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What's Inside

This issue of *TLAN* celebrates the recent successes of all involved with the 2005 TLA Annual Conference. Records were broken across the board and information flowed freely, while fun and frolic abounded among our colleagues and friends from across the state.

It's the time of year when most everyone is presenting awards and we have tons of award recipient lists for you throughout this issue.

Congratulations to our newly-elected VP/ President-Elect, Pat Thompson, and also to our new Recording Secretary, Sue Knoche. Kay Due's final column as President of TLA highlights some of the successes of the TLA Board this year, while Executive Director Annelle Huggins' column speaks to the blessedness of the "Volunteer" spirit in TLA. Incoming President Cathy Taylor awaits in the wings to usher in a new, exciting year of TLA challenges and successes that we will all enjoy together over the next 12 months.

Dr. Ed Gleaves, mentor, role model, friend, and champion to so many in Tennessee libraries and beyond. Dr. Gleaves leaves his post as State Librarian on June 30, 2005. His presence will be missed, although we are certain that the incoming State Librarian, Jeanne Suggs, will quickly set the pace for following in Dr. Gleaves' steps in terms of doing to the best of her ability what is in the best interest of information systems in Tennessee.

As is often the case, many of us sit idly for just a brief moment and catch our breath for the upcoming Committee year in TLA. This past year has been so very enriching and rewarding, on numerous levels for all of us. I have considered it an honor and privilege to be your *TLAN* Editor during this Committee year and look forward to continuing in this capacity in the upcoming Committee year. It is a hat that I enjoy wearing and I thank you for the opportunity to serve the Association in this way.

— Chrissie Anderson Peters,
TLA Newsletter Editor

Additionally, this issue bids a fond farewell to



TLA Election Results

Congratulations to the new TLA officers for July 2005 - June 2006!
Here are your new officers:

- Cathy Taylor** - Incoming President
- Pat Thompson**- Incoming Vice-President/President-Elect
- Sue Knoche** - Recording Secretary (Sue is the first paraprofessional to hold the position of Recording Secretary in TLA. Congratulations, Sue!)
- Kay Due** - Incoming Past-President

Thanks to all TLA members who voted, we had the highest voter turn-out this year that we have had in several years!

The President's Point of View

Perfect Ending to a Perfect Conference!

There is nothing like a really good TLA conference to get your creative juices flowing! I am proud to have worked with this Conference Committee, of the quality conference they presented, and to be a member of TLA because of the knowledge and expertise of my colleagues. I hope each of the 615 who attended learned something new, met someone interesting, had a belief challenged, had at least one "Aha!" moment and had a very good time!

The best ending to any conference is when you *apply* what you learned at *your* library. Bet you took a lot of notes, didn't you? Those ideas may still be percolating, but bet you haven't reviewed those notes again, have you? You might want to try this: after every major conference Memphis Public has a "Best of ALA/PLA/TLA" contest. Each attendee chooses the *best* program/service idea heard during the meeting. Our choice has to be something we would like to see implemented at MPLIC. We present our ideas in writing to the Public Services Group, which decides which ideas will be adopted and who will be in charge. We are thrilled with the program chosen from the ALA 2004 contest — a leadership development program, Leadership Empowerment Achievement Program (LEAP), will begin in July 2005. We're excited about choosing our "Best of TLA 2005"!

Looking Back on 2004-2005.....

The TLA Board accomplished a lot this year.....

- Membership grew 22% from 631 last year to 772 this year.
- Survey was conducted to identify why previous members did not renew.
- A new information pamphlet about TLA is being developed.
- Executive Committee members are attending Affiliate meetings to encourage more participation in TLA.
- Changes in membership categories are being investigated.
- A joint ALA/TLA membership is being considered.
- TLA display materials are being revamped.
- Current members were recognized by awarding **all** available Honors and Awards this year.
- Steps were made toward a more diverse membership by inviting staff from Historically Black College and University Libraries to TLA. Several diversity presentations were also presented at TLA.
- The School Library Section analyzed its purpose and now plans a more active future with closer ties to TASL and the Children/Young Adult Roundtable.

- Plans are being made to get the library media specialist programs in the state more involved with TLA.
- The TLA Conference offered superb opportunities for staff development and the Staff Development Committee is planning additional training opportunities.
- *TLA Newsletter* and the TLA website were completely revamped and have become reliable sources for TLA communications.
- The *Tennessee Librarian* (soon to become *Tennessee Libraries*) has continued its history of excellence — online!
- The TLA listserv was made more user-friendly.
- Tennessee Library Legislative Day was an inspiring/educational experience for 168 library supporters and 66 legislators. National Library Legislative Day will have a 15-member delegation.
- TLA has become a part of ALA's national advocacy network. Plans are in the works for a state advocacy network.
- CYART continued to provide the entire state with support for Summer Reading Club and, in general, be everywhere at once!
- The brand new Electronic Resources Roundtable finished its By-laws and sponsored their first sessions at TLA 2005.
- The Ad-Hoc Scholarship Committee became a full-fledged committee, chose 4 Conference Interns for scholarships, developed a scholarship print piece and advanced us ever closer to the magic \$10,000 mark so we can award our first scholarship next year!
- TLA members helped promote TEL at exhibit booths at the LEAD and TETC conferences, with TENN/SHARE and TSLA.

There is no way to list everything your TLA Board accomplished this year. Please forgive the omissions. I would like to thank them all for their hard work and dedication to Tennessee's libraries and to TLA.

My Last "President's Point of View"

Finally, I would like to thank each and every TLA member for a remarkable year! It has been a pleasure to serve as your TLA president. Please accept my sincere thank you for the honor and the privilege that you bestowed upon me!



— Kay Mills Due,
TLA President, 2004-2005
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Executive Director's Dialogue

In this "Volunteer State," I am proud to be a member of one of the best "volunteer" organizations in Tennessee — the Tennessee Library Association! It is "volunteers" who just presented the wonderful Annual Conference in Nashville. They gave us name-brand speakers on "hot topics" and provided us with food, drink, and entertainment!

Then there are the "volunteers" who serve on the TLA Board of Directors and all of its Committees. These "unsung" members guide this Association as we strive "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." Each year at this time, the in-coming President seeks TLA members to serve on the Board of Directors for the coming fiscal year.

Why wait to be asked???

Just do what Tennesseans are known for.... VOLUNTEER!



