro Rd.
Nashville, TN 37064

Tobacco Museum
(615) 880-4500
8th Ave N Harrison St
Nashville, TN 37201

Gem & Mineral Museum of Tennessee
(615) 391-0231
4805 Old Hickory Blvd
Hermitage, TN 37076

Museum of Beverage Containers & Advertising
(615) 859-5236
1055 Ridgecrest Dr
Goodlettsville, TN 37072

— Regina Forsythe, Coordinator, Patron & Technical Services
Instructional Media Resources, MTSU

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Unique things to do in Nashville? Shop at "Off-Broadway Shoes"! TLA probably has lots of members who have the desire to fill their closets with shoes, shoes, and more shoes! One example: there is a MSCPLIC Deputy Director (I won't name her, but then, there is only one), who returned from PLA in Seattle with so many shoes from Nordstrom's Rack that she had to pay extra to get her suitcase on the plane!! Nashville's own answer to Nordstrom's shoes is "Off Broadway Shoes" and it is a mecca for those who love shoes! The original, downtown "Off Broadway" store is not far from the convention hotel!

— Kay Due, TLA President

## TLA 2005 PRE-CONFERENCE HOW TO BE A GOOD BOARD MEMBER

With Jim Vaillancourt



**Wednesday, April 6, 2005**

**9:00 A.M.-Noon, Rm. 103,  
Nashville Convention Center**

**Audiobook Star to Perform at  
2005 Conference**

Well, we don't have Janet Evanovich coming to the TLA 2005 Conference, but we have the next best thing. Thanks to Recorded Books, we will have the voice of Stephanie Plum. CJ Critt, who also narrates popular audiobooks by Patricia Cornwell, Joan Hess, and Linda Barnes, will be performing on Thursday, April 7, at 9:00 a.m. for the program, "A Narrator Performance From Recorded Books."

An actress, director, poet, playwright, and performance artist, CJ Critt has won critical acclaim for her accomplishments in a broad range of the arts. She has appeared on Broadway stages, local radio programs, and in national television commercials. Listeners know Critt by her smooth, polished voice and spirited performances. Critics praise the strength and vitality she brings to a wide variety of characters. According to Kliatt, "She narrates with verve, stays true to the context of the story, and provides her characters with subtle but distinct voices."

I don't know about you, but I can hardly wait to hear her interpretation of Ranger!

— Heather Lawson & Alan Stewart  
Conference Programs Co-Chairs

### Conference Aids Available Online

Take time now to check out the TLA Conference 2005 web pages at [www.tnla.org](http://www.tnla.org) or [www.lib.utk.edu/~tla/](http://www.lib.utk.edu/~tla/)!

James Staub has done a beautiful job of artfully displaying pre-conference and conference events over three days. Click on one of the days and a colorful grid appears; click on a title and you're transported to more information on the session. You can also reach session descriptions by clicking on the day's list.

We have some great headliners and programs to keep you hopping. Tell us you're having difficulty in deciding what to leave out, and you'll make us very happy!

The online conference registration form is a work of beauty — click on the conference rate that applies to you and it appears in the subtotal. Fill in the blanks, print it out and mail. Postmarks of March 10 will get you early registration prices! Contact any of the Conference Committee Co-Chairs if you need more information. Remember: This conference was created for you — you're cordially invited!

— Susan Rogers & Penny Frere  
2005 Conference Co-Chairs

## TLA 2005 PRE-CONFERENCE GENEALOGISTS, TAKE NOTE!



403 Seventh Avenue North, Nashville

## TOUR OF STATE LIBRARY & ARCHIVES

**Preservation & Arrangement of  
Archival Manuscript  
Collections**

**Wednesday, April 6, 2005  
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**

One of the most amazing and important collections in Tennessee history has just been processed: the EH Crump Collection. The 337 acid-free boxes contain thousand of letters, campaign materials, photographs, personal items, and correspondence with presidents. The person overseeing all of this work, G. Wayne Dowdy, will be one of the presenters at the TLA all-day pre-conference, "Preservation and Arrangement of Archival Manuscript Collections, with Tour of the State Library and Archives" on April 6, from 9:00-4:30.

This pre-conference session will give librarians, genealogists, and other history buffs an introduction to standard archival practices in the preservation and arrangement of archival manuscript collections. You will learn how to clean and repair historical documents, arrange them in a usable order, and compose a detailed finding aid. Add to this winning package the knowledge of Carol Roberts, the other presenter (and archivist from the Tennessee State Library and Archives), and the fact, that the cost to attend is a mere \$25, and you've got a day full of learning opportunities at a very reasonable price!

Visit [www.tnla.org](http://www.tnla.org) to obtain a registration form and send it in ASAP! The cut off date for registration will be March 12.

## MSCPLIC Happenings and News



### Randolph Branch Grand Reopening Shines

The Randolph Branch's Grand Reopening in January was a welcome sight to the community as it had been closed for renovations since last April.

As the one of the oldest branches in the system, Randolph is back in business with interior and exterior improvements highlighting the changes. Renovations also included a new HVAC system, larger restrooms, and an improved staff area. The branch also received a repaved parking lot, new shelving, new furniture, and new signage.

"The Randolph Branch renovation will provide the customers of this community with newer and improved library services and technology," said Kam McHugh, Randolph Branch Manager. "There are more computers, wireless Internet for laptop users, an improved meeting room, and many other features that will benefit the community."

Randolph features 16 Internet accessible computers and wireless access for laptops. The branch serves 12 schools and hosts a circulation collection of 27,000 books, DVD's, tapes and other materials.

Built in 1956, the Randolph Branch first opened in 1957 as the third branch of the Memphis Public Library, joining the Vance (renamed Cornelia Crenshaw) and Highland Branches. The Branch was named for William Mortimer Randolph, a member of the first Board of Trustees of the Cossitt Library from 1888 until his death in 1916. When the Branch opened, his son Wassell Randolph was president of the Library Board of Trustees. Most recently, a relative of William Randolph, Carl R. Olsen, served as a Trustee from 1974-1980.

— Devin Misko,  
Communications Specialist, MSCPLIC

### Leadership MSCPLIC Follows Community Models

Leadership development and succession planning are long-term goals for the Library and to meet those goals, a staff committee will soon incorporate its own model for staff training and advancement.

Leadership MSCPLIC is based on existing and successful programs, such as Leadership Mem-

phis and Leadership Bartlett, which are tailored for each community. The 9-month program will be based on the library's mission and community impact.

"We want Leadership MSCPLIC graduates to understand what it takes to be a leader, increase their self-confidence, and establish a network of support throughout the system so that they can continue to develop personally and professionally once the program is over," said Gay Cain, Bartlett Branch Manager and Leadership Steering Committee Chairperson.

Leadership program objectives include developing visionary leadership through practical hands-on experience and classroom training sessions, developing awareness of external and internal social and political influences impacting the Library, and developing proactive strategies to address a shifting workplace environment.

— Devin Misko

### Foundation For The Library Anniversary *Celebrating 10 Years of Satisfying the Library's Need to Grow*

In 1995, a group of 30 Memphis community leaders (philanthropists, business executives, attorneys, and a US District judge), came together to make up the Foundation for the Library board. They took on the responsibility to fill the gap between government funding and the cost of the new Central Library.

While public money constructed most of the building, private funding was needed for furniture, fixtures, collection enhancements, a small endowment, and equipment (to include computers and other technological advancements).

Today, 10 years later, The Foundation for the Library's fundraising efforts continue to produce system-wide enhancements seen in all the branches, not just the new Central Library. The capital campaign goal was to raise \$20 million. The Foundation raised \$21.5 million and has raised \$23 million in total giving to date.

Dr. E. Charles Leonard, Chairman of the Foundation for the Library, has stated that there are a handful of amenities that, when well-done, distinguish a great city. One of these, in his view, is "a rich, vibrant and responsive public library system. There is probably no other public or private organization in Greater Memphis that serves such a widely representative group. As a result, the library system harmoniously bridges differences in gender, race, ethnicity, age and occupation."

Since it was created, the Foundation has

done its homework on the library system and gotten an in-depth overview of its services.

The Library Foundation Board, a group of private citizens united by a common passion for this unique civic asset, supports, champions and publicizes, in every possible way, the merits of the MSCPLIC. This represents one of those rare times when the interests of everyone in the community are served by advancing a specific and well-defined program that covers so many needs.

"These individuals have a passionate belief in the need for our community to have the best possible library system," said Betty Anne Wilson, Assistant Director for Library Advancement and Foundation liaison.

