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## Editor's Edge

Where DOES time go? It goes wherever we let it go, for the most part. Granted, some things in life are beyond our control, but generally-speaking, we decide where to put our time and talents. Some put it into long hours on the job — because we love it or because we need the money. Some devote it to charity and worthwhile organizations that make a difference in the world around us. Some pack it into classes to help us go further in our careers, or deeper into our interests and hobbies. Some spend as much of it as possible with the people we hold dear in our lives — family, friends, and others. And some spend it worrying about things that may never happen — dawdling away precious hours doing nothing that really has any significance or impact.

I love Thanksgiving. I can look back on nearly every Thanksgiving of my life and realize that yes, indeed, I did have much to be thankful for.

So it is this year, too. I get to edit this wonderful newsletter and, in this way, stay in touch with colleagues and events all across Tennessee. I am part of an Association that gives *everyone* the opportunity to be a working part of it, whether

they're library directors, support staff, students, etc. I have the best job in the universe and work in the most gorgeous library on the planet! I have co-workers who are more than colleagues — they are friends, buddies. I have found new hobbies that have taught me a lot about where I came from; it amazes me to learn new information about people I never knew existed, then tie it into what I did already know, and see how it all works together.

And I have a great husband, amazingly patient with me: nights when I promise to be home by 7:00 and am still working on something for work or Imagination Library or a committee at 8:00, he's still waiting to eat dinner with me when I get home. And eight precious kitty-puffs who lick me, knead me, and love on me from the moment I walk in the door until the moment I leave. I am blessed. And during this season of blessings, miracles, and preparing for new beginnings, I wish all the best for each of you and those that make you as blessed as I know you are. Time. Use it wisely — and have fun!

— Chrissie Anderson Peters,  
*TLA Newsletter* Editor

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## 2006 Memphis Conference Teasers

- **We have it on good authority that the All-Conference Reception will be at the Rock and Soul Museum!**
- **The keynote speaker at the General Session will be the immediate Past-President of ALA — Carol Brey-Casiano!**
- **There were more than 120 program proposals submitted for the upcoming joint conference with SELA in Memphis!**
- **As of November 1, there are ONLY 155 days until the Conference!**

**Get ready, TLA! Annual Conference will be here before you know it!  
And you DON'T want to miss this one!**

## Tennessee Libraries Updates

I'm pleased to announce that a new issue of *Tennessee Libraries* has been posted to the TLA website at <http://www.tnla.org/TL>.

This issue focuses on publishing in Tennessee, including the Annual Tennessee Bibliography (covering works published in 2004), an article on Tennessee serial publishing, and a webliography on Tennessee serials, as well.

We're in the process of scanning and posting back issues of *Tennessee Libraries* (then called *Tennessee Librarian*) to the TLA website. At this time, you'll find issues published in print back to Volume 51 Number 1 (Summer 2000). Eventually, we hope to have the full run of the print journals, excluding those containing membership lists. You'll find *Tennessee Libraries* at <http://www.tnla.org/TL/> and the archives at <http://www.tnla.org/TL/archives.htm>.

— Marie F. Jones, Co-Editor, *Tennessee Libraries*

## The President's Point of View

It is hard to grasp the fact that this calendar is winding down. My page a day "Cartoons from *The New Yorker*" calendar is getting mighty thin as I write this and will be ever thinner when you read it. As the year gets shorter, my thoughts tend to become more and more scattered as I try to remember everything I set out to do this year. So this article will probably read more like a tying up of loose ends than a cohesive message.

First, the recent hurricanes along the Gulf coast have given us "pause-and-think" moments. Suppose that, in an instant, your total way of life was destroyed. Not just your home and personal possessions, but your neighborhood, your livelihood, and in some cases, even your family. Where would you go and how would you even begin to start over?

In times of crisis, people turn to their libraries. Libraries across our great state have stepped up and provided evacuees with needed services. The American Library Association has established the ALA Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund to collect funds for the necessary rebuilding ahead for libraries in the ravaged Gulf Coast region. Many facilities in Mississippi and Louisiana were destroyed or damaged beyond repair. Some facilities that survived found damaged collections upon their return. I encourage all of you to be mindful of these libraries and consider what you can do to assist them.

Thinking on a local front, I want to remind you that **Tennessee Library Legislative Day** is just around the corner. This year's event is **Tuesday, February 28** and the theme will be

"Growing Citizens @ Our Libraries." I challenge each of you to be certain your library is represented by at least one employee and one person who is not on your payroll. Trustees, friends and patrons are amazing advocates when given the opportunity. If you get real desperate, follow your president's lead and bring your parents!

And while you have your calendar out, mark it now for the **Annual Conference at the Memphis Hilton April 5-7, 2006**. Many preparations are being made by your Conference Planning Committee to ensure you have an educational and enjoyable experience in Memphis. Our keynote speaker will be Carol Brey-Casiano, past president of ALA, and champion for library advocacy. This conference will be a joint venture with the Southeastern Library Association (SELA). Exhibitors are lining up to show their wares, and the Local Arrangements Committee is busy planning a fabulous All-Conference Reception. I have been sworn to secrecy on the details until a contract is in place, but I promise you will enjoy!

Finally, I want to wish you and yours a wonderful holiday season. I hope you find time for family, for friends, and for a good book. After all, what more does one really need?

— Cathy M. Farley, TLA President, 2005-2006

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### From the Executive Director's Desk

During the last five months the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, and the membership of TLA have shown me much love, concern, and patience. My husband, Joseph, joins with me in expressing deep appreciation for the kindness shown by my TLA colleagues. With our recent return to our house, the TLA office is now officially re-established and services should now return to the level that was offered prior to May 18, 2005.

— Annelle Huggins, TLA Executive Director



### Worley New JCPL Director

Wendell Messimer, President of the Johnson City Public Library Board of Directors announced that Nelson Worley is the new Director of the Library. Mr. Messimer said Mr. Worley brings 30 years of library experience to Johnson City with particular insight into planning and development. Mr. Worley comes here from Richmond, VA, where he was the Director of the Library Development and Networking Division of The Library of Virginia. Previously, he had been the Director of the Appomattox Regional Library System in Hopewell, VA. A graduate of King College in Bristol, Mr. Worley's Master of Library Science degree is from George Peabody College for Teachers at Vanderbilt University. He also holds a Masters of Arts in History from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, LA.

### Last Call for TLA Officer Nominations

Last call! The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for TLA Vice-President/President-Elect, Recording Secretary, SELA Councilor and ALA Councilor. The Recording Secretary is a one year commitment. The VP/President Elect, SELA Councilor and ALA Councilor are three year commitments. Duties and responsibilities may be found in the "TLA Manual of Procedures" found at <http://www.tnla.org/toc1.html>.