— Annelle Huggins,
TLA Executive Director

Schedule of Events — May

- **May 3** — Live Music @ the Rothrock Café (Knoxville), Scott Simmerman, jazz pianist, 6:30 p.m.
- **May 5** — Talks @ the Rothrock Café (Knoxville), “Civil Liberties After 9/11,” Dr. Otis Stephens, 6:30 p.m.
- **May 12** — Talks @ the Rothrock Café (Knoxville), author Darius Antwan Stewart, 6:30 p.m.
- **May 16-21** — Hardin County Library “Giant” Book Sale, during library hours
- **May 17** — Live Music @ the Rothrock Café (Knoxville), Community School of the Arts piano recital, 6:30 p.m.
- **May 17** — ETLA Meeting, Blount County Public Library, 6-8 p.m. (speaker Jonathan Winkle, Executive Director of Knoxville Symphony Orchestra — see more in “Regional Association News” on page 6).
- **May 18** — TLA Staff Development Workshop, Northeast Tennessee, 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. (information and registration forms on page 12).
- **May 19** — Talks @ the Rothrock Café (Knoxville), “Introduction to Homeschooling” Victoria Defreece and Connie Hughes, 6:30 p.m.
- **May 19** — TLA Staff Development Workshop, Memphis, 9:00 a.m.—5 p.m. (information and registration forms on page 12).
- **May 20** — TLA Staff Development Workshop, Nashville, 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. (information and registration forms on page 12).
- **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 pages 10,11.
- **May 24** — Live Music @ the Rothrock Café (Knoxville), Marble City String Band, Appalachian and Celtic music, 6:30 p.m.
- **May 26** — Talks @ the Rothrock Café (Knoxville), “Many Faces of Homelessness,” Ginny Weatherstone and Dr. Roger Nooe, 6:30 p.m.
- **May 28-29** — Friends of Jefferson City Library Book Sale, 8:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

Schedule of Events — June

- **June 4** — TLA Board Meeting, Brentwood Library, Brentwood, TN
- **June 10-11** — 2005 Genealogy Conference “Blood Relations: Linking Your Kin Through DNA,” Sevierville Civic Center, Sevierville, TN (see more information on page 11).
- **June 13-15** — Conference of the Association of Christian Librarians, Columbia International University, Columbia, SC.
- **June 14-15** — “Successful Searcher in WorldCat Resource Sharing and WorldCat Resource Sharing Basics,” Knoxville Public Library, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.



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.

Thank-Yous and Acknowledgements

[The newsletter] looks wonderful! Thanks for always including us!
— Margie Maddux
Communications Officer,
Governor's Books From Birth Foundation

You have outdone yourself! You've been too good to us! What more could we ask for than a *TLAN* dedicated to the TLA Conference. Well, I know, not completely or exclusively dedicated to it, but darn near. Thank you, thank you, thank you!! ...And I LOVE James' 'on the Cheap' article... Reading this *TLAN* actually got ME excited about the Conference!

— Penny Frere,
TLA 2005 Conference Co-Chair

Another awesome job!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

— Rick Wallace,
Boone Tree Library Association President

The [January/February issue of the] newsletter looks wonderful. Thank you for the article on our frogs. Makes us feel famous.
— Jo McDavid,
Branch Manager,
Colonial Heights Library
Sullivan County Public Library

Newcomers and Names to Know

Carolyn Walden, librarian at the Alexandria Branch Library is retiring. A reception will be held in her honor on Friday, May 13, from 3-5 p.m. at the Alexandria Branch Library, 109 Public Square, Alexandria Tennessee... **Jean Dicie**, of the Williamson County Public Library, is also retiring. A reception in her honor will be held on Thursday, May 12, from 11:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m., with a ceremony at 11:30 a.m. at Leiper's Fork Public Library, 5333 Old Highway 96, Franklin, TN. Donations will be accepted for the purchase of books in Jean's honor for the Leiper's Fork Public Library... **Nancy Dickinson** was elected the Region 4 Director-Elect for AASL. Nancy is a past-president of the Tennessee Association of School Librarians (TASL) and served as secretary of the AASL Affiliate Assembly in the past. Now she will represent TN, NC, SC, KY, WV, and VA for the next 4 years, two as Director-Elect and two as Director... **Chrissie Anderson Peters** has published an article in the latest issue of *Info Career Trends*, entitled “The Path Never Intended,” online at <http://www.lisjobs.com/newsletter/current.htm>... **Matty Ann Jackson**, retired director of the Forked Deer Regional Library, passed away Wednesday, April 6, 2005. Graveside services were held Sunday, April 10, at Fairview Cemetery in Dyersburg, TN... **George Anah Self**, a librarian at Carson-Newman for many years prior to her retirement, passed away in late March. Mrs. Self was a consummate professional who was very active in TLA and the early days of Tenn-Share... **Jamen McGranahan** of Trevecca Nazarene's Waggoner Library has published an article on virtual reference in the March/April issue of *Library Mosaics: The Magazine for Support Staff*... Michelle Noel, Dean of Library Services at Cumberland University in Lebanon, TN, recently published “New Librarians and Open Positions: Bringing the Two Together” for *FreePint*, available online at <http://www.freepint.com/issues/240305.htm#tips>... **Alice Faye Duncan**, a Tennessee librarian, recently published *Honey Baby Sugar Child* through Simon & Schuster's Children's division.

Technical Services Roundtable News

The Technical Services Roundtable sponsored a program about the Tennessee NACO Funnel Project at TLA annual conference in April. Panelists were Gracie Gilliam, of the Cooperative Cataloging Team at the Library of Congress; Mary Charles Lasater, Authorities Coordinator at Vanderbilt University; Ann Denton, Head of Cataloging, University of Memphis; Dr. Mark H. Danley, Catalog Librarian/Authorities Specialist, University of Memphis; and Linda Behrend, Catalog Librarian, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

The roundtable also held a business meeting at the conference and elected the following officers for the coming year:

- **Deborah Powell** (Memphis Public) - Chair
- **Georganne Burns** (Tennessee Tech) - Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect
- **Mark H. Danley** (U. of Memphis) - secretary

— Submitted by Linda Behrend
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Children & Young Adult Roundtable News

The TLA 2005 Conference was an all-around great success. The morning pre-conference by Sue Nespeca, on “Every Child Ready to Read,” was instructive and provided attendees with the tools to educate parents and day care providers. The afternoon pre-conference by the Nashville Public Young Adult Librarians was informative, fun, and full of great ideas for working with young adults. The CYA breakfast had a Young Adult focus, with Loren Phillips, winner of the YA art contest and Jeff Gottesfeld, co-author of *A Heart Divided*. Teens are our future voters and adult users, an age group that warrants attention by providing them with welcoming library services, programs, and materials.

We wanted to thank everyone for all their help with staffing the booth, introducing speakers, and the great presenters. Your energy and effort is so appreciated.

At the business meeting, officers for 2005-2006 were elected. They are:

- Chair — **Debbie Kokes** of Art Circle Public Library, Crossville
- Vice-Chair — **Leslie Pullins** of Fentress County Public Library, Jamestown
- Secretary — **Linda Ackerman** of Elmer Hinton Memorial Library, Portland
- Treasurer — **Marilyn Jones** of Knox County Public Library, Knoxville



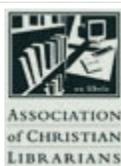
Future plans for the roundtable include creation of a page on TLA's website that will be a “one-stop” search of information for all librarians that work with children and young adults in Tennessee. Margaret Reed and Michele Yellin will be coordinating this site. The next roundtable meeting will be in August, with the new board.

I've had a wonderful time being Chair this year, meeting new people and challenges. I have always known that it's not the size of one's library or budget that equal success. It is the passion and experience in youth services that one brings to the table that is important. The accomplishments of the roundtable go beyond the board, therefore I encourage you all to stay involved and continue to step-up when workshops and conferences need presenters. Have a great summer and see you in Memphis for TLA-2006. Woo Hoo!

— Michele Yellin,
Chair, Children & Young Adult Roundtable

TENN-SHARE Summer Workshops

ACL Announces Conference



June 13-16, 2005: Association of Christian Librarians (ACL*) 49th Annual Conference, Columbia International University Columbia, SC. Our theme is “Nothing Could Be Finer,” with keynote speakers Dr. Carol Tenopir, Professor of Information Sciences, University of Tennessee, and David Mash, Dean of Information Resources and Services, Columbia International University.