— Devin Misko

### WYPL Technology Enhancements Help Provide Greater Library Visibility

Thanks to recently implemented technology enhancements at WYPL TV18, the Library now satisfies the customers' need to know on a full-time basis through the television airwaves.

WYPL's installation of a new digital automation system in Master Control allowed an increase in on-air programming, as well as reducing the reliance on manual loading of programming for playback.

"The increased number of broadcast hours will enhance the Library's visibility in the community and in turn will allow us to be more efficient production-wise as a staff," said Tommy Warren, WYPL TV18 Manager.

The Library previously only broadcast 11 hours per day during the week and only a few hours on weekends. With a fully automated system, the Library now broadcasts 24 hours a day, every day.

WYPL enhancements also allow programs, promotional spots, and public service announcements to be imbedded in the system for as long as they are needed. A daily playback file, which is created at a separate work station and then sent to the automation system each day, also provides the capability of adding and deleting elements on a daily basis.

WYPL TV18 programming includes education programming such as *Jabberblabber*, the children's show which is a companion to the popular magazine; informational programs by officials from local and state government; and entertainment programs such as *Memphis Sounds*, hosted by radio legend George Klein. WYPL TV18 is available to area Time Warner cable television subscribers.

— Devin Misko

## News from Lincoln Memorial University

### Bible Attends Salzburg Seminar

From October 24-30, 2004, Donna Bible, Library Director at the Carnegie-Vincent Library, joined a group of 67 librarians from 22 different countries in the Leopoldskron Palace in Salzburg, Austria for a weeklong seminar to discuss challenges facing libraries worldwide. The Salzburg Seminar is a leading forum for promoting global dialogue on issues of pressing international concern. Founded in 1947, the Seminar is dedicated to promoting the free exchange of ideas, viewpoints, and understanding in a neutral, cross-cultural environment.

The session "Libraries in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" focused on the momentous challenges and opportunities facing libraries worldwide. Libraries have needed to continuously re-vision their purpose and operations as they toggle between maintaining their traditional organizational purpose, yet remaining on the cutting edge of technological innovation. For example, in the past five years, the Carnegie-Vincent Library has secured over 40 electronic databases and more than 30,000 electronic books. At the same time, it has enhanced its position within the community and is even planning to add a coffee shop to broaden its appeal to the public.

Despite massive changes in the ways in which librarians provide access to information, the purpose of the library remains relatively unchanged. The library continues to serve as a safe-haven for individuals to secure information that enriches their lives. Libraries around the world remain focused on preserving and collecting the significant historic legacies of

### ETLA Meeting News and Announcement

East Tennessee Library Association's January meeting and program were rousing successes. Fifteen students from the School of Information Science's ALA chapter came to the meeting, and many said that they appreciated being included in it. Most attendees stayed for the hands-on session by SIS students, Beverly Simmons and Mary Barolini, entitled "Hacking Google." The well-organized class was very interesting and included up-to-the-minute Google features. Many thanks to Beverly and Mary for all of the hard work they put into creating the program. ETLA looks forward to partnering with SIS once again next year!

ETLA's upcoming meeting is scheduled for March 16, from 5:30-7 at UTK's Hodges Library (for the meeting and program). The documentary will start at 7, and we'd love for as many people as possible to stay for that as well. For more information, people can contact Laura Vaughn at [Vaughn\\_LP@roanestate.edu](mailto:Vaughn_LP@roanestate.edu).

their surroundings. As they collect and create access to the written word and imagery of their cultural landscape, they continuously re-create diverse methods of access to information and interpretation so as to ensure legacy resources for future generations. In many countries, libraries have emerged changed and strengthened by this period of transition, with a renewed sense of civic mission, social responsibility, and public purpose.

Among the many questions and concerns discussed at the Salzburg Seminar, participants explored the need for vibrant libraries as cultural centers; for strategically visioning and ensuring equal access to information for all people regardless of race, creed, national origin or gender. Community residents worldwide need access to health, economic, social and political information in order to understand the world around them. While technology has expanded the audience and desire for information, ensuring equitable access, using and interpreting the plethora of information sources has never been more complex. As the environment changes in response to over-industrialization and over-population, libraries are rebuilding their structures to encourage social interaction and community involvement. Librarians around the world are witnessing a rebirth of their mission as they continue to position themselves at the heart of their communities.

Donna Bible has served as the Director of the Carnegie-Vincent Library of Lincoln Memorial University for 5 1/2 years. Her previous work experience includes working as a Library Systems Administrator at Dumbarton Oaks of

Harvard University, as Slavic Cataloger at the University of Pittsburgh, and as a Junior Fellow at the Library of Congress. She holds a B.A. in Russian Studies from the University of Virginia and a Masters in Library and Information Sciences from the University of Pittsburgh. In the summer of 2003, Ms. Bible attended the Bryn Mawr Institute for Women in Higher Education Administration.

### LMU Awarded Preservation Grant

LMU has been awarded a \$5,000 Preservation Assistance Grant. The grant will achieve the following objectives: Seek consultative services of a preservation consultant to make an onsite visit to survey the environmental conditions of the Carnegie-Vincent Library and the Abraham Lincoln Library and Museum. The consultant will advise us on issues related to environmental control; help us monitor gaseous pollutants and biological contaminants such as mold; and assist us in developing a plan to improve environmental conditions in both buildings. Support for our project will enable us to address conditions that we fear may be damaging the archives and historical legacy materials. It will allow us to understand and develop a systemic approach to protecting our collection. Conforming to preservation standards and best practices will enable us to expand our efforts to promote and protect the historical legacy of LMU, thereby advancing humanities-based scholarship and our region's rich Appalachian culture.

— Submitted by Melissa Byrd,  
User Services Librarian,

## Squires Library Selected By National Video Resources for World War I Series

Squires Library at Lee University has been selected as one of the 50 program sites across the nation to host the viewing and discussion series *World War I: America Becomes a World Power* (sponsored by ALA and National Video Resources). Although Squires Library was not selected as one of the 25 sites to receive additional funds for a scholar honorarium and training in Chicago, we are still thrilled. We plan to work with other local organizations to promote this as a community event.

Squires Library received letters of support and cooperation from Lee University President Dr. Paul Conn, Squires Library director Dr. Donald Smeeton, and Joe Hamilton, di-

rector of the Museum Center at Five Points (which is going to set up a WWI exhibit during that week). We also plan to send invitations to local history professors and their students, colleges and universities in our region, and to promote the event through area media sources and Tennessee libraries.

The grant proposal was written by librarians Louis F. Morgan and Jean Cochran, both of whom will serve as the local directors for the series. Dr. Robert Barnett, a history professor at Lee University, will serve as the scholar to moderate the discussions.

— Louis Morgan  
PR Committee Co-Chair

## Bits and Pieces From Across the State

### Knox County on Cutting Edge of Downloadable Audio Book Technology

Because of new technology at the Knox County Public Library, reading books is a lot easier now. You won't need your glasses; you don't even have to go to the library to check them out. All you need is a library card and some kind of digital recorder. You can now download new bestselling books from the comfort of your home and listen to them at your leisure.

Mary Pom Claiborne, communications administrator for the Knox County Public Library, said Knox County is the first library system in the state, and one of the first in the country, to give readers the opportunity to download books via the Internet. It is necessary to have a library card and a computer, but the process takes place through the library Web site: <http://Knoxcounty.org/Library>.

The cost for the first year is \$18,000, and countless hours have been spent in getting the program up and running. Claiborne says there are some 700 to 1,000 current books of fiction, nonfiction and poetry from which to choose.

[Excerpted from "Digital Books Latest Technology to Check Out at Library," by Ina Hughes in the Feb. 22 issue of *The Knoxville News Sentinel* (<http://tinyurl.com/6n3vc>)]

### Coupon Exchange at Stokely Library

Because of the efforts of a volunteer, Stokely Memorial Library now has a coupon exchange.

Jan Parks, who moved to the Cocke County area last year, wanted a way to spend her time and help others. Parks said she has been a coupon user for sometime, but since her retirement a year ago, she wanted a hobby to help pass time. She visited the library and noticed some coupons on the "freebie" table near the entrance.

"I saw the coupons laying there and the librarians told me that there had been a coupon exchange here in the past, but it kind of fizzled out. I said I'd be willing to get a coupon exchange going again," said Parks.

For the last couple of months, Parks has been making weekly visits to the library to sort and organize coupons. "The coupon exchange has been slow thus far, but it is beginning to pick up. I don't think enough people really know that this coupon exchange is here."