Please send your nominations (and yes, you may nominate yourself), to one of the following Nominating Committee members: Carla Jacobs ([carla.jacobs@state.tn.us](mailto:carla.jacobs@state.tn.us)), Rachel Kirk ([rakirk@ulibnet.mtsu.edu](mailto:rakirk@ulibnet.mtsu.edu)), Diana Holden ([dholden@utk.edu](mailto:dholden@utk.edu)), Jean Bruce ([brucej@ensworth.com](mailto:brucej@ensworth.com)), Leah Allison ([lallison@stgeorgesschools.org](mailto:lallison@stgeorgesschools.org)), Lisa Travis ([ltravis@southcollegetn.edu](mailto:ltravis@southcollegetn.edu)), Pat Buzzell ([pandmbuzz1@msn.com](mailto:pandmbuzz1@msn.com)), and Pat Thompson ([tlathompat@yahoo.com](mailto:tlathompat@yahoo.com)). Thank you for your help. All nominations should be received by November 22, 2005, so the Nominating Committee can finalize the ballot before the Elections begin in February. If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns, please contact Carla Jacobs at [Carla.Jacobs@state.tn.us](mailto:Carla.Jacobs@state.tn.us).

-- Carla Jacobs, TLA Nominating Committee Chair

## Calendar of Events — November-February

- Jewish Book Month. <http://www.jewishbookcouncil.org/>
- **Nov. 1** – National Family Literacy Day [www.familit.org/Resources/NFLD.cfm](http://www.familit.org/Resources/NFLD.cfm)
- **Nov. 3-5** – Tennessee Association of School Librarians (TASL) Conference, Knoxville, TN.
- **Nov. 5** – TLA Board Meeting, Mt. Juliet/Wilson County Public Library, Mt. Juliet, TN, 9am.
- **Nov. 5** – West Tennessee Academic Library Consortium meeting, UT Martin, 9:30am
- **Nov. 5-6** – “Boogie in the Books” fundraiser, Memphis Public, Central Library, 8pm-12am. [www.memphislibrary.org/about/whatsn.htm](http://www.memphislibrary.org/about/whatsn.htm)
- **Nov. 6-12** – TN Archives Week [www.geocities.com/tennarchivists/ArchivesWeek2005.htm](http://www.geocities.com/tennarchivists/ArchivesWeek2005.htm)
- **Nov. 7** – The World War I Years: America Becomes a World Power, presented by Jefferson City Public Library, 7pm, Carson-Newman College, Recital Hall
- **Nov. 8** – National Young Reader’s Day [www.bookitprogram.com/teachers/nyrd.asp](http://www.bookitprogram.com/teachers/nyrd.asp)
- **Nov. 9** – THeSLA meeting, Nashville Public Library, 12pm
- **Nov. 10** – Copyright Presentation, Tracy Westmoreland, 7pm, Dalton State College, Chattanooga Area Library Association
- **Nov. 13** – UTK SIS Homecoming Brunch, 12-2pm, University Club, \$15. <http://www.sis.utk.edu/alumni/homecomingbrunch-2005>
- **Nov. 14 – 20** – National Children’s Book Week [www.cbcbooks.org](http://www.cbcbooks.org)
- **Nov. 15** – Special Libraries Association, Virtual Learning Series, Text Mining Part I: Unlocking Knowledge from Text, 2-3:30pm ET
- **Nov. 16** – Cotton and Memphis: Culture and Economy, panel discussion moderated by Dr. Nicholas Gotten, The University of Memphis McWherter Library 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 12-1pm
- **Nov. 16** – Research forum, UTK SIS, 12-5:30pm. Includes presentations by Dania Bilal and Joel Southern.
- **Nov. 17** – Caring and Handling of Your Special Collection, Carol Roberts, Director of Preservation Services, 9:30am-3pm, Upper Cumberland Regional Library, Cookeville, TN
- **Nov. 17** – East Tennessee Library Association (ETLA) Rothrock Lecture, Ed Cortez, 6pm, Riverside Tavern in Knoxville. Please RSVP by November 7 with check for \$25 for buffet dinner to Mr. William Worthey, 103 Uvalde Lane, Oak Ridge, TN 37830.
- **Nov. 18** – Art and Practice of Electronic Journal, Book, and Database Licenses: Practical Tips for Health Care Organizations; Knoxville Area Health Science Library Consortium (KAHSLC) meeting, 9am-1pm, UT Graduate School of Medicine
- **Nov. 19** - The Library Friends of the Everett Horn Public Library, Lexington, Concert with Grammy/Dove Award winning singer Michael English, Lexington High School Auditorium.
- **Nov. 24** – Happy Thanksgiving!

### Looking Ahead:

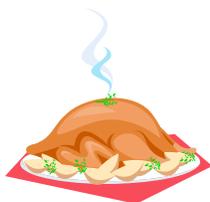
**Jan. 20-25, 2006** – ALA Midwinter Meeting, San Antonio, TX.

**Feb. 28, 2006** – TN Library Legislative Day <http://www.tnla.org/>.

— Excerpted from list compiled by, TLA Public Relations Committee

## Bits and Pieces From Across the State

UTK SIS Communications Specialist **Joel Southern** spent a month in China this past Summer, teaching at Tsinghua University’s English Summer Camp in Beijing. Anyone interested in learning more about Joel’s experiences can ask him — or check out his blog at [www.JoelSouthern.blogspot.com](http://www.JoelSouthern.blogspot.com)... The **Unicoi County Library** has found an eerily exciting way to scare people, teach history, and raise money! They are part of a walking tour in Erwin, TN, entitled “Appalachian Ghostwalks” that seeks out the historically and spectrally intriguing in the area. The Unicoi County Library, housed in an old building just right for history buffs and boogeyman thrill-seekers, will benefit in terms of PR and monetarily... A recent edition of *The International City Management Association* magazine featured an article on **Germantown’s transition** from being a branch of the Memphis-Shelby County Public Library system to an independently-run library. “A Challenge with a Happy Ending” was written by Patrick Lawton. If your library doesn’t own this publication, you may want to acquire it through ILL and check out the latest stats, figures, and updates... An October 6, 2005, online article in the *Knoxville News-Sentinel* focused on the recently-completed stained glass windows at the **Knox Ridge Library**. A \$90,000 project — all raised from private donations — the stained glass windows have been a project at the library for several years and were designed to help cut down on irritating computer glare caused by brilliant morning and evening sunlight streaming in through the facility’s “18 clerestory windows.” Each window, made in the traditional fashion, weighs approximately 100 pounds... Another *Knoxville News Sentinel* online article reports that **Knox County Public Library’s** “library use hits all-time high.” Quoting the opening portion, “Numbers measuring the use of the various services and programs at [KPL] are up across the board — in some cases setting record highs. And Mayor Mike Ragsdale is pointing to those numbers as a reason to continue a new management system he spearheaded in 2003, a move supported by some commissioners, but not all.” Record-setting stats included categories such as current and active users and system-wide circulation and program attendance. Other highlights included a 63% increase in the number of new cardholders in 2004, a 12% increase in circulation rates since 2003, and a 31% increase in various programs in the past two years. “Computer usage and in-kind and corporate sponsorship” have also reached all-time highs... **The Knox County Public Library is partnering with the Healthy & Smart Start Task Force**, providing a “Building Better Brains” workshop geared to teach parents of children 3 weeks-3 months the best ways to play with their children “for optimum brain development.” The training session lasts 60 minutes and puts a “BRAIN BAG of ‘brain-building tools’” in the hands of the parents. The Brain Bag includes registration into Knox County’s Imagination Library program. A video, an educational toy, a “Baby Play” book and more. For more information, contact Mary Pom Claiborne at Knox County Public Library at [mclaiborne@knoxlib.org](mailto:mclaiborne@knoxlib.org)... **Maryann Bork**, former President of the Friends of Tennessee Libraries continues to recover at home after having open-heart surgery in September, then follow-up surgery in October. Cards and letters can be sent to her at 1369 Club Dr./Loudon, TN 37774... Our heartfelt condolences go out to State Librarian & Archivist, **Jeanne Sugg**, on the recent loss of her father, **Rev. C.R. Thrasher**, also the husband of Trevecca University Library’s **Ray Thrasher**. Rev. Thrasher was 99 years of age.