See <http://www.acl.org/conference.cfm> or contact Susan Watkins, at conference@acl.org for more information.

* ACL is an association of academic librarians who embrace the Christian faith and has over 600 members.

TENN-SHARE's Summer Workshop brochure is now available at <http://www.tenn-share.org>. Interested in learning more about the Tennessee Electronic Library? There will be a **free** TEL workshop in each region. We're offering bargain rates (and who doesn't like a bargain) on Book Repair workshops to be held in West and East Tennessee, and a Collection Development workshop in East Tennessee.

TENN-SHARE offers lots of other possibilities too. Workshops on Digital Movie-making, Blackboard, Information Literacy, Customer Service, Working with Faculty, and Adding Digital Power to Your Library will be offered in West Tennessee.

Workshops in Middle Tennessee include Virtual Reference for Beginners, Collection Assessment, Document Delivery, and Government Resources for Beginners. Librarians in East Tennessee can attend workshops on PDA's in Libraries, Course Management Systems, and Fundraising Using the Foundation Center Collection.

Consider doing something worthwhile and nice for yourself this summer — plan on attending one or more of TENN-SHARE's Summer Workshops. It might not be the beach, but then you don't have to worry about sunburns either.

Kathy Campbell,
Sherrod Library/Reference
ETSU

TLA 2005 Conference Highlights

Almost 200 began the conference on Wednesday, April 6, and about that number remained through the drawing on Friday afternoon, after the last program session. There was a lot of conference in-between!

Registration was recorded at 615, which does not include visiting speakers and a few guests. Sixty-two registered onsite; others made prior arrangements. The exhibits-only badge was sold to 16 people, and students accounted for 13 registrations. Four interns pitched in with the Scholarship Table, Used Book Sale, media set-up, or acted as room monitors. Twenty-nine people came for pre-conferences alone.

Three pre-conferences drew a lot of attention in the Convention Center on Wednesday. Forty-one librarians/trustees signed up for Anders Dahlgren's "In the Beginning," a library construction workshop, and more than received their money's worth. Mr. Dahlgren answered questions prior to the workshop, all through the day, and did not leave the room, except for a brief lunch, until almost 6 p.m. He gave solid advice, including adjustments to be made for smaller or larger projects, and left contact information and handouts for follow-up.

Stephen Boyd was excellent in "From Dull to Dynamic: Transforming Your Presentations," and no one seemed to want to come out for cookies! Karen Hyman drew 35 for her pre-conference, "Re-Inventing Your Library for the 21st Century," and her keynote address at the General Session was well-received on Thursday afternoon. The TSU main campus and Nashville Public Library had library co-eds swarming in the Student Center and Computer Rooms for six other pre-conferences.

Exhibits held quite a show! Seventy-one booths were represented by 91 exhibitors! As doors were opened, Nashville's School of the Arts Swing Band played in the background. Five table talks ensued, a sack lunch was distributed, courtesy of EBSCO, ENA, Davidson Titles, Ingram, Baker & Taylor, Britannica, Chelsea House, Tennesco, and Vincent & Vincent; and John Egerton began the author readings at noon. Barnes & Noble's bookstore held a mixture of speaker publications and novelties, including Godiva chocolate.

Back at the General Session, TLA President Kay Due surprised Secretary of State Riley Darnell with the President's Award for his long-standing support of libraries. Dr. Edwin Gleaves was commended for his years of service as State Librarian and Archivist (his retirement date is June 30, 2005). Jeanne Sugg was introduced as his successor. Their brief statements were touching and well done.

Pat Thompson, Chair of the Honors and Awards Committee, announced the 2004 award winners at the session. All awards were granted this year. Thank you to those who made nominations and to the award winners for exemplary service! A list of the awards and their recipients is as follows:

- Louise Meredith School Library Media Service Award – **Patty Williams**
- TLA/SIRS Freedom of Information Award – **Douglas Raber**
- Tennessee Resource Sharing Award – **Aubrey Mitchell**

- TLA Library Support Staff Award – **Stacy Owens**
- TLA Honor Award – **Lynette Sloan**
- Honorary Life Membership – **Janet Fisher**
- TLA Trustee Award – **Frances Darnell**
- Tennessee History Book Award – **Charles A. Israel**
- Daniel Taylor Memorial Award – **Dale Stapp**
- James F. Ward Library Instruction Award – **Jerry Shuttle**
- Frances Neel Cheney Award – **Jean Dicie**

Rhonda Sue, Kay Due's long-forgotten country cousin, invited conference-goers to the All-Conference Reception at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum for Southwestern appetizers and a tour of the gallery, sponsored by Thomson Gale. There, Sue Knoche won the "Best Hat Contest," with her creation of a book stack, capped off with a working lamp of knowledge. Kay Due came in second with a much-embellished black Stetson. Special recognition and CD's went to John and Cathy Evans, a very pink Susan Rogers, and a Viking-clad exhibitor. Several others paraded around the lobby with interesting headgear.

Friday was jump-started by an energetic breakfast with author Jeff Gottesfeld, who related life in Nashville in the 90's before the couple's move to L.A. and Utah. Peter Jenkins held a full house enthralled at the Trustees and Friends Luncheon, speaking of his travels as a young college grad. Peter was accompanied by his wife Rita, who is the current Spring Hill Library Board Chair. He gave away several *Looking for Alaska* audiobooks and signed first editions of his works after lunch.

Business meetings, tours, and more fantastic programs continued through the afternoon. The conference culminated with an appearance by Stephen Abram, Canadian Library Association President, who flew in from the ACRL Conference in Minneapolis and flew out to another conference shortly after the session. SIRSI sponsored Mr. Abram's appearance, to the delight of a roomful of conference diehards. Mr. Abrams painted an exciting electronic future in which libraries should position themselves effectively.

Several people capped off their conference week with prizes from the 4:25 p.m. Friday drawing. Sue Loper walked away with a Russell Stover basket loaded with chocolates. Barb Schultz won the \$100 Target gift certificate; a \$25 Target certificate went to Judy Greeson, who traded for Sue Knoche's Fan Fair tickets, and both were happy! (The Country Music Association donated two 2005 CMA Music Festival tickets (formerly Fan Fair), thanks to the efforts of Vandy Owen.)

As many conference-goers traveled home, some remained for the TLA Board meeting the next day at Green Hills Branch Library. Conference 2005 was put to rest with a committee party that evening at MamBu's. The group was exhausted and exhilarated, happy with their product.

For an in-depth look at the programs, watch for the upcoming conference issue of the *Tennessee Libraries!*

— Susan Rogers,
TLA 2005 Conference Co-Chair



Building Projects

Gordonsville, Smith County — We are in the process of raising more funds for our new library. The city is actually the power behind the project. We have received permission from the state to begin with the project and received a grant as well (the city will cover the rest of the building expenses along with private donors, hopefully). The library will be relocated in an old bank building similar to some of the other libraries I have been reading about. The new library will have an adult area and a separate children's area. The old bank vault will remain in the building and historical information will be stored here. There will also be a video room and STORAGE! The new building will also have a book drop which the current library does not have. The planned library is expected to be 2,300 square feet. This may not sound like a lot, but it is compared to the 900 square feet library we currently have. The new library will also be visible from Main Street. The current library is located on the side of the city hall building with a small sign referring to the library. With the new library, I hope that the library will receive more patrons and support for the library will increase, as well. Things are definitely looking up for the Gordonsville Branch Library!