Stokely Memorial Library Director Meschelyn Barrett said that she appreciates Parks volunteering to organize a coupon exchange.

"I think it is a great asset to the library and I appreciate Jan taking the time to do this coupon exchange. I hope patrons will take advantage of this service," said Barrett.

[Excerpted from "Stokely Library Now Offers Coupon Exchange," by Kathy Hemsworth in the Jan. 20 issue of *The Newport Plain Talk* (<http://tinyurl.com/4p9lg>)]

### Library Promotes "Murder"

As Hank Miranda, dressed as an unattractive woman, claiming to be an undercover officer, went from table to table pointing out those in the room alleged to have committed crimes, his cohort, Joe Carmen, who said he was a detective, described their offenses. Miranda was portrayed by Jacques Contois and Carmen by Gene Shambaugh.

It turns out the search for suspects was all part of an amusing plot by Anna Porter Public Library Director Kenton Temple to sell some tickets to "Murder, Medium Rare," a mystery dinner theater being hosted by the library as a fund-raiser.

Set for 6 p.m. Sat., Feb. 26, in the American Legion Hall at Gatlinburg, "Murder, Medium Rare" will feature a cast of local celebrities who will lead their adult guests through endless clues and mayhem while they enjoy a dinner and participate in solving the mystery.

Temple, who has long wanted to do a murder mystery, said the money raised from the event will fund library programming, such as speakers on area issues, book authors for signings, or entertainment for childrens' programs.

[Excerpted from "Two Arrested for Poor Impersonations," by Candice Grimm in the Feb. 12 issue of *The Mountain Press* (<http://tinyurl.com/5c43j>)]

### Retired Librarian's Sock Monkeys Charm Ellen

Sara [Hope] retired as a librarian [Moore County, TN] and decided to start making "sock monkeys," which I'm told is some sort of toy made from socks. Gramma Sara also is a big fan of Ellen's daytime talk show, so she made a sock monkey looking like Ellen, complete with khaki pants, sneakers, vest and blond hair. Ellen loved it and put said sock monkey on the show in November. Thrilling, but that wasn't enough for sock-loving Gramma Sara and her family.

Gramma Sara made a few more sock monkeys, including one that looked like the mayor of Lynchburg, and she dispatched her granddaughter, Sara Grace Womack, 9, to do a "roving reporter" video segment for Ellen. In the report, lll' Sara Grace interviews sock monkeys about the effect the Ellen sock monkey has had on the town of Lynchburg.

Ellen again loved it, and she ended up calling lll' Sara Grace on the air and inviting the 9-year-old and her mama to L.A. to be on the show live. The program aired on Mar. 3.

[Excerpted from "Someone Had Too Much Lynchburg Lemonade," in the Mar. 1 issue of *The Tennessean* (<http://tinyurl.com/6s86r>)]

### Fairview Library Celebrates Home of 15 Years

The Fairview Library has been in existence since the early 60's when two community activists saw a need for a library branch in Fairview, but this Friday the community is invited to an open house celebrating a smaller milestone - 15 years serving

the community at their present location, 2240 Fairview Boulevard.

"We recognize the efforts of those who originally started the library in Fairview, but this Friday is a celebration of our presence in our current building," explained head librarian Kathy Grimenstein.

"The past 15 years has been a special time for the Williamson County Public Library System. This library has grown to be the busiest branch in the county," Grimenstein said. Considering the growth across the county in the last fifteen years, that is quite a feat for the Fairview community.

"We will celebrate our future as we review the past," Grimenstein commented.

In addition to touring the facility, library visitors will see a video viewing of the 1989 groundbreaking for the current facility; refreshments will be served.

The history of the library dates back to the fall of 1963 when Mrs. Walter Carlisle and Mrs. Ed Fryar with the Del Rio Home Demonstration Club approached the county about the need for a library branch in the Fairview area.

[Excerpted from "Library at Home for 15 Years," by Nancy Stephens in the Feb. 15 issue of *The Fairview Observer* (<http://tinyurl.com/7x87l>)]

## Tennesseans In Typeset

**Deadly Illusions** by **Chester D. Campbell** (Durton House). The third book in Campbell's Greg McKenzie mystery series, a young woman hires Greg and Jill McKenzie to check her husband's background, then disappears herself. Campbell is a UT graduate and Nashville native, now residing in Madison, TN.

**Alternative Atlanta** by **Marshall Boswell** (Delacorte Press). One review calls it, "a heartfelt and...funny story that is at its essence, about the pain of growing up -- especially when you put it off for a decade or two." Boswell is an associate professor of English at Rhodes College in Memphis.

**Tom Singarella**, PhD, Director of the Library of the Health Sciences at the UTHealth Science Center in Memphis, has authored a white paper for the Association of Academic Health Science Libraries, "An Overview of Institutional Repositories. Working Paper." Available online at <https://kuscholarworks.ku.edu/dspace/handle/1808/216...> **Michal Strutin**, a student at SIS and resident of Johnson City, TN, published an article in the Feb. 2005 issue of *American Libraries* entitled "Libraries Saving Lives in Iraq." See more details about this article on page 14...

**Chrissie Anderson Peters** has published an article for LIS-career.com entitled "Supervising Students: Sore Spots, Strategies, and Success." It is available at [http://www.liscareer.com/peters\\_students.htm](http://www.liscareer.com/peters_students.htm).

## Library is Local Provider of 2-1-1 Service

Every day, someone in the Mid-South needs essential services — from finding substance-abuse counseling to securing adequate care for a child or an aging parent. Faced with an increase in the number of agencies and help lines, people often don't know where to turn. Now the answer is to simply dial 2-1-1, the fastest way to access community services and information. The Library's LINC Department is the local provider of 2-1-1 in the Memphis area.



At the 2-1-1 kick-off, held on National 2-1-1 Day, February 11, bunches of balloons were delivered all over the city to let people know that this new phone number has arrived. Dial 2-

1-1 for information and referrals for:

- Basic Human Needs Resources: food banks, clothing closets, shelters, rent assistance, utility assistance.
- Physical and Mental Health Resources: Medicaid and Medicare, maternal health, children's health, medical information lines, crisis intervention, support groups, drug and alcohol intervention and rehabilitation.
- Employment Supports: job training, transportation assistance, education programs.
- Support for Older Americans and Persons with Disabilities: adult day care, Meals on Wheels, respite care, home health care, transportation, homemaker services.
- Support for Children, Youth and Family

- lies: childcare, after school programs, family resource centers, summer camps and recreation programs, tutoring.
- Volunteer Opportunities: find out where your talents could best be used.

LINC maintains a large, comprehensive database of human services organizations, government agencies and volunteer groups, which can now be accessed by dialing 2-1-1.

2-1-1 hours are Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday – Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. 2-1-1 services are accessible to the hearing-impaired by calling TTY 415-2701. 2-1-1 services through LINC are provided in conjunction with the United Way of the Mid-South.

— Devin Misko,  
Communication Specialist,  
MSCPLIC

## Newcomers and Names to Know

**Mitzi Brown**, Technical Services Librarian and System Administrator, Luther L. Gobbel Library, Lambuth University, has accepted a position as Senior Project Manager with OCLC... **Jill Daniel** is the new Senior Library Circulation Assistant at Jackson State... **Veronica Jones** is the new Library Public Services Assistant at Jackson State... Due to Jud Barry's recent resignation as TENN-SHARE President, **Judy Drescher** is now President, and will serve the remainder of this term, as well as her regular term of July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2007... **Suresh Ponnappa** has been appointed as Interim Vice President/President-Elect of TENN-SHARE, to serve until June 30, 2005... **Carolyn Head** recently accepted a position with a library system in Mississippi as Assistant Director for Public Services... **Carla Jacobs** has assumed leadership of the Public Library Section of TLA upon Carolyn Head's departure from that post. Carla has been with Shiloh Regional Library since October, 2000. Before that she spent 16 years working in academic libraries, starting out as an ILL Librarian and ending up as Dean of Library and Teaching Learning Center. She completed the MLIS from UTK in 1982, and also holds a Masters of Education from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and an EdD from the University of Memphis... **Secretary of State Riley C. Darnell** was re-elected for a fourth four-year term by a unanimous vote of a joint session of the Tennessee General Assembly on January 12, 2005... **Diane Baird** retired from her position at