## Nominations, Nominations, Nominations!

It's that **NOMINATING TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!** Don't forget that the deadline for nominating others or self for TLA Offices is November 22! You can read more details about that at the bottom of page 2 of this issue of *TLAN*. The following groups/committees also request your input to make the upcoming Honors & Awards cycle our Association's most successful yet!

### TLA Honors and Awards Committee Seeks Nominations in Numerous Categories

The TLA Honors and Awards Committee is looking for your nominations for the many awards that we give out each year. To see a description of each award and to get the nomination form, please go to (<http://www.lib.utk.edu/%7Etlawards.html>). **You can fill out the form online, but you will have to send it in a separate email to the committee members listed below.** We hope that everyone will look around them and nominate those colleagues who deserve to be honored for their outstanding work. Nominations for the **Francis Neel Cheney Award** should be sent to **Sharon Parente** ([sparente@mtsu.edu](mailto:sparente@mtsu.edu)). Nominations for the **TLA Honor Award** should be sent to **Francis Adams O'Brien** ([Frances.Adams-Obrien@tennessee.edu](mailto:Frances.Adams-Obrien@tennessee.edu)). Nominations for the **TLA Honorary Membership Award** should be sent to **Kay Madewell** ([KMadewell@clydewroddy.org](mailto:KMadewell@clydewroddy.org)). And nominations for the **TLA Trustee Award** should be sent to **Linda Hyatt** ([lmhyatt@memphis.edu](mailto:lmhyatt@memphis.edu)). Any questions can be sent to Sue Alexander ([salexand@mtsu.edu](mailto:salexand@mtsu.edu)).

### Call for nominations for the 2006 TLA/SIRS Freedom of Information Award

The TLA/SIRS Freedom of Information Award will be given at the April 2006 TLA convention in Memphis. The Intellectual Freedom committee of TLA invites nominations for this award. Criteria are: 1) Sponsored: By TLA Intellectual Freedom Committee and Social Issues Resources Series, Inc.; 2) Recognizes: The contribution of an individual or group who has actively promoted intellectual freedom in Tennessee; 3) Award: Consists of a plaque; 4) Presented: TLA Conference in April; 5) Eligibility: Persons or groups who have actively promoted intellectual freedom in Tennessee. Activities of the last three years are eligible for consideration. Individuals and groups are encouraged to nominate themselves for the award; 6) Documentation: Written nominations should include supporting documentation of the nominee's activities, such as: a) Written and approved policies and procedures relating to intellectual freedom; b) Documented reports (newspaper clippings, minutes, etc.) of the role which the nominee played in advocating intellectual freedom; c) A description of programming activities and other methods of encouraging intellectual freedom on a continuing basis; d) Any other relevant information which further clarifies the nominee's role in the promotion of intellectual freedom; e) One or more letters of recommendation from persons familiar with the nominee's contributions to intellectual freedom. **Deadline is January 13, 2006.** Those wishing to make a nomination may send their materials to: Chris Langer/Brown-Daniel Library/Tennessee State University/3500 John A. Merritt Blvd./Nashville, TN 37209.

### TLA's Instructional Roundtable is eager to hear from you!

Do you know anyone in who is an outstanding bibliographic instructor? Have they: 1) Promoted a positive image of libraries in the minds of library users; 2) Demonstrated leadership in the promotion of library instruction on the local, state, regional, or national level; 3) Contributed to the knowledge of instructional librarianship through publications, lectures, etc.; and 4) Participated in TLIRT activities? If so, give them some recognition for all their hard work and dedication, and nominate them for the **James E. Ward Library Instruction Award!** A link to the nomination form for the James A. Ward Library Instruction Award is located to the left of the <http://www.tnla.org/awards.html> site. And please, send your nominations to me at [lallison@sgis.org](mailto:lallison@sgis.org) **no later than January 13, 2006.** Leah R. Allison, Director of Library Services/ St. George's Collierville/ 1880 Wolf River Blvd./ Collierville, TN 38017/ 901-457-2030/ [lallison@sgis.org](mailto:lallison@sgis.org)

## DO TEL: Our Success Stories

Every day in our libraries and institutions across the Volunteer State, each of us has access to a tool that we probably already take for granted: the Tennessee Electronic Library (TEL). This invaluable resource is part and parcel of our state Association's theme, in fact: Do TEL @ Your Library, a motto that most of us probably think little about. Stop for a few moments to try to remember life *before* TEL became such a basic part of the services that all libraries in Tennessee provide to ALL patrons, free of charge to the Library and to the patron. TEL was fairly new when I moved to Tennessee in 2000. And, I remember finding out about it and saying, "Wow! *This is something!*" And it still *is* "something" — something wonderful, splendiferous, and immeasurably helpful. Try something for me. The next time that a patron asks for assistance, try to remember **not** to use a resource covered in TEL; see how **not** having TEL would make your job different — probably even more difficult. Take a look at your library's budget and then place a figure in there that might cover TEL if each of our libraries had to cover it individually, rather than it being made available to us through LSTA monies. THEN start recording your success stories. We hope that sharing our stories with each other — as well as with those who annually go to bat for us to be able to continue enjoying TEL without straining our budgets (or even going without the resource) — will help put some positive attention on this gift that we so frequently take for granted in Tennessee. Here are two stories. I hope that we have a whole page of them in our next issue! — Chrissie Anderson Peters, *TLAN* Editor

When students can't find material they need in our EBSCOhost databases, I take them to TEL; about half the time, the article they were looking for is available in TEL when it wasn't in EBSCOhost. TEL really is an invaluable tool for us even though it is not the only one to which we have access. Many of our students use it as their first choice now. — Michelle Noel, Dean, Vise Library, Cumberland University