— Angela Mabery, Gordonsville Branch Librarian

Woodbury, Cannon County — Cannon County Library System announced the opening of the Auburntown Public Library. The Auburntown Public Library opened its doors on April 9, 2005, remaining open from 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. that day. The ceremony opening ceremony began at 10:00, with speeches, refreshments, and door prizes.

The new branch is in the old bank building on Main Street across from the post office. The red brick building was built in 1922 and still has its historic flavor, including a pressed-tin ceiling, real marble trim on the counter tops, and a impressive walk-in safe.

— Kathryn Bensinger, Library Services Director/Cannon Co. Historian

Regional Library Associations' News

Please join the **East Tennessee Library Association (ETLA)** for our final meeting of this year at the Blount County Public Library on Tuesday, May 17, from 6-8 p.m. Jonathan Winkle, Executive Director of the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra will speak on "Promoting Literacy and Academic Achievement through Music." Boxed lunches, including sandwich, chips, dessert, and soft drink or water are available for \$8.50/person if ordered beforehand. For further details, see our NEW website (<http://www.lib.utk.edu/~etla>). RSVP to Lisa Travis at ltravis@southcollegetn.edu by May 9th. Note that the new ETLA Board for 2005-2006 will be announced at this meeting. See the latest ETLA newsletter at <http://www.lib.utk.edu/~etla/Newsletters/May2005.pdf>.

— Meredith P. Goins, MS,
Marketing/Outreach Coordinator,
Amputee Coalition of America

On April 21, a joint meeting of the **Memphis Area Library Council (MALC)** and the Mid-South Chapter of the Special Libraries Association, was held at the Memphis University School. The speaker was John Branston, author of *Rowdy Memphis: The South Unscripted*. One of the evening's highlights was the announcement of MALC's annual Librarian of the Year Award, this year presented to **Annette Berhe Hunt**, Director of Libraries at LeMoyné-Owen College.



TLA President, Kay Due, with MALC Librarian of the Year, Annette Berhe Hunt.

Brentwood — The Brentwood Library Foundation, recently formed, is planning an outdoor reading terrace as its first project. The library stands in a park of 43 acres, and the terrace will take advantage of the quiet green space behind the library building. Designed to provide seating for up to 30 people, it will be paved with flagstone and enclosed by a wrought-iron fence. A fountain (contributed by the Rotary Club) will be the central feature. Cost of the project is estimated at \$100,000; the Foundation has already raised more than half. A Garden Tour is scheduled in early June to continue the fund-raising efforts.

Artist's Concept of the Brentwood Library Reading Terrace — Chuck Sherrill, Brentwood Public Library Director

As a side note pertaining to the addition of Auburntown Library (opening April 9, 2005), our library service has been re-named Cannon County Library System. The physical building at 212 College Street will remain "Adams Memorial Library" and the new one will be "Auburntown Public Library." Our administrative office will remain at Adams Memorial Library with all bills for both buildings coming here.

Please change the name when speaking of Cannon County as a whole and only use the building name when differentiating between the locations here.

— Kathryn Bensinger,
Director of Library Services & Cannon County Historian



Southern Chapter of Medical Library Association Awards

Research Paper award winners at the 2004 Annual Meeting of the Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association in October included staff members of the Preston Medical Library at the University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine and the Eskin Biomedical Library at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

Preston's paper, "Data Analysis of Consumer of Patient Health Questions Using NLM Medical Subject Headings," was awarded a \$730 Research Project Grant by the Chapter and another \$200 for winning 2nd place in the Research Paper category at the meeting. Authors included Sandy Oelschlegel, Martha Earl and Jenny Cole.

Eskin's paper, "Integrating User Values in the Development of a Customized Digital Library of Resources for Tennessee's Public Health Community," won 3rd place in the same category. Authors included Nila A. Sathe, Annette M. Williams, Taneya Y. Koonce, Patricia Lee, and Nunzia B. Giuse, M.D.

— Jan Haley
Information Services Librarian & Tennessee Rep. for SCMLA PR Committee
Julius Jacobs Health Sciences Library
St. Thomas Hospital,
Nashville, TN

Bits and Pieces from Across the State

Erwin, Unicoi County, TN — Thanks to a \$9,365 grant, the Col. J.F. Toney Memorial Library in Erwin will establish a program for books to be left at a variety of places in Unicoi, Erwin and Flag Pond. The initiative will target people who are older than 60 and unable to travel to the library, according to Jane Garrett, the facility's director. "She said the program's benefit is to keep ties strong between senior citizens who might not be able to leave their residences and interact with other people." The program was modeled after one through the Kingsport Public Library, and will probably begin in July. The money is provided through a one-year grant. (*Johnson City Press*, May 7, 2005, written by Jim Wozniak)

Memphis, TN — A missing letter written by Andrew Jackson 173 years ago has been recovered and returned to the University of Memphis Archives. "Special collections curator Ed Frank says the letter was recently returned and isn't damaged... The man accused of taking it is Robert Smith, who also took Franklin Delano Roosevelt items from the Memphis Public Library system nearly a decade ago." (AP Newswire, May 5, 2005)

Bristol, VA — More than two dozen board and library task force members connected to the Bristol Public Library board got their first close look at the building's expansion and renovation in early May and seemed to like what they already see. The new building is 45,000 sq. ft. and is a \$12.3 million project that renovates the old building and combines that renovation with mostly-new space; completion is estimated by December 2005, with a February 2006 projected opening. (*Bristol Herald Courier* online, May 5, 2005, by David McGee)

Knoxville, TN — Leonard Reid, recently named as the new Dean of the College of Communication and Information at the University of Tennessee, has withdrawn his acceptance of the position, reportedly due to health reasons. Associate Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, and professor of advertising at the University of Georgia's Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication, Reid was announced for the position on April 28 and would have assumed the position at UT on July 1, replacing "Dr. Faye Julian, who is retiring after serving as dean of the college for the last three years." UT Engineering Professor Greg Reed has been named interim dean; his one-year appointment begins July 1. (UTKSIS Listserv, May 3, 2005, and May 11, 2005)

Hardin County, TN — The Friends of the Hardin County Library provided lunch for the library's staff on Tuesday, April 12 (during National Library Week). On April 14, the Library held a reception for "Summer Reading Program Sponsors" in the Welch Room of the

Library, as a way of thanking "the sponsors for their support over the years." — Jeanette Smith, Director Hardin Co. Library, Savannah, TN

Madisonville, TN — The Madisonville Public Library has been given a gift of \$3,970 from a local bank, Volunteer Federal, to replace the library's "poor old microfilm machine that has been exhausted for years now." The bank is funding the full amount for a ScanPro 400 library package. — Kim Hicks, Director, Madisonville Public Library