MTSU in December and is now enjoying the "Good Life." **Rachel Kirk**, User Services Librarian, has been appointed to the position of Collection Management Librarian for Acquisitions. **Karen Dearing** and **Amy York** have been hired on a temporary basis to provide reference service to the MTSU community. Karen has her MLS from the University of Alabama and Amy has her degree from the University of Tennessee... **Livy Simpson** is the new cataloging and interlibrary loan librarian at Volunteer State Community College in Gallatin. Originally from Nashville, she comes to Vol State from High Point, NC. Ms. Simpson has a MS degree in Information Sciences from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and an MA degree in US history from the University of Iowa. Ms. Simpson has a deep-rooted interest in history and genealogy. She is the co-author of *Remember the Ladies: The Women of Mount Olivet Cemetery* and has contributed articles to genealogical journals on military records, migration, and local history. She conducted historical research for several historic house museums in the Nashville Area... **Vivian Wynn**, retired from Nashville PL, is standing for re-election to an At-Large position on the ALA Council... Sue Knoche is running for Vice President/President Elect of ALA-LSSIRT... **Dale Poulter** from Vanderbilt is running for an At-Large position on ALA Council... **Tiffani Conner**, formerly of UT, but currently working at the University of Connecticut — and still a TLA member — is running for NMRT Councilor and SRRT Ac-

tion Council... **Aaron Dobbs** of Austin Peay has been invited to be on a task force that will evaluate the results of the ALA Office of Information Technology Policy USA-PATRIOT Act survey. Aaron also serves as the OITP Advisory Committee Intern and is also the TENN-SHARE Webmaster... **David Atkins** of UTK is running for Vice-Chair/Chair Elect of the Reference and User Services Association's (RUSA) new section, STARS (Sharing and Transforming Access to Resources Section)... **Donald Smeeton** of Squires Library at Lee University will stand for a Board position in the Association of Christian Librarians. The office, called Director at Large for Special Projects, is a three year term and the election will be this summer... **Michal Strutin**, a student in the UTK SIS distance education program, has been named one of three 3M/NMRT Professional Development Grant recipients this year. The award provides airfare, hotel accommodations, conference registration fees, and daily expenses to recipients for the upcoming ALA Conference (to be held in Chicago this June). Michal follows in the footsteps of another TLA member in achieving this honor — last year, Tiffani Conner was one of the three recipients. Michal (who also recently published an article for *American Libraries* entitled "Libraries Saving Lives in Iraq" that featured our own Suresh Ponnappa), will finish her Masters in Information Sciences at SIS this semester — and is also about to become a first-time grandmother! Many congratulations on all fronts, Michal!

## Tennessee Library Legislative Day

On an unusually warm February day, library personnel and library supporters from across the State of Tennessee met at the Nashville Public Library for a morning of reports on the "state of libraries" in Tennessee. Speakers included TN Secretary of State Riley Darnell; Aubrey Mitchell (UTK Libraries); Dana Moore (Education Networks of America); Dr. Edwin Gleaves (TN State Librarian and Archivist); Jeanette Lambert and Diane Chen (representing the school libraries). Each spoke to the points that should be brought to the attention of State Legislators during the day's luncheon and in subsequent appointments with various legislators.

Preliminary statistics:

195 paid registrants: 168 actual attendees  
 41 counties (out of 95) were represented  
 61 libraries were represented

66 Legislators attended luncheon  
 (67 Legislators did not attend)

Watch for a more detailed report in the next issue of this *Newsletter!*

— Annelle Huggins,  
 TLA Executive Director



Kay Due, MSCPLIC



Chuck Sherrill, Brentwood Public Library



Dr. Ed Gleaves, TSLA



Aubrey Mitchell, UTK



TN Secretary of State, Riley Darnell



From Luncheon at Sheraton Downtown Nashville



Jeanette Lambert & Diane Chen, TASL



Morning Session at Nashville Public Library



Kay Due, MSCPLIC, & Beverly Marrero, Rep. from 89th Dist.



Claiborne Gayden & Diane Chen Talk



Vivian Wynn,  
 Legislative Committee Co-Chair



Gloria Coleman, TN Legislative Day Sub-Committee Co-Chair



Annelle Huggins, Hard At Work

### TLA Legislative Committee & Subcommittees, 2004-2005

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 Vivian Wynn, Co-Chair  
 Diane Chen  
 Gloria Coleman  
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 James Staub

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 Allison Roberts  
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 James Staub  
 Carolyn Head  
 Suzanne Freeman

#### Legislative Issues Subcommittee

James Staub, Co-Chair  
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 Ron Reid  
 Natalie Hristov

#### ALA National Legislative Day Subcommittee

Diane Chen, co-chair  
 Judy Greeson, co-chair  
 James Staub

## Executive Director's Dialogue

Ever wonder about what happens in the TLA office? It's January and the TLA office personnel are busily processing incoming membership renewals and Tennessee Library Legislative Day registrations. As February arrives, the office personnel prepare the official ballots for voting by current members, make name tags for Legislative Day, and begin preparation for the receipt of Annual Conference Registration forms. The TLA printer (Business and General Graphics of Memphis) is printing the Conference pre-registration booklet and will deliver it to the TLA mailing service (ByteMail of Memphis) for mailing to all previous year and current year TLA members. The printer and the mailing service will also handle the distribution of the TLA ballots. The TLA office personnel provide the electronic mailing lists and ascertain that all items are handled in a timely manner. During this time over 1000 pieces of mail and approximately 750 checks will be processed.

But it's a great time, because being this busy means that TLA is a vital organization with an active membership (as of Feb. 14, 609 members for 2005), who care and support libraries across the State of Tennessee.

However, there are still 287 members from 2004 who have not renewed for 2005. We look forward to receiving renewals from all 287 — which would give TLA its largest membership in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century! Reading this *Newsletter* should give you any number of reasons for being a member in such an active organization. Let us hear from you soon!

— Annelle Huggins,  
 TLA Executive Director



## TEL Phase II Update from TENN-SHARE

The **One-Step Access/Rapid Delivery Task Force**, chaired by David Atkins, is happy to report success! In early Fall the taskforce was in the Alpha phase of testing the ISO ILL request transmission standards between Auto-Graphics (AG) Agent and OCLC's ILLiad version 6.5+. While the initial testing was not successful, tests conducted at the end of January were successful. Tracy Luna (UT) and Eric Jung (AG) oversaw the testing process. While this may seem like a small step, it represents totally new ground for AG and provides enough encouragement to move on to further testing and investigations. David Atkins is now in contact with AG and other academic libraries using ILLiad to establish the next testing phase which will assess implementation, workflow, and utility. Committee members plan to meet with an AG representative at the TLA conference in April to discuss One-Step portal options.

The **Preserve and Share Task Force**, co-chaired by Ken Middleton and Aaron Purcell continues to move forward in leaps and bounds. On Nov. 30, an important lunch meeting was held at the Brentwood Library, the purpose of which was to inform members of the historical and education communities about the Volunteer Voices project. Guests included the State Historian, State Librarian and Archivist, the Director of the State Historical Commission, Director of the State Historical Society, and many others. The program included an oral and visual presentation about the national effort to develop state-wide digital history projects, and the vision of TEL II's Preserve and Share task force. Participants were enthusiastic about the project and expressed their interest and support. Several key participants later provided letters of support for the IMLS grant. The task force worked long and hard to develop the IMLS grant application which was sent in on Feb. 1. In preparation for the grant, the task force created an abstract describing Volunteer Voices and their project, "The Growth of Democracy in Tennessee: A Grass-Roots Approach to 'Volunteer Voices' Tennessee's Electronic Library." In addition they rewrote the Volunteer Voices mission statement (which now reads "Through the collaborative efforts of Tennessee archives, historical societies, libraries, and museums, the residents of Tennessee will have online access to the visual and oral record of Tennessee's history, culture, government, and industry. The project will also assist institutions in the digitization process through training, tools, technical guidance and documentation"). A detailed 3-year strategic plan was developed, outlining major task force goals. Overall goals include 1) Continue to develop good relationships with institutions that could serve as content

providers; 2) Continue to involve the K-12 community in the planning process; 3) Monitor and test technical options; 4) Provide multiple options for digitization training; 5) Promote the use of digitization standards to ensure the longevity, portability and interoperability of collections; 6) Continue to market Volunteer Voices to relevant groups; 7) Contribute to regional and national efforts in developing digital libraries. IMLS Grant Awards will be announced in September; we hope to be able to announce the acceptance of the proposal at the TENN-SHARE fall conference. Whether the grant is received or not, the Task Force should be congratulated on putting together a very detailed and impressive proposal. It is a glowing example of their total dedication to this very important aspect of TEL II.