The Overton County Public Library serves Livingston and the counties surrounding Overton. Students from area schools (Volunteer State Community College, Tennessee Technology Center, Livingston Academy, etc.) use this Library for their "non-internet" reference resources. Since we have VERY limited book space and even more limited money for books, we rely heavily on TEL. The quality reference information that students (and anyone else, too) can obtain from TEL, via an Internet connection, is a real bargain -- visit your local Library and get:

Library Staff's assistance in TEL log-in & search -- **FREE**

Cost to print report pages -- **25 cents each**

Gas to drive to LOCAL Library -- **\$2.89 per gallon**

Successfully finding your desperately needed information on TEL -- **Priceless**

— Janet Gann, Director, Overton County Public Library

## Tennessee Library Legislative Day 2006

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

### *Growing Citizens @ Our Libraries*

- 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.                      Registration & Continental Breakfast – Nashville Public Library  
Conference Center (Library doors open at 9:00)
- 10:00 - 11:30                              Morning Program – Nashville Public Library Auditorium
- 11:30 – 12:00                              Meet your Legislator at the Sheraton for the Luncheon.
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.                      Legislative Luncheon – Sheraton Nashville Downtown Hotel  
Ballroom, second floor
- 1:00 – 5:00                                  Meet with Legislators (*Schedule appointments in advance.*)

Sponsored by the Tennessee Library Association in cooperation with the Friends of Tennessee Libraries, TENN-SHARE, and the Tennessee Association of School Librarians (TASL) and with support of the Nashville Public Library.

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Library I will represent: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

I am attending as a: (**Please circle one category only**)

Library Friend    Library Trustee    Library User    Librarian    Library Staff    Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

I live/vote in TN Senate District # \_\_\_\_\_ and TN House District # \_\_\_\_\_

(*This information will enable us to arrange adequate seating for the luncheon. Please ask your librarian or go to <http://www.tennesseeanytime.org/government/elected.html>.*)

**Registration fee:** \$25 per person. Make check payable to Tennessee Library Association and mail with completed registration form to: TLA, PO Box 241074, Memphis Tennessee 38124-1074, no later than February 17, 2006. No refunds will be given but participant substitutions will be accepted.

For additional registration information contact TLA at [ahuggins@midssouth.rr.com](mailto:ahuggins@midssouth.rr.com) or (901) 485-6952. For additional program information go to [www.tnla.org](http://www.tnla.org).

## U.S. National Commission on Libraries & Information Science Announces National Award Opportunity

NCLIS announces a national award, the 2006 NCLIS Health Awards for Libraries, to spotlight libraries with exemplary consumer health information programs. State libraries nation-wide are participating. This is an opportunity to highlight your library and its programs.

**Goal:** This Award is intended to engage libraries in the national effort to encourage healthier lifestyles in order to prevent or postpone health disease and disability and in the case of people who already have a health condition, to promote healthier lifestyles to delay or decrease the complications associated with the health condition.

**Program Suggestions:** Designed to encourage library programs addressing one or more of the following: dietary suggestions; exercise; smoking cessation; alcohol and/or drug abuse prevention or cessation; immunizations and health screenings; and improved health literacy, the ability to understand/make use of health information.

**Program Descriptions:** The NCLIS website, [www.nclis.gov/award/award.cfm](http://www.nclis.gov/award/award.cfm), has factsheets, eligibility information and specifics detailing the judging process. Visit this website for application details.

**Timeline:** By **November 1, 2005**, the NCLIS website will have entry forms posted. Applications must be made online. **January 31, 2006** is

the deadline for entering. The final awards will be presented in Washington, D.C. in May 2006. We expect Tennessee to be on that program.

**Prizes:** Here's the good news! One winner will be chosen from each state to compete nationally for nine (9) \$1,000 awards and one \$20,000 award. It is worth your effort to take the time to present the efforts your libraries are making in supplying health information to your communities. I encourage you to fill out the applications when they are made available around November 1.

**Panel of Judges:** The judges for Tennessee are: Martha Earl, Preston Medical Library, UT Graduate School of Medicine, 2004 winner, NCLIS Consumer Health Information Award for Tennessee; Andy Hunt, Director, Cleveland Public Library; and Dr. Jon Parham, University Family Physicians, Knoxville and member of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

The 2006 NCLIS Health Awards for Libraries celebrate the role of libraries in community based health promotion and recognize the unique contributions libraries can make because of their large information resources and their diverse customer base.

— Jeanne Sugg, State Librarian & Archivist

### Wolf River Library Consortium Established



The independent libraries of Collierville, Germantown, Arlington, and Millington have joined in an agreement to share materials and maximize resources. Through a recently approved inter-local agreement, library patrons in all four communities will now have access to a collection of close to 300,000 information items.

The Wolf River Library Consortium is an active partnership between the Germantown Community Library, Lucius E. & Elsie C. Burch, Jr. Library, Millington Public Library and Sam T. Wilson Public Library (Arlington). The participating libraries will share collection resources through a courier service and an integrated online catalogue. Patrons at each library will be able to request items from other locations if they are not available within their home collection. The agreement also enables the libraries to receive reduced pricing on the purchase of materials and online items. Further, the consortium will develop children's and adult programming that can be presented/modified for presentation at each location.

The strength of the consortium will be further enhanced through the integration of marketing and fundraising campaigns. While all four communities will maintain their own identities in terms of material acquisitions and marketing campaigns, sharing resources and ideas will benefit all members of the consortium. The four participating libraries are all managed by Library Systems & Services, LLC.

#### Mission Statement:

The Wolf River Library Consortium will foster collaboration and innovation while maximizing resources and services to participating libraries and communities.

— Andrew Israel, Community Relations Manager  
Germantown Community Library

### Collierville Burch Library News & Events

#### New Additions to the Children's Area

The Friends of the Burch Library have purchased two computers and nine software titles for the Youth Services Area. The computers are located in the children's reading area in the study table section. For younger children, software titles from Sesame Street, Disney and The Magic School Bus are available. Older children will enjoy a Harry Potter game and a variety of chess, math, and keyboarding titles. In order to use the children's computers and software, please visit the children's information desk. A library card or driver's license will be required to use the software. Parental supervision is encouraged when using these computers and games.

#### Upcoming Fall Events at the Collierville Burch Library

Learn about the history of the Dixon Gallery and Gardens with Jane Faquin on Nov. 1, 7-7:45 in the Halle Room. No registration required.

Get ready to decorate for the holidays with C.J. Lilly and Company. Candy Craig will share her ideas for holiday décor on Nov. 3, 7-7:45 in the Halle Room. No registration required.

Night Night! Pajama Story Time for children ages 4-8, 6:30-7 in the children's activity room, Nov. 3, 2005.