Knoxville, TN — Knox County Public Library began utilizing a new program in mid-March to encourage the timely return of library materials. "All accounts more than 45 days past due will be turned over to Unique Management Services who will begin a gentle campaign of letters and phone calls. If the account is not resolved at that time, the company will begin secondary-placement services, which include extensive skip-tracing to find patrons who have moved. If the account is still not resolved after 120 days, the amount may be noted on their credit report as a last resort." Based on recovery efforts with other library systems, Knox County can expect "50-75% return of materials from patrons processed through this service." (UTKSIS Listserv, March 4, 2005)

Shelby County, TN — A third Shelby County library (Arlington), has left the "system" formerly known as the Memphis/Shelby County Public Library and Information Center. The locks were changed on April 29, without any previous notification given to the library system. The library expects to re-open on July 5 under private management. Although no company has yet been contracted to take over the business operations of the library, it is anticipated that Maryland-based LSSI (a private company that has begun running the other two withdrawn library branches, Germantown and Collierville) will bid on the project. (*Commercial Appeal*, April 30, 2005, by Shirley Downing)

Shelby County, TN — Germantown's privately-run library may be forced to implement "nominal fees" for patrons, according to a *Commercial Appeal* article published on April 16, 2005 (written by Clay Bailey). "With less county money and a desire to hold the line on property taxes, Germantown decided to consider the library fee."

Shelby County, TN — Millington's library has opted to follow several other county libraries formerly affiliated with joint library system held by Memphis City and Shelby County. Maryland-based LSSI has the inside track on taking over the operations of Millington's library, which will remain closed until after the current contract with Memphis Public Library ends on June 30. (*Commercial Appeal*, May 5, 2005, by Kevin McKenzie)

Vivian Wynn Appointed TN State Coordinator for Federal Issues

Vivian Wynn, Co-Chair of the TLA Legislation Committee, has been appointed by the TLA Executive Committee to serve as the State Coordinator for Federal Issues. This new position was established so Tennessee could participate in a new advocacy push by national library associations. The State Coordinators will meet annually at the ALA National Library Legislative Day held in Washington, D.C.

The ALA Committee on Legislation, PLA Legislative Committee and ALA Office of Government Relations recently established this national grassroots advocacy network. The network will ensure that ALA and PLA can respond quickly and effectively to legislative issues as they arise. Key action issues for 2005 include:

- Support increased federal funding for libraries
- Take action on privacy, surveillance and the USA PATRIOT Act issues
- Fight for Balanced Copyright Law and Fair Use
- Support E-Rate Discounts for Telecommunications
- Support Free and Open Access to Government Information

Congratulations to Vivian for the appointment and many thanks for her willingness to put her extensive legislative experience to work for Tennessee libraries!

— Kay Mills Due
TLA President, 2004-2005

Memphis Public Library Happenings and News

Memphis Library's Name Change Doesn't Affect Services

There will be no change in Library services even with a name change from the Memphis/Shelby County Public Library & Information Center to the Memphis Public Library & Information Center, a change approved in March.

The library had operated independently and was listed as a "grant agency" in the city and county budgets. Changes approved by the Memphis City Council reorganize the library system and place its management staff and its \$21 million budget under the city's Public Services and Neighborhoods Division. The Mayor will continue to appoint Memphis residents to a seven-member board of trustees.

The Library served 3.5 million customers last year that checked out 3.2 million books.



100 Years of Children's Services

On November 1, 1905, the Cossitt Library established what would later be known as a Children's Department in what had been the Ladies' Reading Room. A library historian noted that the ladies reluctantly joined the men in their reading room across the hall. The first large collection of children's books was a gift from Clara Conway, a prominent Memphis educator. With the addition of the Children's Department, special programs began, including story hours for children ages 6-16. The new service to children was an immediate success and circulation of children's books at the main library soon surpassed adult circulation.

Today, the Children's Department at any Library location is a place to discover a world where imagination and education connect, where both wonder and literacy are nurtured and where children of all ages – and the adults who care for them – are welcome.

- Infant to Elementary Age Served — From newborns to middle grades, children are catered to with a wide variety of books, magazines, CD's, cassettes and more.
- Strong School-Library Partnership — Science Fair coming up? Black History Month projects on the horizon? Children's librarians keep in frequent contact with local educators about upcoming curriculum and school projects so that the library has the materials children need to succeed in school.
- Practical Help for Parents and Teachers— Expert assistance for both parents and

teachers is available including pre-literacy activities for toddlers, vocabulary-building exercises for school-aged children, hands-on learning projects and home schooling guides.

Last year, the Library offered 3,176 programs for children, including storytimes, puppet shows, crafts, movies, music and special guests, attended by 105,147 children. There were more than 33 children at each program and almost nine children's programs held daily system-wide. The system currently has 327,138 children's books.

Literacy Workshop Aims For Local Youths

Local Memphis and Shelby County community partners are holding workshops in an effort to develop a cohesive early literacy initiative. Forty-five representatives from 15 different agencies are involved in *Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library*, a workshop series running on Saturdays at the Central Library, the Raleigh Branch Library, and the Cornelia Crenshaw Branch Library.

Community partners are using a training model for parents and caregivers based on the most recent research in cognitive development that was developed as a joint project of the Public Library Association (PLA) and the Association of Library Services to Children (ALSC). It provides practical, hands-on tips for parents and teachers wishing to give children the best possible start in reading.

Through a grant from the United Way, the library is providing materials and personnel for the workshops. The workshops are free of charge, but registration is requested.

The Next Big Thing Is A Debut Success for MPL's Johanna Edwards

Behind every journalistic success, whether freelance writing or reporting for a school paper, Johanna Edwards always dreamed that she would become a published author.

That dream became a reality for MPL's Edwards when her agent Jenny Bent conveyed the news: Berkley Publishing, an imprint of Penguin Books, had offered a two-book deal.

"I was pretty much screaming into the phone when I found out," said Edwards, Producer of the Library's... *Book Talk* program. "This is my biggest dream in the world to have a book published."

Named a "Best Bet" for Spring 2005 by *Publishers Weekly*, *The Next Big Thing* chronicles a Memphis publicist who appears on a reality show called "From Fat To Fabu-

lous." The humorous and heart-warming tale has been described as "a fresh, funny treat for anyone with a weakness for dishy desserts or reality TV" by author Jennifer Weiner.

"I tried to write more than once and would get discouraged, but meeting authors every week at *Book Talk* was a motivating factor," said Edwards. "It would show me that if they could do it, then I can do it."

The Next Big Thing, which was released March 1, is available at bookstores nationally.



Lincoln Exhibit Comes To Central Library

The young Abraham Lincoln found himself president during a politically and morally turbulent time. Lincoln and America were at a crossroads in history, one that would eventually incite the Civil War and ultimately lead to the abolishment of slavery with the 13th Amendment. *Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln's Journey to Emancipation*, a traveling exhibit that will visit the Central Library from April 29-June 10, broaches the many steps in Lincoln's tenure regarding the issue of slavery and abolition. The exhibit will be on the 4th floor of the History Department.

The exhibit contains a narrative on these topics and a display of reproductions of rare contemporary documents, including books, manuscripts, period photographs, broadsides, illustrative materials such as engravings, lithographs, cartoons, and political ephemera. The exhibit will also include artifacts from the Felsenthal Lincoln Collection, a Brownsville, Tennessee museum collection concerning Lincoln, his life and the Civil War.