The **Preserve and Share Task Force** has also made progress in planning for the integration of Volunteer Voices content in the K-12 curriculum. A K-12 task force has been formed and consists of history educators, school librarians, Brenda Abels (Social Studies Coordinator at the Department of Education), and Lisa Oakley (Curator of Education at East Tennessee Historical Society). Ms. Oakley has considerable experience integrating historical sources into the K-12 curriculum. We should consider a collaboration and coordination between this K-12 curriculum taskforce and the TEL Phase II training task force. A Volunteer Voices presentation will be made at the State Social Studies Conference (Nashville, March). Another one will be made at the TLA conference.

The **TEL II Training Task Force**, co-chaired by Margaret Casado and Teresa Walker, reports that they have conducted a number of TEL training sessions in East Tennessee, including LMU students in West Knoxville, Chuckey-Doak High School, Mosheim Elementary School, William Blount High School, Midtown Elementary School, Sevier County 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers, LMU students, Maryville High School, and Blount County K-5 Reading Conference attendees. Additionally, Margaret conducted a TEL presentation at the Tennessee Alliance for Continuing Higher Education, East Tennessee chapter.

The TEL II training taskforce coordinated two digitization workshops for Tennessee librarians in conjunction with Volunteer Voices. The workshops, held April 6-7, 2004, covered scanning basics, metadata entry, introduction to Photoshop and image manipulation, OCR software, and preservation tips and concerns.

They have created PowerPoint presentations for TEL training. These can be found at <http://www.lib.utk.edu/~elecserv/tel/teltraining.htm>. Online show-me files and tutorials for use in TEL training can be found at <http://www.lib.utk.edu/refs/tel/tel-links.html>.

We need to focus on expanding training efforts to other parts of the state. In October, Tricia Bengel

was appointed as the State Library's new coordinator of TEL. Tricia has conducted extensive training in her career and is already working with Marie Jones (TEL training coordinator). Marie will continue to chair the TEL training committee, but Tricia is now the contact person for requesting TEL training. We will explore ways in which she can become involved with TEL II training.

**Expanded Electronic Resources Task Force:** Expanding access to Electronic Databases continues to be a top priority for TEL II, but funding must be procured. In the extensive research conducted by the task force, they looked at several funding models for providing shared electronic resources. Out of this, they worked with DeAnne Luck, TENN-SHARE's Database Coordinator, to conduct a survey to determine which database would be the number one choice for each type of library. The survey ended in late January with Literature Resource Center being the first choice for academic libraries, Learn-A-Test for publics, and SIRS for schools. They are currently getting bids from the three vendors.

**Meeting with State Officials:** Collaborating with State entities in order to promote the goals of TEL II has been an ongoing process for the co-chairs of the Steering Committee. In the past few months we have been in frequent communication with Tricia Bengel and we are encouraged by her insight, enthusiasm and willingness to work with us. A Feb. 14 meeting is slated with Dr. Gleaves, Secretary Darnell, Susan Daughy (TEL liaison in the Department of Education), Kimberly Buck (with the DOE), and Tricia to discuss Tel II initiatives, especially the expansion of Electronic Resources. We have outlined some of the ways in which we think these agencies can work together to make the best use of talent, time and resources. We will ask the DOE for direct support of TEL and TEL II initiatives by providing funds, by supporting Sec. Darnell and Dr. Gleaves when they ask the Legislature for TEL funds, by providing letters of endorsement for any future grant proposals, and by appointing appropriate DOE personnel to TEL II task forces perhaps even as a member of the Advisory committee. We will ask for their support in TEL and TEL II training efforts by helping us create and distribute training materials, encouraging superintendents and other school leaders to seek TEL training and to count it toward professional development. We will also ask them to help us in marketing efforts through communications with school systems and state professional organizations.

— Aubrey Mitchell, UT Knoxville and Cathy Evans, St. Mary's Episcopal School Co-Chairs, TEL Phase II Steering Committee

# THE UNIVERSITY of TENNESSEE

## School of Information Sciences

### Dr. Doug Raber to Leave SIS

SIS Interim Director Dr. Doug Raber has accepted a position as tenured associate professor at the University of Missouri, beginning this July. SIS has a search already underway to hire the school's next director, who is expected to begin July 1.

"This opportunity had my name written all over it," says Dr. Raber. "Missouri's School of Information Science & Learning Technologies recently received a half-million dollar grant to fund the next generation of public library faculty, and they asked me to help shepherd nine Ph.D. students through the program and on to national public library leadership positions."

"It was an offer too good to refuse. I feel sad about leaving the School of Information Sciences—this has been a great experience for me. But my new position seems tailor made to my background, research interests, and teaching goals. I wasn't looking for a position—this one came and found me."

An associate professor at the University of Tennessee since 1997, Dr. Raber has taught courses in Information Policy, Public Library Management and Services, and Foundations of Information Sciences and Technology. His research focus examines how information policy, First Amendment and copyright issues relate to public libraries.

His new position at Missouri will fully utilize this expertise, especially since his role will include fostering collaborations between Missouri's graduate library program and the Truman School of Public Affairs.

"SIS has some outstanding candidates for director who will visit the school soon and interview," says Raber, who expects "the transition of leadership to be seamless."

### Dr. Wang Awarded Research Grant

Information Sciences Associate Professor Dr. Peiling Wang is among three researchers nationwide to win an OCLC/ALISE Library and Information Science Research Grant Program award. Each grant winner was awarded \$15,000 to "foster high-quality research in schools of library and information science," according to a press release from the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC).

Dr. Wang and others were presented their awards at a reception during the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) Annual Conference in Boston on January 13.

Dr. Peiling Wang is an associate professor at the University of Tennessee School of Information Sciences. Her project, "A Dual Approach to Web Query Mining: Towards Conceptual Representations of Information Needs," combines quantitative and qualitative techniques to mine (collect) users online search queries in order to generate concept maps of user's information needs. Dr. Wang expects her research to help form a basis for redesigning user-systems so that the architecture behind search engines can be designed to better anticipate user searching needs.

### IS Student Honored at Society Banquet

The Delta Kappa Gamma chapters of Knoxville honored the information sciences in November at an award ceremony in Knoxville. Fourteen women educators were honored and School of Information Sciences' graduate student Terri Lampkin was awarded \$1,000 as their Grant-In-Aid scholarship recipient.

"Each year we present a scholarship to a deserving student who exemplifies the leadership qualities that Delta Kappa Gamma represents," said Pam Jackson, president of Knoxville's Beta Phi chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. "We selected Terri because of her teaching experience with Knox County Schools, her enthusiasm, and continued interest in public education."

Lampkin embodies the organization's mission to help promote professional growth of professional women educators and excellence in education. Lampkin taught English for 12 years at Central and Farragut High Schools and plans to return to teaching after obtaining her M.S. degree.

Associate professor Dr. Dania Bilal was guest speaker and spoke about the range of expertise and possibilities offered by the School of Information Sciences.

The last time the society honored library and information sciences was in 1987.

Four local chapters sponsored the awards ceremony, out of some 80 Delta Kappa Gamma chapters across Tennessee. The event was held in memory of Mrs. Dean C. Sanders, former librarian at Bearden Elementary School and 1972 alumna of the Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences.

### Nominations Sought for Alumni Honor

Do you know a classmate who has demonstrated professional achievement or leadership in the field of library or information sciences? We would like to know!

The SIS Alumni Board encourages all alums to nominate worthy classmates who you believe would honorably represent the School of Information Sciences (formerly the Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences). The award will be announced at the next annual Alumni & Friends Day 2005 next May (see more information on page 15).

Please send your nominations to alumni board past-president Thura Mack at [mack@aztec.lib.utk.edu](mailto:mack@aztec.lib.utk.edu) or 152 Hodges Library, 1015 Volunteer Blvd, Knoxville, TN 37996-1000. The nomination deadline is April 1, 2005.

Please review the award criteria (<http://www.sis.utk.edu/alumni/distinguished/>) before making a nomination.

### SIS Student Gains National Exposure

A feature article by Information Sciences graduate student Michal Strutin appears in the February issue of *American Libraries* and explores the state of medical libraries in Iraq.

Entitled, "Libraries Saving Lives in Iraq," the article examines a multi-pronged effort to bring life-saving medical information to Iraqi libraries by providing electronic resources and training. Strutin chronicles Suresh Ponnappa's visits to Iraq and his work to provide access to current medical information.