Genealogy 201: I know the basics, what's next? Part 3 of a 3-part series. Nov. 5, 10:15-12 in the Halle Room. Registration required.

Do the Dewey for homeschoolers. Learn the Dewey Decimal system and practice finding call numbers in the computer catalog and in a game. Nov. 10, 10:15-11:30, for grades 6-8. Registration is required.

Night Night! Pajama Story Time for children ages 4-8 on Dec. 1, 6:30-7 in the children's activity room.

Enjoy an Author Talk with Toni Mabry on Dec. 3, 2005, 11-12 in the Halle Room. Join Mrs. Mabry and explore her novel, *Chance Encounters: The Story of the Innkeeper's Son*. A Q&A session will take place after the book talk.

A Retirement Planning Seminar will be held Dec. 8, 6-8 pm in the Halle Room. Kevin S. Baltier from Edward Jones will discuss retirement savings in regards to financial planning. Registration is required.

— Liz Rozanski, Library Associate  
Lucius E. and Elsie C. Burch, Jr. Library

## Electronic Resources & Libraries Conference

March 23-25, 2006, Global Learning Conference Center  
Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA  
[www.electroniclibrarian.org](http://www.electroniclibrarian.org)

Join us at the ER&L Conference 2006 as we come together to better understand the issues surrounding the increase in electronic information in libraries. This event will be a gathering place for all librarians who work with electronic information to raise questions, debate topics and solve problems. **Presentations & Conversations on:** Organizational Change, Collaborative Relationships, Value of Electronic Resources, Management of electronic information in libraries, Archiving and Preservation our digital collections, and The Future of E-Resources in Libraries. **Small Group Discussions on:** Personnel Changes & Training, Marketing & Promoting E-Resources, Electronic Resources Management, Extracting & Analyzing Use Data, Pricing Models & Budgeting, and Reference in an electronic environment.

Visit the Electronic Resources & Libraries website for more information and conference registration: <http://www.electroniclibrarian.org>.

— Gayle Baker,  
Professor & Electronic Services Coordinator,  
Hodges Library, University of Tennessee

## UT Chattanooga's Lupton Library Welcomes More New Staff Members



The faculty and staff of the Lupton Library at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga are pleased to welcome Beverly Simmons, who joined the Reference and Instruction team as Assistant Professor on August 10. Ms. Simmons received her Master's degree in Information Sciences from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville (UTK) in

May 2005. She also holds a Master of Science degree in Ecology from UTK and a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Iowa State University. Beverly is a member of the UTK School of Information Sciences Alumni Board. She served as the 2004-2005 UTK Student Chapter President of the Tennessee Library Association (TLA) and currently serves as a member of the TLA Scholarship Committee. Welcome, Beverly!

The faculty and staff of Lupton Library at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga are pleased to welcome Toni Carter, who joined the Reference and Instruction team as Assistant Professor on August 10. Professor Carter received her Master in Library and Information Studies and Master in History degrees from the University of Alabama. She holds Bachelor degrees in both History and Sociology from the University of North Alabama in Florence. Toni's most recent position was as Assistant Librarian at the Virginia Historical Society (VHS) in Richmond, where she was primarily responsible for providing reference services and research assistance to history students, teachers, professors, and genealogists. She recently completed a term as President-Elect for the Virginia Chapter of the Special Libraries Association and is the co-author of a VHS web publication entitled, "[On This Day: Legislative Moments in Virginia History](#)" which was read before the Virginia General Assembly. She also served on the Virginia Historical Markers Editorial Board. Welcome, Toni!



## UT Libraries Welcome New Minority Librarian Residents

Shantel Agnew, LaVerne Gray, and Mark Puente recently joined the faculty of the UT Libraries as Minority Librarian Residents. The residency program, which began in 2003, was created to attract recent library school graduates from underrepresented groups to a career in academic librarianship. As part of the program, residents will spend the next two years working closely with librarians to develop skills and career paths, cultivate collegial relationships with faculty outside the library, participate in committees, and become involved in professional associations. In the first year, residents will do professional rotations within the libraries; in the second year, they will focus on one area and complete a specialized project.

"I've been very impressed by the level of support I've received at the UT Libraries," Mark Puente said. Puente, who has undergraduate and graduate degrees in music, earned his Masters of Library Science at the U. of Arizona and has worked at the U. of North Texas and other fine arts libraries. He hopes to gain more technical training during his residency, and is interested in exploring professional research possibilities.

"I'm looking forward to gaining practical work experience as well as the opportunity to publish and present research," LaVerne Gray said. Gray earned her Masters of Library and Information Science from Dominican U. in River Forest, Illinois. A former Peace Corps volunteer in the Ivory Coast and Togo, Gray has a background in child development and educational psychology. She hopes to work on digitization and metadata projects, and is also interested in instructional services.

"I really look forward to making the most of this wonderful opportunity," Shantel Agnew said. Agnew has worked in mass media arts and earned her Masters of Science in Information Sciences from the U. of Tennessee. She wants to incorporate her media experience into her library work, and plans to spend some of her residency working in The Studio, a multi-media design and resource center.

"The Minority Librarian Residency program is a model for increasing diversity at UT and in our nation's academic libraries," Barbara Dewey, Dean of Libraries, said. The residency program also strengthens programs and services at the UT Libraries while promoting diversity and creating a more welcoming environment for students. UT Libraries support more than 20,000 undergraduate and 6,000 graduate students enrolled in 400 academic programs. The libraries offer reference and instructional services, public and cultural programs, technical and media resources and subject specialists in a variety of areas, and also promotes information literacy.

For more information about diversity at the University of Tennessee Libraries and the Minority Librarian Residency program, please visit [our Diversity Web site](#).

— Joel Southern, Communications Officer, SIS

## Sullivan Public Hires New Branch Manager

A belated congratulations and welcome to Amy Lippo, Branch Manager at the Bloomingdale Branch of the Sullivan County Public Library. Born in Des Moines, IA, Amy and her husband Beau (who works for Citi Commerce Solutions in Gray), currently reside in Johnson City. Amy's degrees and certifications include a high school honors diploma from Lexington, KY; an A.A. from Cottey College in Nevada, MO; a B.S. with Distinction in Genetics from Iowa State University in Ames, IA; and an M.A.T. (K-8) from ETSU in Johnson City. She has taught in Sullivan County, as well as serving as a graduate assistant at the Reference Desk at ETSU's Sherrod Library. Her hobbies include reading, her dog Gracie, movies, gardening, cross stitch, collecting agates, and being involved with PEO (a women's organization focusing on women's education) and Walk to Emmaus.

## Memphis Public Library News

### Children's Festival to Celebrate 100 Years of Children's Services at MPLIC



The Memphis Public Library & Information Center has been celebrating 100 Years of Children's Services, services that began with a small Children's Reading Room at the Cossitt Branch, and in November that celebration will culminate with the Children's Festival.