Forever Free has been organized by the Huntington Library, San Marino, California, and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, New York City, New York, in cooperation with the American Library Association Public Programs Office. This exhibition has been made possible by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, promoting excellence in the humanities.

Any views, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in this exhibition and related programs do not necessarily represent those of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

— Devin Misko,
Communications Specialist,
Memphis Public Library

News from Tennessee State Library & Archives

Secretary of State Riley C. Darnell has announced that Edwin S. Gleaves of Nashville will be retiring after eighteen years as Tennessee State Librarian and Archivist, effective June 30, 2005.

Dr. Gleaves came to TSLA in 1987 when the library world was just entering the electronic era. Dr. Gleaves recognized the importance of the advancing technologies, and beginning with one computer in Technical Services, Dr. Gleaves helped to transform the TSLA through overseeing the following major milestones: the connection of public libraries to the Internet; implementation of statewide online catalog interlibrary loan system; and the Tennessee Electronic Library, a suite of databases available to every Tennessean.

"Even our smallest public libraries now have Internet access," Dr. Gleaves noted at the time. "Thanks to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, federal grants, and E-rate, they have multiple state-of-the-art computers making libraries the center of learning in every community." He further reminded us that "in the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Science of 1991, the word 'Internet' did not appear in a single recommendation. Public access computing and the Internet are no longer the wave of the future – they are a deep ocean current that is moving us inexorably into a new sea of information."

For Tennessee's bicentennial in 1996, Dr. Gleaves demonstrated, once again, his dedication to preserving Tennessee's heritage through overseeing the archival project Preserving Tennessee's Documentary Heritage and through initiating the collection and publication of the World War II Veterans Survey. Dr. Gleaves was also instrumental in improving archives in Tennessee. Following the first Archives Summit in 1998, the Governor and the General Assembly gave approval and funding for the position of Assistant State Archivist and the additional staff to serve as liaisons/consultants for the development of local archives statewide. Dr. Gleaves also presided over the merger of the Tennessee Regional Library System with the Tennessee State Library and Archives and has vigorously supported the services of the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. In recent years, he has worked diligently to promote and preserve public library funding through maintenance of effort (MOE).

In 2003, Dr. Gleaves also presided over the TSLA 50/150 anniversary celebration, acknowledging the servicemen and women of the World War II to whom the TSLA building is dedicated and recognizing long-term contributions of the State Library and Archives to citizens of Tennessee.

Prior to coming to the TSLA, Dr. Gleaves served as Director of the Peabody/Vanderbilt Library School from 1967-1987. Throughout his years of service, Dr. Gleaves has been widely published and has received numerous distinguished awards from state and national organizations, the most recent of which is the Gleaves Scholarship Award, established by the Tennessee Library Association in his honor to

assist with the educational expenses of individuals seeking a graduate degree in the field of Library Science. He has actively worked with the Tennessee Advisory Council on Libraries, and has served on the Tennessee Historical Records Advisory Board and the boards of the Tennessee Historical Society and the Tennessee Historical Commission. He continues to serve on the board of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society.

In addition to his distinguished career as State Librarian and Archivist and Director of the Peabody Library School, Dr. Gleaves has also dedicated his talents to the service of others through his work as a volunteer for the Siloam Clinic and the Warner Parks Nature Center. His plans for retirement include his continued work as a volunteer, and traveling to visit friends and family, here and abroad.

Dr. Gleaves has faithfully served the people of Tennessee during his eighteen years of service as State Librarian and Archivist. He has been a trusted and revered leader to his staff. The Secretary of State, TSLA staff and Tennessee Regional Library staff wish Dr. Gleaves and his wife a retirement filled with travel and adventure, enjoyment and leisure.



Secretary of State Riley C. Darnell has announced the appointment of Jeanne D. Sugg, of Franklin, as State Librarian and Archivist, effective July 1 of this year. Sugg succeeds Dr. Edwin S. Gleaves, who is retiring after serving in the position since 1987.

"Jeanne Sugg brings many years of experience to this job and she will handle it well," according to Secretary Darnell. "Moreover, she has been working closely with Dr. Gleaves as Assistant State Librarian and Archivist for over ten years now and knows the organization extremely well."

When asked about his successor, Dr. Gleaves noted, "I can't think of anyone better qualified for this position. She has earned it. I'm delighted that Secretary Darnell has appointed Jeanne Sugg as my successor."

Sugg holds a BA degree from Trevecca College and the Master of Library Science (MLS) from George Peabody College for Teachers. She is married to John Sugg, a native of Clarksville, and they have two sons, Jeff and James, of New York City and Philadelphia respectively.

Before joining TSLA in 1989 as Director of Public Services, Sugg had served for eight years as Library Coordinator of ARAMCO (Arabian-American Oil Company) in Saudi Arabia. She also has experi-

ence as a school librarian in Puerto Rico, and as a college and public librarian in Nashville.

As Library Coordinator of ARAMCO, Sugg oversaw the distribution of reading material to 21 library sites throughout Saudi Arabia, including oil rigs that extended well out into the Persian Gulf and the Arabian Sea. The Dhahran Recreation Library, a library open to the public, was directly under her supervision and served a multi-national community of about 12,000 persons. The staff of 19 operated the facility 365 days a year, 13 hours per day.

TENNESSEE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Remarks by
Edwin S. Gleaves,
State Librarian & Archivist
April 7, 2005

When I consider how my life has been spent, I am reminded of the snail that was attacked and beaten up by a couple of turtles. Afterward, the police asked him if he had gotten a good look at the assailants. "No," the snail replied. "It all happened so fast!"

As of June 1, I will have spent 18 years with the Tennessee State Library and Archives. A child born when I started would now be headed to college. But with *this* organization, the Tennessee Library Association, I have been a member for 41 years.

And it all happened so fast.

I thank you for the honors you have bestowed on me, none of them more significant than the Scholarship Fund, which benefits, not me or you, but those who are to come.

Regrets? I've had a few, but then again too few to mention. So I won't. But as I look back at my long association with you, I hope that I can say, not that I did it *my* way, but that I did, that *we* did it, *our* way, for that is the meaning of a professional association—people of like mind and heart working together in common cause.

Still, it all happened so fast.

But time marches on, and now it gives me great pleasure to present to you your State Librarian and Archivist Designate, the redoubtable former Library Coordinator of the 21 libraries of the Arabian-American Oil Company, on land and sea, and, for the past decade, our indispensable Assistant State Librarian and Archivist for Administration, Jeanne D. Sugg.



2005 SIS Alumni & Friends Day

The School of Information Sciences (SIS) invites you to celebrate East Tennessee's early history while remembering our own library and information sciences roots. Come join fellow alumni and friends in learning more about Knox County Archives and historical research. Listen to a State of the Library School talk and tour the renovated East Tennessee History Center and Tennessee Theatre.

When: Saturday, May 21
1:00-5:00

Where: East Tennessee
History Center

Also: Sign up for a 5 o'clock dinner with the library "mover and shaker" of your choice. Enjoy the Dutch treat dinner with Larry Frank (Director of Knox County Public Libraries), Dr. Doug Raber (Interim Director of UT's School of Information Sciences), Dr. Jinx Watson (Associate Professor and children's and young adult literature specialist at SIS), or a representative of the East Tennessee Library Association.