Strutin is the author of 8 books; her most recent volume is *History Hikes of the Smokies*, published by Great Smoky Mountains Association in 2003. She has published articles in *Rolling Stone*, *New York Times*, *USA Today*, *the Christian Science Monitor*, and the *Chicago Tribune*, among others. You can read more about Michal Strutin at <http://www.michalstrutin.com/index.htm>. She is planning to graduate from SIS this spring.

### Students' Research Efforts Honored

Marques Stewart and Xiang "Julie" Zhou were honored recently with awards for best graduate student papers presented at the 2005 College of Communication and Information Research Symposium where they both presented research. Stewart won for Best Paper presented by a student in a Masters program (IS). His paper is entitled, "Japan and the United States -- An Information Access Policy Comparison." Zhou, who is pursuing a Ph.D., won for her presentation titled "Online Profiling: Litigation Developments Regarding the Cookies Used for Commercial Transactions."

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

## More Upper-Northeast Tennessee Counties to Launch Imagination Library Program

The long awaited time has come! Washington County, Carter County, Johnson County and Unicoi County are holding the official kick-off event on Friday, March 4, 2005, at 1:30 p.m. at the International Storytelling Center in downtown Jonesborough. Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen will be a part of the celebration, reading *The Little Engine That Could* to the children. The County Mayors of the four counties will also be in attendance.

Everyone is welcome, especially children in the Imagination Library's target age range of birth to the fifth birthday. The Washington County-Jonesborough Library is putting together a goody bag for each child in this age range (with some help from the new Wal-Mart in Elizabethton, TN — one of Carter County's newest business partners. Light refreshments will also be served. So please come.

For more information, please contact Lusetta at 423-477-1550 or Pat or Kate at 423-753-1800.

— Lusetta Slagle  
Branch Librarian

Washington County/Gray Branch Library

[A fuller account of this event will be brought to you in the next issue of *TLAN*.]

Read Across America participants at Northeast State  
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Dr. Carole Shaw Reads *The Cat in the Hat*  
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## Sullivan County Imagination Library and Northeast State Partner for Read Across America Day Fun

On a cold and weather-weary March 2, members of the Sullivan County Imagination Library (SCIL) Council joined forces with Northeast State Community College and NSCC's Student Tennessee Education Association (STEA), for a morning of celebration, information, and great books galore in the Reference Room of the Wayne G. Basler Library at NSCC's Blountville campus.

The event was to be a media blitz, sharing SCIL's successes thus far, making the case for "forever funding," and thanking those who have made the project possible thus far in Sullivan County. The main attraction was going to be the presentation of the Proclamation granting operation privileges — signed by none other than Dolly Parton herself — to the Sullivan County Commissioners (the Proclamation will hang proudly in the Sullivan County Courthouse). But then it occurred to us: If Imagination Library is for the kids, wouldn't it be a wonderful tie-in to hold this sort of celebratory ceremony in conjunction with this year's Read Across America Day activities at Northeast State?

What resulted became a true community effort and therefore, another community success. The Kingsport Chamber of Commerce's Nicole Austin headed up PR for the event and mailed invitations once they were prepared. Brenda Webb, SCIL Fundraising Chair stuffed envelopes with donation information to be accompanied by invitations to the event to past donors and local business and political figures; Chrissie Anderson Peters stuffed the invitations into the envelopes. Meanwhile, the Bristol Chamber of Commerce busily printed out certificates of appreciation and worked on securing donations of refreshments from Food City on Euclid Ave. in Bristol, VA (the Bristol Chamber serves Bristol in both states).

At NSCC, Peters secured volunteers to read for the event — Sullivan County Mayor Richard Venable volunteered to read *The Little Engine That Could*, the first book received by each child upon being registered in the IL program; Dr. Carole Shaw, NSCC VP for Student and Academic Affairs selected *The Cat in the Hat* as her book; and Ms. Katie Yates, Director of Institutional Advancement at NSCC — and former Spanish instructor — chose to share *Huevos Verdes con Jamon* (better known to most of us as *Green Eggs and Ham*). Dr. Shaw headed up the effort to work in conjunction with NSCC's Machine Tool program to develop a unique gift for some of our special partners in the SCIL program. The result was a beautiful paperweight bearing a modified version of the IL logo, designed by student Tonya Towers — an Engineering major at NSCC, but also an employee for a child care facility in Blountville. STEA coordinated the reception efforts and enlisted STEA Officer Nathan Rogers to play the part of The Cat in the Hat at the event. STEA also made up goody-bags and came up with games for the children to play at the reception.

Approximately 70 people assembled for the event — children of students, a group from Wheeler Child Care, representatives from the business and political communities, SCIL Council members, and more than a few book-loving NSCC employees! The group was welcomed by Dr. Bill Locke, NSCC President. Margie Maddux, Communications Officer for the Governor's Books from Birth Foundation made the Proclamation presentation to Mayor Venable. A smashing success, everyone had fun and celebrated a great cause in Sullivan County.

— Chrissie Peters, SCIL PR Chair

## 2005 Friends & Alumni Day

early history while remembering our own library/IS roots. Join fellow alumni and friends while learning more about Knox County Archives and the Historical Collection for genealogical and historical research. Talks and tours by SIS Interim Director Doug Raber, Steve Cotham, reference manager of the McClung Historical Collection at the East Tennessee History Center (ETHC), and UT Chancellor Emeritus Bill Snyder, promise to deliver a substantive and fun day for all. Everyone is invited to participate in this Saturday afternoon learning experience.

**What:** 2005 Alumni & Friends Day

**When:** Sat., May 21, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Dinner optional.

**Where:** East Tennessee History Center

**Cost:** FREE, but please register at <http://www.sis.utk.edu/alumni>. Dinners are Dutch treat. **Schedule:** Doug Raber will begin the afternoon by providing a State of the Library School. Steve Cotham will speak and provide a behind-the-scenes tour of the renovated ETHC. At **4:00 p.m.**, we will walk across the street where Bill Snyder will lead us on a tour of the renovated Tennessee Theatre. At **5:00 p.m.**, you are invited to sign up for dinner with a library "mover and shaker" of your choice (TBA). For more about ETHC, visit <http://www.east-tennessee-history.org>.

— Joel Southern, Communications Specialist, SIS



STEA Officer Nathan Rogers, a.k.a. "The Cat"



Dr. Bill Locke, NSCC President



Margie Maddux, GBBF



Davina Kilgore, STEA President



Mayor Richard Venable with SCIL Proclamation



Sullivan County Mayor Venable Reading

## Nashville Nightlife (and Daylife) on the Cheap

When you hit the Nashville streets, you're after two things: cool and cheap. Not necessarily in that order.

A note first about hitting the streets: Nashville, like so many other Southern metropoloi, is very spread-out, has tons of unpredictable road construction, and has overpriced taxis. If you want to get out of the city core, take the bus. Nashville MTA's service is consistent, runs late into the evening, and they lowered many of their fares this year to \$1.10 a ride. The \$2.20 for an airport/Convention Center round trip on route 18 is way better than the \$20 that shuttles routinely charge. (Your hotel might offer a free shuttle service if you're flying in, but if you're traveling light and you factor in a tip for the shuttle driver, you still come out ahead on the bus.) Nashville MTA also has an all-day fare for \$3.25 that you can purchase on any bus. Luckily, the city core offers plenty to do in walking distance during your free moments at TLA 2005.

Nashville might have changed a lot since the last time you were here. Gone are what many might have considered the "un-cool" cultural icons that were Opryland, the Music Row knickknack shacks, and the Country Music Wax Museums (one of which went up for sale last year on eBay). Instead, clean corporate architecture towers overhead striving toward an era more "Beverly" and less "hillbilly." For those of you out there who revel in the post-modern splendor that still lives on in places like Pigeon Forge -- relax, Nashville does still celebrate its "not-so-business-climate" side. Pomo voyeurs can thrill at Nashville's premier visual arts museum's premier exhibit (located three blocks west of the Convention Center's Broadway face), featuring 50 super-sequined jackets, one for each state in the Union, designed by the man named Manuel, who also brought sparkly class to Dolly Parton's act (cost is \$8.50 adult/\$6.50 student).