Nov. 19 will be an all-day celebration that includes learning experience stations where children/young adults can learn the processes of writing, editing, and publishing. Renowned authors Tedd Arnold and Gloria Jean Pinkney will be on-hand to share their expertise from their respective backgrounds. Pinkney travels the country speaking to children and adults about the making of picture books and is best known for her works *Back Home* and *The Sunday Outing*, the former of which was a collaboration with her husband, Jerry Pinkney. Arnold, whose works include *No Jumping On The Bed!* and *No More Water In The Tub!*, has illustrated/authored 50 books.

The Reading Education Assistance Dogs (READ), registered therapy animals that volunteer with their owner/handlers as reading companions for children, will also be on hand.

"We want the day to be a celebration for children and a day for parents to encourage a child's love of reading," said Betty Anne Wilson, Assistant Director for Library Advancement. "The day will celebrate providing 100 years of children's services and help children with a first-hand understanding of how an author's idea becomes the books they read."



### "Smartest Company in Memphis" Emerges at Corporate Knowledge Bowl

MLGW's "Killer Watts" team took home the crown of "Smartest Company in Memphis" in this year's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Corporate Knowledge Bowl. Corporate Knowledge Bowl is a fundraiser for the Memphis Public Library & Information Center. "Killer Watts" defeated St. Jude's "Cerebral Night Fever" in the championship round at the Central Library.

In all, 19 teams took part in the event. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital boasted three separate teams in the competition!

The Corporate Knowledge Bowl is a week-long event. Teams of four, representing large and small companies, answer questions on history, science, sports, entertainment and more. The questions are typical of the thousands of questions asked of library staff members each year. (The LINC Department alone answers nearly one question per minute during the library's hours of operation.)

The event begins with a kickoff luncheon where teams size up the competition and familiarize themselves with the rules.

Awards were given for Most Creative Team Name ("*IT Came from the Forest*," International Paper; UPS' "*What Can Brains Do for You?*"), Most Team Spirit (St. Jude's "*Cerebral Night Fever*") and Knowledge Bowl Idol, the team with the most fans (Huey's *Knowledgeburgers*).

The 2005 Corporate Knowledge Bowl was made possible in part by *The Memphis Business Journal* and Back Yard Burger.



### MPLIC Offers Film Series For Foreign and Independent Film Series

A *Wider Angle* Film Series at the Memphis Public Library & Information Center will feature foreign and independent films on a monthly basis. The series began in August with *Falling Angels*, a wickedly funny story of three sisters coming of age in a wildly dysfunctional family.

"All the films that we've selected have won acclaim and explore very interesting human issues," said Jason Ezell, Humanities Librarian.

In total, eight films from all over the world will be shown through March 2006.

**Wider Angle Film Series:**  
**Falling Angels (Canadian)**  
**Witnesses (Serbo-Croatian)**  
**The Rage in Lake Placid (Australian)**  
**Viva Laldjere (French)**  
**The Republic of Love (Canadian)**  
**Wolves in the Snow (French)**  
**Man of the Year (Portuguese)**  
**Buddy (Norwegian)**

— Devin Misko,  
 Communications Specialist, Memphis PL

## Germantown Community Library Events

The Germantown Community Library will host a variety of events that are open to the public during the month of November.

**Southern Gardening: Poinsettias for the Holidays and Beyond**, Thursday, November 3 @ 6:30 p.m. Learn practical tips and creative suggestions to manage your garden year-round. Our experts will discuss and demonstrate proper techniques and answer your questions on horticultural issues. Featuring: Donna McComas

**The Written Word: Topic Selection - Choosing a Story Line**, Monday, November 7 @ 7 p.m., Do you love to read? Do you aspire to write your own novel? Do you want an evening of entertainment? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you need to join us at the Written Word, to explore books, authors and writing. More than a book club, this unique series will combine presentations from 'name' authors with discussions of the latest best sellers and insight into the writing process. Featuring: J. Daniel Seal

**Friends of the Germantown Community Library Book Sale**, Saturday, November 19 @ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Books in all subject areas will be available for a fraction of their original price. New hardcover books will be available for \$3, older hardcovers for \$1, paperbacks for 50 cents, videos for \$2, children's books from 50 cents to \$1, romance novels for 10 cents and books on tape for \$2. All proceeds from the sale will be used by the Friends to support the work of the Germantown Community Library.

**Family Literacy Day**, Saturday, November 19 @ 1 p.m., Celebrate reading and literacy at a special event co-sponsored by Shelby County Books from Birth and the Imagination Library. Live entertainment and fun for the whole reading family.

— Andrew S. Israel,  
 Community Relations Manager,  
 Germantown Community Library



## Rhodes Library Dedication

Friday, October 7, 2005, was a special day, not only for the faculty, students and alumni of Rhodes College, but also for librarians all across Tennessee. If there was ever a jewel in the crown for libraries in Tennessee, the Paul J. Barret, Jr. Library would be the brightest. From the classic collegiate gothic architecture to the stained glass windows to the wood paneling, from hand crafted chandeliers to neon lights, from computers to Starbucks and a student commons, the Barret Library is traditional, yet fully modern and looking toward an even brighter future. Having been under construction since 2002, the newly dedicated Barret Library replaced the Burrow Library that served the campus since 1953.

The day was clear and bright, but a little breezy. The podium and chairs were set on the lawn just east of the newly-completed gothic structure and the cloistered garden. Risers were set adjacent to the podium and seats from which the Rhodes Faculty Brass Quintet and the Rhodes Singers would perform. The quintet played selections from Handel, Scheidt, and Charpentier prior to the ceremony. Promptly at 11:30 am, the dedication began. Senior Chasie Wallis, who gave the invocation at the groundbreaking ceremony in 2002 as a freshman, spoke about her and her fellow classmate's fortune and ability to be there upon the library's completion so they could enjoy the facility and resources before graduation. The singers performed a song from Tallis as an interlude. Dr. Robert Llewellyn, Dean of the College and Vice President of Academic Affairs, spoke about the importance of libraries and learning and how the symbol of the book is at the center and heart of the Rhodes College seal. During the next interlude, the Rhodes Singers performed another selection from Handel. Dr. William Trout, Rhodes College President, spoke last and focused his thoughts on Paul Barret, Jr., and the planning of his bequest to the College and the development of the library. The ceremony con-

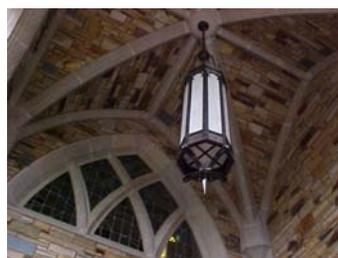
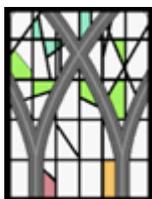
cluded promptly at noon, with the singing of the Rhodes Alma Mater. The event was sheer perfection.