Register for this FREE event at:
www.sis.utk.edu/apps/alumni/alumni/day/

“Love Your Libraries” Fun Run Benefits UT Libraries

Thirteen is a lucky number for the libraries at the University of Tennessee this year, as it marks the 13th anniversary of the annual “Love Your Libraries” 5K Fun Run. The race, which took place on Feb. 19, is sponsored by the Graduate Student Senate to benefit the UT Libraries.

The success of the event is the work of many hands. Graduate students solicit sponsors and organize the event; the Knoxville Track Club clocks and ranks runners; and UT Athletics matches Fun Run proceeds dollar-for-dollar. UT Athletics support of the Libraries has become a tradition. At the 2005 Fun Run, UT Lady Vols soccer team players were on hand to cheer runners across the finish line.

The race attracts serious competitors, as well as avid library supporters who pay the race fee and participate in a one-mile Fun Walk. Non-runners customarily include babies in race buggies and dogs sporting Fun Run t-shirts.

Of the 177 registrants, 132 completed the 3.1-mile course through the heart of campus. Overall winners were Andrew Shankles, 16, with a time of 17:43; Vijay Vulava, 37, with a time of 20:06; and Elliot Hallum, 22, finishing with a time of 20:25. Masters were Kenneth Harrell and Sheree Hidalgo; grandmasters were Keith Hall and Elaine Evans.

This year, in honor of UT's Environmental Semester, during which environmental issues were a central theme in classes/campus events, Fun Run proceeds will be used to purchase materials with an environmental focus.

For images from the event, please visit:

<http://www.lib.utk.edu/news/archives/events/000800.html>



— Laura Purcell,
Library Outreach,
UTK

Spring *Interface* Now Available Through SIS

The spring issue of the School of Information Sciences' alumni newsletter - *Interface* - is available online at <http://www.sis.utk.edu/alumni/interface/>. You are welcome to pick up print copies in the school's main office (451 Communications Bldg.).

This issue includes a write-up on the School's new director, Dr. Ed Cortez, who comes to SIS from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. Also, you can learn more about Dr. Raber's resignation and opportunity at the University of Missouri.

The issue includes a sprinkling of notable faculty research and awards, of course, and we've also paused to note how SIS faculty's research compares to library and information sciences faculty nationwide. (Did you know that SIS is ranked 3rd in the nation in terms of faculty published periodical articles?)

Finally, we have continued to highlight a sampling of student awards and news our students have garnered this past year. Good things are happening at the School of Information Sciences, and we invite you to peer inside *Interface* and take a look.

— Joel Southern
Editor, *Interface*

SCPLS Genealogy Conference 2005

“Blood Relations: Linking Your Kin Through DNA”

The Sevier County Public Library System is pleased to announce the 2005 Genealogy Conference “Blood Relations: Linking Your Kin Through DNA,” scheduled for Friday, June 10-Saturday, June 11, 2005, at the Sevierville Civic Center.

Presenters include Pat Elder (Melungeons & DNA Myth), Nick Felder (Archaeology: Digging for Ancestors), Gwen Cody (How to Fill Out DAR & SOR Paperwork), Milo Bohanon (Tombstone Data Recovery), Mark & Sherry Finchum (Cherokee Ancestors: Fact & Fiction), and Veta King and Theresa Williams (Mountain Family Lore). The conference will also include beginning, intermediate, and advanced Family Tree Maker classes. Friday evening's program includes a storytelling dinner.

Conference Fees are \$40.00 per person. Early Bird (through May 15) is \$35.00 per person. For further information, please call (865) 428-7653, fax (865) 908-6108 or email kcwm@sevierlibrary.org.

2005 SIS Alumni & Friends Day

The School of Information Sciences (SIS) invites you to celebrate East Tennessee's early history while remembering our own library and information sciences 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, manager of the Calvin M. 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 **free** Saturday afternoon learning experience. (<http://www.sis.utk.edu/apps/alumni/alumniday/>)

What: 2005 SIS Alumni & Friends Day

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

Where: East Tennessee History Center (ETHC)

This event is FREE, but please [register](#). Dinners are Dutch treat.

Schedule 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Doug Raber will begin the afternoon with a brief State of the Library School address. Steve Cotham will speak and lead us on 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.

Dinner Groups

At 5:00 p.m. you are invited to sign up for dinner with a library “mover and shaker” of your choice. We will meet in the lobby of the Tennessee Theatre to break out into dinner groups that will be led by a “mover & shaker.” You will have the choice to enjoy a Dutch treat dinner with **Larry Frank** (Director of Knox County Public Libraries), **Dr. Doug Raber**, Interim Director of UT's School of Information Sciences), **Dr. Jinx Watson** (Associate Professor and children's and young adult literature specialist at SIS), and finally a **representative of ETLA**, the East Tennessee Library Association. Each speaker will chose a restaurant close by.

— Joel Southern,
Communications Specialist,
School of Information Sciences

Grow Your Own Garden:

See What Can Bloom @ Your Library Through Staff Development

(No Green Thumb Needed)

Dates & Location

Wednesday, May 18th - Northeast State Community College
Thursday, May 19th - Memphis Public Library
Friday, May 20th - Nashville Public Library

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A one day workshop with your choice of either Public Services or Technical Services Related Sessions

Topics to include

- Teambuilding
- Children's Programming
- Management
- Presentations
- Writing 101
- Digitalization
- Book Repair

Fee: \$10.00 per person, includes lunch
Registration Deadline: Wednesday, May 11, 2005



Registration Information Forthcoming

For additional information, contact Susan Earl at the Nashville Public Library susan.earl@nashville.gov or 615-862-5806; or Chris Durman at the George F. DeVine Music Library cdurman@utk.edu or 865-974-3474

TLA Staff Development Workshop Single Registration Information

Registration fee is \$10.00 (includes lunch)

Please make checks payable to:

Tennessee Library Association

In the memo line on checks, please include the notation "workshop."

Name: _____

Day Phone: _____

Library Affiliation: _____

Job Title: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

Lunch will be served, please list any dietary restrictions:

Vegetarian ____ | **Diabetic** ____ |

Food Allergy _____

Location and date to attend (check one)

_____ **Wed., May 18** — Northeast State Community College

_____ **Thursday, May 19** — Memphis Public Library

_____ **Friday, May 20** — Nashville Public Library

Mail to:

TLA

P.O. Box 241074

Memphis, TN 38124-1075

Registrants will receive a confirmation via email with directions to the site.

For additional information, contact Susan Earl at the Nashville Public Library

susan.earl@nashville.gov or 615-862-5806,

or Chris Durman at the George F. DeVine Music Library

cdurman@utk.edu or 865-974-3474.

TLA Staff Development Workshop — Multiple Registrations

Registration fee is \$10.00 (includes lunch) per person — Please make checks payable to: **Tennessee Library Association.**

In the memo line on your check, please include the notation "workshop."

Name Contact person: _____

Title: _____ Day Phone: _____

Library Affiliation: _____

Workshop: ___ May 18th (NSCC) / ___ May 19th (Memphis) / ___ May 20th (Nashville)

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Please note any dietary restrictions by individual names for lunch.

_____ @ \$10.00 per person \$ _____ = Total enclosed \$ _____

DEADLINE MAY 11, 2005

Mail to: TLA / P.O. Box 241074 / Memphis, TN 38124-1075

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School of Information Sciences

Dr. Ed Cortez to Take Helm of the School of Information Sciences

The School of Information Sciences (SIS) is pleased to announce that Dr. Ed Cortez has been named Director, to begin July 1.