And there is, of course, the extreme threat to our modern notions of authenticity, Nashville's full-scale replica of Athens' Parthenon. It is molded, not from marble, but from brown concrete amalgam. The sculpted figures are spectacular, albeit speculative guesses on the originals. The crowning glory, though, stands inside the building. At 42 feet tall and 12-tons heavy, the gilded statue of Athena Parthenos could easily smack down any fiberglass statue challenger, be it from the front lot of any Shoney's, butcher, or muffler repair shop in Tennessee (admission is \$4/adults -- located on Bus Route 3, about 2 miles west of the Convention Center).

Of course, Nashville will never willingly give up its tourist trap title of Music City, USA. In New Orleans, you can stumble through countless dens of ill-repute without ever getting a taxi; in Las Vegas, you can careen between casinos without ever seeing the sky; in Nashville, you hop between honky-tonks. And if you do it at the right time (and sober), you can do it for free.

The center of the honky-tonk universe is the world-famous Tootsie's Orchid Lounge (<http://www.Tootsies.net>). If there's a headliner at the Ryman, you can almost be guaranteed that he/se/they will pop by Tootsie's tiny venue after the set. For a feel of the halcyon honky-tonk days, complete with the occasional pick and grin, plan an afternoon of listening to great live music at Tootsies, then Robert's Western World (<http://www.RobertsWesternWorld.com>), Wolfy's, Legends, and Rippy's. All of them are on Broadway, and they should be open and without a cover early in the day (find these legendary establishments two blocks east of the Convention Center's Broadway face). You will also want to take a peek inside Hatch Show Print (<http://www.hatchshowprint.com>), the original letterpress for country music posters. Fans of Knoxville's Yee-Haw Industries (<http://www.YeeHawIndustries.com>), might like to come and see where Kevin Bradley was working before the Saints of Music series.

As your free afternoon on Broadway wanes into evening and you start thinking about a drink, you'll be in luck. Happy Hour in Nashville, like most places, is rarely a single hour. You can figure out beforehand which bars have which deals at which hours by searching the Web or checking out the ads in All the Rage (<http://www.NashvilleRage.com>), or the Nashville Scene (<http://www.NashScene.com>), once you get here. Most of the bars are in bar neighborhoods; similar to music, if you don't like the liquor prices, you can simply step next door. It's almost impossible to bar-hop without finding a really

good "2 for 1 deal." Three Happy Hours to note:

- Coyote Ugly: 11 a.m.-7 p.m., M-F: \$2 well drinks and \$2 longnecks (four blocks east of the Convention Center on 2nd Avenue, which hosts at least a million other bars; there's occasionally free pool upstairs at Buffalo Billiards.)
- Lipstick Lounge: 4 p.m.-7 p.m., Tu-F: \$1.50 Draft and "2-for-1" Well Drinks (about two miles east of the Convention Center at 1400 Woodland Street; Bus Routes 4 and 20; close to the East Nashville bar-cluster, closer to the primo music venue Radio Cafe).
- Two Doors Down: 2pm til 7pm M-F: all drinks half-off, excluding pitchers, wine & martinis (about two miles south of the Convention Center at 1524A Demonbreun Street on Bus Route 2; close to a few other bars and the giant "nekkid-people statue" by the same sculptor commissioned to construct the giant Athena).

After quenching your thirst, it's time to think about music again. And since this is Music City, USA, you've got more than merely honky-tonks to choose from. Most venues haven't released their April schedules yet, but you can pick up copies of All the Rage, the Nashville Scene, and the entertainment section of the Tennessean once you get here to feel-out what you're looking for. Just remember: "All ages" means "no alcohol" and "9PM" means "somewhere between 9:30 and 10." PBR tallboys are generally available for \$2. If you show up before 9PM on a weekday, you might be able to catch the show without paying the cover. And if you want to see something at the Ryman or the Bluebird Cafe, you'll need \$\$\$.

- Some venue suggestions:
- Although there aren't any available details right now, Tin Pan South, billed as America's largest music festival dedicated to songs and songwriters, will be surrounding TLA's Convention area and dates with more than 50 shows that range from \$5 to \$25.
- The 5 Spot is a good venue and has the added benefit of being right next to one of Nashville's two standing Carnegie libraries and a number of other bars (1006 Forrest Ave., Bus Routes 20 and 26; one library is next door at 206 Gallatin Road, the other library is across the river at 1001 Monroe Street).
- Family Wash, a non-smoking venue (2038 Greenwood Ave., Bus Route 4).
- Radio Cafe - my personal favorite (1313 Woodland Ave., Bus Routes 4 and 20).
- The Station Inn: hardcore bluegrass (402 12th Ave. S. in the blossoming "Gulch" district. Bus Route 17.)
- Windows on the Cumberland has a great view of the river, an intimate balconied interior, and cheap weekend cover charges (112 2nd Avenue N.)

If your cheap night of music appreciation and beverages didn't quite turn out to be as cheap as you'd hoped, pull your budget back in line with a cheap lunch. Downtown Nashville caters to the state employee lunch crowd, and there's plenty of ways to fill-up for less than \$5. You might try any of the gazillions of "meat and three" joints, all of which provide a hearty meal at a reasonable price. The China Cafe (208 4th Ave N., about five blocks from the Convention Center), House of Pizza (in the Arcade, 3 blocks north of the Convention Center), and the Farmers' Market (along the west side of Bicentennial Mall, about 8 blocks north of the Convention Center), all offer delicious cheap fare.

If you've still got cash burning a hole in your pocket, you can top off all of your savings on food and entertainment with a shopping spree. Some swear by the Opry Mills outlet stores, but I can guarantee that you'll not find cheaper books, clothes, exercise equipment, and furniture than at the Goodwill Outlet Store, where apparel sells for \$1.49 per pound (905 Ninth Ave. N.).

When we draw closer to April, you might also want to check out the Tennessean's "Ms. Cheap" (<http://Tennessean.com/saving/MsCheap>), who's bound to have some timely Nashville bargains up her sleeve.

— James Staub,  
Government Information Librarian  
Tennessee State Library and Archives

# ALA-APA Councilor Report on ALA Mid-Winter Meeting

January 2005 — Boston, Massachusetts

*“ALA is the leading advocate for the value of libraries and librarians in connecting people to recorded knowledge in all forms and the public’s right to a free and open information society.”* ALA: Ahead to 2010

## ALA Council/Executive Board/Membership Information Session, January 16, 2005:

- ALA closed the 2003/2004 fiscal year in the black (64,099 members and 86.49% retention rate)
- 2005 budget reflects continued slump in revenues
- ALA will extend the America’s Library program for 5 years
- ALA’s Strategic Plan activities at Mid-Winter will culminate in presentation of the final plan to Council for approval at Annual 2005 Conference in Chicago
- ALA online election will be ADA accessible

## ALA Council I, January 16, 2005:

- Ex. Director Fields reported that the Rural School, Tribal and Public Libraries’ website has been funded; expect to unveil website in Spring 2005 – This is in response to Council action at Annual 2004 in Orlando
- Freedom to Read President Gordon Conable died on Jan. 12, as he prepared to travel to Boston; his death was acknowledged by a moment of silence and a memorial service later in the Conference
- Approved Bylaws revision regarding nominations for At-Large Council positions: “The number of nominees shall not be fewer than 1 1/2 times the anticipated number of member-at-large vacancies to be filled at the next election.”

## ALA Council II, January 18, 2005:

- Nominees for ALA Honorary Membership (Dr. Lotsee F. Patterson, Nettie B. Taylor)
- Treasurer reported (Revenues increased 1.9% faster than expenses, Long-Term investments up 68%, Over 87% (\$37.5m) are directly related to program services)
- ALA Programmatic Priorities – FY 2006 (Diversity; Education and Continuous Learning; Equity of Access; Intellectual Freedom; 21<sup>st</sup> Century Literacy)
- Resolutions:
  1. On Workplace Speech - postponed to Annual 2005 for review by Legal Counsel - (Proposed resolution: Libraries should permit and encourage the full and free expression of views by staff on non-confidential professional and policy matters.)
  2. On Health Care: Approved (Resolved that ALA recognizes the importance of comprehensive health care for all Americans and its impact on libraries and their workers. Resolve that ALA joins the Universal Health Care Action Network.)
  3. To Ban Cell Phone Use During ALA Meetings and Programs: Defeated
  4. On School Libraries and the *No Child Left Behind Act*: Approved (Resolved that the Council of the American Library Association communicate through a letter from the President of ALA to the United States Congress, all members of the congressional committees related to education, President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush, and incoming Secretary of the Department of Education the important relationship between quality school library media programs and student achievement. Further resolved, that the Council of the American Library Association direct the Committee on Legislation to work with the Washington Office to continue to lobby for inclusion of school library standards of quality and expanded equitable funding in the revised *No Child Left Behind* legislation.)
- MidWinter attendance: 13,232 attendees