Since the moment the new library was announced, I eagerly awaited the day that I could see this beautiful and marvelous building, for I had been a student worker in Burrow Library from May 1969-December 1972, back when Rhodes College was still Southwestern at Memphis. I sweated many hours shelving and shelf-reading in the stacks; I assisted with inventories and hauled books to and from reclassification; and shifted each of the floors countless times during my time there. It was the kindness and encouragement of the librarians, as well as the range of experiences I was given, that led to my becoming a librarian. It was also their dedication, perseverance, and excellence in providing service that instilled within me a desire to follow in that tradition. And because of these experiences, it was an honor for me to be present at the dedication of the Barret Library. Maybe among the student workers there now will be librarians of the future.

The entire Fall 2005 issue of *Rhodes Magazine* was devoted to the new library and its generous benefactor. The articles within the online copy describe and showcase the Barret Library much better than I can. For a visual treat, visit <http://www.rhodes.edu/NewsCenter/RhodesMagazine/Fall2005/index.cfm>.

Remember that you can visit this marvelous library next April when the joint TLA-SELA Convention is in Memphis.

— Stephen Allan Patrick, Rhodes '73  
Professor and Head, Documents/Law/Maps  
Sherrod Library, East Tennessee State University



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Stephen Patrick.

## SIS Homecoming Brunch

The SIS Alumni Board is pleased to invite all alumni and friends to its yearly Homecoming Brunch on Sun., Nov. 13, 12:00 - 2:00 at the University Club in Knoxville.

Come meet the school's new alumni board members and catch up with your former classmates and favorite faculty members. Spouses, significant others, and friends are welcome to attend. Register online at [www.sis.utk.edu/alumni/homecomingbrunch-2005](http://www.sis.utk.edu/alumni/homecomingbrunch-2005).

**WHAT: SIS Homecoming Brunch 2005**

**WHERE: The University Club, Ballroom A \***

**WHEN: November 13, from 12 - 2:00 p.m.**

**COST: \$15, includes tax and tip**

Brunch at the University Club: Made-to-order omelets, waffle bar with strawberries and whipped cream, full buffet, smoked salmon, roast beef, fried chicken, other meats, vegetables, salad bar, and soups.

\* The University Club is located on the corner of Kingston Pike and Neyland Drive.

— Joel Southern, SIS Communications Specialist

## SIS Welcomes New Staff Member

The School of Information Sciences is pleased to welcome Cindy Lancaster as the school's new Information Technology Coordinator. Cindy is a recent graduate of the program (fall 2004), and so she is familiar with the SIS curriculum and, more importantly, the technology needs and issues of our students.

Recently, she has worked in the Department of Computer Science as a Graduate Assistant Librarian and as a Graduate Teaching Assistant, supervising 14 teaching assistants and maintained computer labs. She also provided desktop support for a Knoxville accounting firm.

Feel free to contact Cindy directly with any technology-related concerns. She can be reached at [lancast@utk.edu](mailto:lancast@utk.edu) or (865) 974-1405.

— Joel Southern, SIS Communications Officer

## SIS' Dr. Peiling Wang Receives Honors

UTK SIS is pleased to announce that it has won a third grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) this year for a total of \$1,281,232.

Associate Professor Peiling Wang has been awarded a \$199,995 National Leadership Grants for Libraries for her project "Modeling Web searching behaviors and designing new effective interactions for digital libraries." Wang is the principal investigator on a two-year project that will analyze the needs and query behaviors of users who search for information on the Web.

Wang, in partnership with Dietmar Wolfram and Jin Zhang at the U. of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, will create new models for information discovery that incorporate algorithms for conceptual matching, allowing users to search for concepts as an alternative to entering search terms. The research will affect the design of new search interactions for digital libraries and Web search engines.

"This IMLS Research and Demonstration grant is a significant measure of the impact of Dr. Wang's research into information system design," said SIS Director Ed Cortez. "We are very pleased now to have our faculty working on three significant IMLS grants simultaneously."

Peiling Wang has also won the 2005 Outstanding Information Science Teacher award co-sponsored by the American Society for Information Science & Technology (ASIST) and the Institute for Scientific Information. The award recognizes "demonstrated sustained excellence in teaching information science." Two faculty from SIS have been awarded this prestigious award: Carol Tenopir received the award in 1993. The award carries a cash prize and an administrative stipend.

"Dr. Wang is well deserving of this award by demonstrating that excellence in teaching and excellence in creative and scholarly work go hand in hand," said Ed Cortez. "Her sustained record of teaching shows that she has a command of the subject, effectively organizes course materials, continuously updates them, and presents them cogently with enthusiasm and vitality. More importantly, Dr. Wang inspires in students independent, original thinking and creative work. Her ability to respond to a diverse student body is well known to students and colleagues alike."

Dr. Wang will be recognized at the ASIST annual conference in November.

Dr. Wang's teaching and research focus are in the areas of database management, research methods, data mining, the organization of information, and information retrieval. She was recently the recipient of a 2005 OCLC/ALISE Research Grant Award. She is on the Editorial Board of the Library & Information Science Research and reviews for several journals and conferences. You may contact Dr. Wang at (865) 974-3700 or [peilingw@utk.edu](mailto:peilingw@utk.edu).

— Joel Southern, SIS Communications Officer

## UT Libraries Wins IMLS Grant

The most notable figures in Tennessee's history might be Davy Crockett and Presidents Andrew Jackson, Andrew Johnson, and James K. Polk. But the state's rich history, from the earliest pioneers of the frontier days to the Civil War to the Civil Rights movement, tells a story that is both uniquely Tennessee and uniquely American. Thanks to a \$928,080 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the UT Libraries can begin a \$1.8 million project called "Growth of Democracy in Tennessee," which will build a free Web site of 10,000 historically significant items from across the state. This Web site will be integrated into Tennessee's K-12 history curriculum and can also be used by other educators, students, scholars, and the general public. Materials for the Web site will be chosen from repositories across the state. UT, as well as the grant's nine partner institutions (MTSU, Knox County PL, East Tennessee Historical Society, TSLA, U. of Memphis, Memphis PL, Tennessee State U., Vanderbilt U., and Brentwood PL), will gather materials from their collections and from smaller libraries, archives, and historical societies across Tennessee. In the process of gathering and scanning historical materials, project leaders will provide participating institutions with training, support, and grant resources. These scanned materials will be part of the Volunteer Voices initiative, sponsored by TENN-SHARE, and searchable through its Web site at [www.volunteervoices.org](http://www.volunteervoices.org).

"Documenting the past 200 years of Tennessee's cultural, social, political, and intellectual history is no small feat," Aaron Purcell, Interim Assistant Head of Special Collections at UT and one of the grant's principal investigators, said. "By using documents from institutions across the state we can provide access to materials that many people wouldn't otherwise have a chance to see. By gathering materials from smaller repositories, we hope to provide local ties to larger historical periods that may seem very distant or foreign. A student in Maury County, for example, will be able to see how their hometown played a significant role in Tennessee's history."