Cortez comes to SIS from the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. During his visit to UT this Spring, he displayed a thorough understanding of SIS and an appreciation of school strengths.

"The search committee was unanimous that Ed Cortez was the right person to become our next director," said Professor Carol Tenopir, who chaired the search committee.

"He understands the importance of creating a strong identity and personality for the school, and the importance of positioning the program nationally. He has taught organizational communications and corporate and management theory for years, and it is clear that he is ready to put his expertise to practice here. The timing is right."

Incoming president of the SIS alumni board Margaret Casado (SIS '95) attended all three of the candidates' public presentations this spring. "I am thrilled that he was the candidate who was offered the job," she says. "He understands how things work, he has experience in public libraries, and I think he's going to be able to accomplish a lot and grow the reputation of the school."

With only a verbal offer, and before signing any contract with university officials, Cortez started getting things done. He negotiated and planned for the School to create and display an exhibit at the ALA annual conference in Chicago this summer. (He is eager to meet alumni at the all-school reception.) He also arranged for a 2-day faculty and staff retreat prior to fall semester to be facilitated by former ALA Executive Director Peggy Sullivan.

"During the retreat, I expect us to create a list of priorities that will guide us in crafting a 5-year strategic plan for the school," said Cortez, who has built a reputation at Wisconsin as a team-builder. He has also invited faculty to review the school's mission, goals and objectives, as well as the curriculum.

Cortez chairs the committee that oversees Wisconsin-Madison's strong Ph.D. program, which has helped establish him as a solid researcher and someone who will bring tremendous energy and enthusiasm to the program. Cortez has also held positions at the Library of Congress and is a widely sought-

after consultant in government and business. Before his tenure at Wisconsin, Cortez was the acting Dean at the School of LIS at Catholic University of America.

"I am delighted to join the SIS community," says Cortez. "I am eager to lead the school and build on the work of others that have so aptly guided it. I will seek ways for the school to respond to the expanding information environment and improve the delivery of the program to all students."

College of Communication and Information Faculty Awards 2005

The following SIS faculty members were recognized at the College of Communication and Information's Convocation Program on April 19. Out of the six college awards bestowed, SIS faculty won three awards.

Outstanding Faculty Teaching Award
Dr. Suzie Allard, Assistant Professor

Innovative Technology Teaching Award
Dr. Kendra Albright, Assistant Professor

Special awards for Extraordinary Service
Dr. Doug Raber

SIS Scholarships and Awards

The following SIS student scholarships and awards were announced at the College of Communication and Information's Convocation Program on April 19. Thanks to the Student Affairs committee, chaired by Suzy Allard, who sorted through the long list of qualified nominations!

Gary R Purcell Scholarship
Susan Catlett

Information International Associates
Scholarship
Rachel Kirkland

Carmen L. Moulton Scholarship
Alisa Mason
Anna Joujan

H.W. Wilson Scholarship
Martha Hendricks
Shari Clayman

Pioneer Award Scholarship
Courtney McGough

Best Project and Best Paper Awards

Best Project (Group)

"Design of a Workgroup Server for a
High School Administrative Office"

Jill Carpenter, Jenny Cole, Judy Hoff, Cindra

Kreps, Duk-Ran Park, & Serene Seeley

"Nashville City Cemetery Database"
Alison Bentley, Ann Davis, Judy Hoff, Max Steele

Best Project (Individual)

"Classics Slide Collection"
(with User's Guide)

Iris Godwin

Best Paper (Multiple authors)

"FGDC Metadata Standards
and Digital Maps"

Wesley (Chip) Hays, Genny Carter, Greg March,
Jimmy Malone

Best Papers (Individual author)

"Bestsellers and Contemporary
Book Publishing"

Chris Benda

"Electronic Publishing Models
in the Humanities"

Ashley Pillow

"Japan and the United States:
An Information Access Policy Comparison"
Marques Stewart

College of Communication and Information Awards

Outstanding Master's Student
Michal Strutin

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant
Stephen Bales

Outstanding Doctoral Student
Dick Kawooya

Hoarding Ceremony Awards

The following SIS awards were bestowed at the School's annual Hoarding Ceremony on May 7. These awards are considered the School's most distinguished awards.

Mary Bartolini, Outstanding Service Award

Celia Walker — Outstanding Thesis Award

Charles Hillen and Michal Strutin — Academic
Achievement Award

Beverly Simmons — Gary R. Purcell Award

Daniel Redmon was recognized as the ASIST Student of the Year Award by the East Tennessee Chapter of the American Society for Information Science and Technology.

— Joel Southern,
Communications Specialist,
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More Northeast Tennessee Counties Kick-Off Imagination Library Program

On March 4, Governor Phil Bredesen visited Jonesborough, TN, as more upper-Northeastern counties joined in the state-wide Imagination Library initiative supported by Bredesen through his Governor’s Books from Birth Foundation (GBBF). Following are details of the event as relayed through several in attendance.

“The program at Jonesborough was a great success. The Storytelling building is a lovely place to have such an event. Lots of politicians showed up. The program lasted an hour... They brought in children - don’t know how many because we only saw the first group and the rest came in a side door. Several parents in the audience brought little kids, but they were back in the audience — one little one was on his Dad’s shoulders. Across the state 45 counties have already started [the program], so they are almost half way to the goal of all 95. The Mayors of each county spoke and introduced their local group. Bredesen read an abbreviated version of three books. They had refreshments, cake and punch, in an adjoining room. No children there, but they did give them a bag that Walmart had donated.” — Jan Miles, Sullivan County IL Council Chair

“The event yesterday was magnificent! Lots of people showed up — on porches and in hallways. All Republican elected officials were there. The Governor read two or three storybooks. He is an amazing man! People had pictures made with him, then his entourage ate at Main St. Cafe.” — Brenda Webb, SCIL Fundraising Chair

It was so crowded, that I didn’t get to see any of the ‘program’ and heard very little of it while standing in the back in the hallway. When the Governor came in, he shook hands with everyone in sight, including me. He seemed to be very nice. I think the kids enjoyed it. They each got a bag of goodies (don’t know what was in them) from Wal-Mart in Elizabethton and another organization that I can’t remember now. We made sure all the teachers and parents had a form in hand when they left. And I think we got about 15-20 registrations turned in (best guess, didn’t have time to count) that day. Nancy Renfro from Watauga Regional Library was there. Pat Beard, [the new Washington County Public Library Director], and Kate Hagan, and I were there from Washington County Libraries. Jane Garrett and her children’s programmer were there from Unicoi County. At least one member of our Friends group was there. Many politicians were there, as well. While it was nice, they spent about half an hour making speeches while the children who were bussed in, sat in front... The children who were brought in by parents didn’t make it inside to hear the reading unless they went into the room early. Many never got inside. But we have our brochures and we are getting children registered. That is all that matters. Now... the real work begins!” — Lusetta Slagle, Gray Library Branch Manager

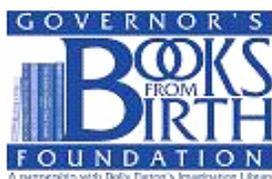


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