## ALA Council III, January 19, 2005:

- ALA Memorial Resolutions for: C. Kies; W. Eshelman; G. Conable; V. Clark; P. Graham; A. Lipow; B. Katz; A. St. Arbin; N. Peattie
- Election results for Executive Board positions (Terri G. Kirk – completes position left vacant with Micahel Gorman’s election as Vice President / President-Elect – January 2005 – June 2006; Term June 2005 – June 2008: June A. Pinnell-Stephens; Patricia H. Smith; Francis J. Buckley, Jr.)
- Committee on Legislation’s Resolutions: Approved (Resolution on Privacy and Standardized Driver’s Licenses and Personal Identification Cards: “Resolved, the American Library Association convey to the rulemaking committee (Privacy and Civil Liberties Board) its concern that the standardization of driver’s license and personal identification card information not be used to create a national database or to mine, link, or otherwise obtain access to the information sought or received and resources consulted, borrowed, acquired or transmitted by library users.”)
- Resolution Opposing GPO’s Decision to Eliminate Print Distribution of Important Government Information: “Resolved, that the American Library Association urge the Government Printing Office (GPO) to provide government information in appropriate formats, including print titles as identified by the depository library community, that meet the needs of the American Public; and .....that the American Library Association urge Congress to require that GPO maintain production and distribution of print materials to depository libraries at no less than the FY 2004 level....”
- Resolution on Access to National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Publications: “Resolved, that the American Library Association urge the Department of Defense’s National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency continue the public sale and no-fee distribution of the NGA Flight Information Publications, the Digital Aeronautical Flight Information File and related aeronautical safety of navigation digital and hardcopy publications...”
- Resolution in Support of the “Stop Before You Click” Campaign (Resolved, that the American Library Association shall endorse “STOP BEFORE YOU CLICK” Campaign and its “12 Principles for Fair Commerce in Software and Other Digital Products... encourage its members to implement the ....(principles).... In their licensing review, purchasing and negotiation practices....”)
- Intellectual Freedom Committee Resolution on Radio Frequency Identification Technology and Privacy Principles: Approved

## ALA/APA Information Session: Council – January 16 & 17, 2005:

- Certification Review Committee appointed to establish guidelines for the Certified Public Library Administrator Program
- Dynix Award to be presented to person(s) who has done the most to increase library workers’ salaries during they year
- ALA/APA will present a webcast on salaries on National Library Workers’ Day, April 12, 2005

(APA is the acronym for Allied Professional Association. The Councilors for ALA now also serve as Councilors for ALA/APA.)

Visit <http://www.ala.org/oif/iftoolkits/privacy> to find the *The Privacy Tool Kit*, a resource to assist librarians in protecting users’ privacy and confidentiality. View <http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/statem,entspols/statementsif/interpretations/questionsanswers/htm>. *Questions and Answers on Privacy and Confidentiality* covers RFID in libraries; the use of social security numbers in library records; library workplace privacy, and the use of personally identifiable information for non-administrative purposes.

— Annelle Huggins  
TLA ALA/APA Councilor

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## **Scholarship Committee In Search of \$5000 — We Need Your Help To Find It!**

At last year's Annual Conference in Knoxville, TLA proudly disclosed the namesake for its association scholarship, conceived to assist a TLA member pursue his/her professional degree at any ALA-accredited institution. Dr. Edwin Gleaves was quite surprised to hear his name called, but is certainly a most-deserving namesake for this program. In less than a year, the Scholarship Committee's funds went from \$500 to over \$5000, with very little "hardcore" fundraising. We receive the proceeds from the Used Book Sale held at the Conference, sponsor an ALA Consignment Table at the Conference (from which we receive a percentage of the profits), and accept donations.

It's Annual Conference time again! This means that we will again help out with the Used Book Sale, the ALA Consignment Table, and will have a designated spot for donations that you might want to drop off to help benefit this program. Additionally, look for other items of interest at "the Tables" watched over by Scholarship Committee members and other volunteers. We will also have a "special" donation place for anyone interested in making a \$10 (or more) donation — five lucky folks will be drawn out of this special donation receptacle at lunch on Friday and will receive an autographed copy of Sharyn McCrumb's *Ghost Riders* novel.

We mentioned that the tables are watched over by Scholarship Committee members and volunteers. If you're interested in signing up for an hour or two, contact Kam McHugh, ALA Consignment Table Sub-Committee Chair, at [mchughk@memphislibrary.org](mailto:mchughk@memphislibrary.org). She will be happy to let you know what is available and how you can help. If you would like to volunteer to help Used Book Sale Sub-Committee Chair Annelle Huggins, you can email her at [ahuggins@midsouth.rr.com](mailto:ahuggins@midsouth.rr.com).

With only \$5000 more, we can begin the steps for implementing the Gleaves Scholarship in Memphis at the 2006 Annual Conference. Please join us as we reach out for that goal in Nashville. We have lots of opportunities for you to donate — and to help someone achieve his/her professional dreams.

— Chrissie Anderson Peters and Debbie Stevens,  
Co-Chairs, Scholarship Committee (ad hoc)



The purpose of the Tennessee Library Association is to “promote the establishment, maintenance, and support of adequate library services for all people of the state; to cooperate with public and private agencies with related interests; and to support and further professional interests of the membership of the Association.” In order to accomplish these goals, TLA supports continuing education opportunities for its members, especially at its annual spring meeting. TLA works with the State Library and Archives to develop state-wide holdings databases, coordinated networks involving all types of libraries and information centers, and effective and efficient resource sharing initiatives. The Association also initiates and supports legislation promoting library development and monitors legislation that might threaten Tennessee libraries and librarians. We hope that you will find the Tennessee Library Association to be an organization that makes a difference for you, for Tennessee librarians, for Tennessee Libraries, and for the citizens of Tennessee.

## **Excitement in the Exhibits**

Many exciting new features await you in the Exhibits area of the TLA Conference this month. In addition to Poster Sessions by your colleagues, and exhibits by your favorite vendors, we have this year — for the first time — The TLA Bookstore, set up for us by Barnes & Noble.

### **On Thursday**

**11:00 a.m.:** Exhibits open, including the TLA/B&N Bookstore

**\*\*Live Music at the Exhibits Opening:** It is Nashville, after all!

**11:30 a.m.:** **\*\*Exhibitors Luncheon:** Complimentary box lunches for all those registered for the conference on Thursday, April 7. Sponsored (so far) by EBSCO, Ingram, Education Networks of America, Davidson Titles, Britannica, Baker & Taylor, Chelsea House, and Tenssco. **\*\***

**Author readings in the Exhibits Area Theater:**

**12 noon:** **\*\*John Egerton:** A Nashville and Tennessee favorite! [http://](http://tinyurl.com/5qjz7)

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**1:30 p.m.:** **\*\*Cecelia Tichi:** Now You See Her

<http://tinyurl.com/5u7u3>

**3:00 p.m.:** **\*\*Brenda Vantrease:** The Illuminator

### **On Friday**

**8:30 a.m.:** Exhibits open, including the TLA/B&N Bookstore

**\*\* Author readings in the Exhibits Area Theater:**

**9:30 a.m.:** **\*\*Nan Gurley:** What Color Is Love

<http://www.glorybugles.com/nan.htm>

**10:30 a.m.:** **\*\*William Henry Lewis:** I Got Somebody in Staunton:

Stories

**11:30 a.m.:** **\*\*Mike Shoulders:** V Is For Volunteer

<http://www.michaelshoulders.com>

### **Setting up a Barnes & Noble Account for Your Library/Yourself**

**Institutional Accounts:** In order to use a Purchase Order, librarians must either have or must set-up an Institutional Account with Barnes & Noble. If you don't have an account, B&N will fax you an application. Once the application is returned to the store (ideally via fax), it should take about 6-8 business days to open the account and issue an account number. Once you have the account number, just write it on the PO and you are good to go. **Educator's Discount:** The Educator's Discount is available to school librarians, K-12. A school ID or pay stub is the usual form of identification used to apply. If you have questions about setting up accounts, please contact Robbie Bryan, Community Relations Manager, Barnes & Noble, Cool Springs, 615-371-8993 or [CRM2701@bn.com](mailto:CRM2701@bn.com).

— Penny Frere, 2005 Conference Committee Co-Chair