UT Libraries was one of only 11 institutions nationwide to receive an IMLS National Leadership Grant award specifically designed to build digital resources. It represents the Libraries' largest grant award from a federal agency for this kind of digitization project.

— Submitted by Penny Frere, Executive Director, TENN-SHARE

## CULS Conference a Success on Many Levels

On Fri., Oct. 14, 2005, the TLA College & University Library Section (CULS) hosted its annual fall conference at MTSU. The conference theme was "Marketing the Academic Library." Approximately 55 librarians attended. It seemed that most people learned something from the conference and had a good time.

Pamela Snelson, the Vice President/President-Elect of ACRL gave the keynote address. Dr. Snelson is the College Librarian at Franklin Marshall University in Harrisburg, PA. She emphasized the power of using the University's standards of measure (graduation rates, publication statistics, etc) to quantify the value of the library when advocating the library's position in budget meetings. She also underscored the importance of demonstrating a unified message at all levels of the library as well as grassroots advocacy of the academic library. Dr. Snelson encouraged all librarians to participate actively in campus decision-making processes.

Chris Matz, Collection Management Librarian from U. of Memphis, gave an inspirational presentation about librarian and faculty communications by comparing the challenges of the academic libraries to the Oakland Athletic team as described in *Moneyball*, by Michael Lewis.

Erika Clark, the Development Officer at the Hodges Library (UTK) convinced us that "development" is not a dirty word by explaining the once-mysterious process that her office uses to turn philanthropic

good intentions into sizeable cash donations.

Jane Davis, Cataloging Team Leader at MTSU, translated her customer service experience at a large call center into ways to make academic library experience friendly and welcoming for patrons.

Ginny Vesper, Coordinator of Collection Management at MTSU, introduced the audience to many unusual and innovative cataloging technologies that have been employed to enhance the patron's understanding of the library's materials and services.

Diana Holden, Librarian at UT's Pendergrass Agricultural & Veterinary Medicine Library spoke about outreach to faculty, stressing that it may take multiple methods over time to reach individual faculty in a way that is meaningful to them. She also noted the power of word-of-mouth phenomenon amongst faculty seeking library services.



The Electronic Resources Round Table hosted a table talk during lunch.

— Rachel Kirk, CULS Co-Chair

## Do TEL: Tennessee Electronic Library Expands to Include Literature Resource Center

Do TEL! The Tennessee Electronic Library (TEL) has just been greatly enhanced by the inclusion of *Literature Resource Center (LRC)*, a subscription-based, comprehensive literary criticism database available from the Thomson Gale Corporation. This TEL addition is funded by a challenge grant from the Tennessee State Library and Archives (TSLA) and matched by funds from many public, academic, and school libraries, public and private, across the state. Tenn-Share, a statewide resource sharing group composed of over 450 libraries and information agencies of all types, spearheaded the effort to raise the necessary funds. The result is resource-sharing at its best. Until this addition, TEL has been entirely supported by federal funds under the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) and administered by the TSLA, a division of the state headed by Secretary of State Riley C. Darnell.

When Tenn-Share representatives approached Secretary Darnell to expand TEL, he challenged them to raise money that he would match with available federal dollars. Aubrey Mitchell, Associate Dean of Libraries, UT, and Cathy Evans, Director of Libraries, Saint Mary's Episcopal School, Memphis, co-chairs of Tenn-Share's TEL Phase II steering committee, called on colleagues statewide to meet the challenge. Libraries across the state, ranging from small private high schools to large universities and everything in between, including Memphis Public, UT and Vanderbilt, pledged the needed funds.

This innovative approach to financing allows libraries that can afford to contribute to the venture to give as they can, so that those libraries that cannot pay have access. All of Tennessee wins because TEL is made available to all Tennessee residents.

*LRC* is an invaluable asset to teachers, students, and readers of all ages. Its extensive reference materials include biographical, bibliographical, critical, and contextual information on authors and their works. Within the next few months, training and documentation will be developed and distributed to all libraries in the state so that the general public and students can be trained in its use to ensure optimal utilization of the wealth of available information.

TEL currently provides citizens access to 18 subscription-based databases covering humanities, education, business, science, current events, art, politics, economics social sciences, law, health, computers, environmental issues and general interest topics. Thousands of full-text articles and general reference materials are available in reading levels ranging from elementary school to post-graduate.

Aubrey and Cathy are already looking towards the next cooperative purchase for TEL. Their slogan remains "Do TEL!"

— Tricia Bengel, TSLA Special Projects Coordinator



## Volunteer State Lives Up to Its Nickname in Hurricanes' Aftermath

Often times, it is not until disaster strikes that we learn what those around us are made of — whether we are immediately impacted by that disaster or not. The following are responses that I received from various folks in Tennessee libraries who responded to the people countless number of people who so desperately needed any assistance after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita ravaged our Gulf State neighbors, and their Gulf State neighbors, as well. I'm quite certain that this is not a full "list" of aid provided by Tennesseans to these causes, but just a sampling of some of the ways that we reached out to try to help, even if it seemed to be in some small way. Thank you for sharing — your stories, your time, your talent, and your resources.

— Chrissie Anderson Peters, *TLA*N Editor

As soon as the news footage began to show the true extent of the damage to the Gulf Coast caused by Hurricane Katrina, the **Memphis Public Library & Information Center** began to put together a course of action to provide relief and aid to victims seeking refuge in the Mid-South. The Library and its branches designated computers to be used exclusively for completing the online FEMA application and had emergency numbers on-hand, including the nearest search and rescue outfits, local shelters, and various local schools and churches.

With Rita following Katrina and compounding problems soon thereafter, the Library continued its mission to go above and beyond the call of duty to help refugees and evacuees in any way possible.

LINC/211, the Library's information and referral service, answered 1,194 phone calls, and responded personally to 3,496 people who visited libraries to get help, use a computer, find a family member, find a place to live, and find books, audiotapes, videos, and stories for their children to make the trauma of leaving home a little less difficult. Library staff also trained volunteers, advised local/state emergency responder organizations, and were members of the Emergency Management Assistance teams. Overall, the Library recorded 7,213 responses for information request from hurricane victims up to Oct. 2.

MPLIC staff were also involved in a system-wide food drive for the Memphis Food Bank. Library employees donated 1,970 pounds of food. Staffers also read to children at the Red Cross, and several agencies have seen relief efforts that involved donating animal food to the Humane Society.

— Devin Misko, Communication Specialist, MPL

[MPL's website features a "Katrina Recovery" section, available at <http://www.MemphisLibrary.org/about/katrina.htm>.]

In **Blount County**, we were fortunate that a library representative sits on the United Way Agency Advisory Board. That Board gave us a ready channel for providing and receiving up-to-date information and ways to help in the aftermath of Katrina's devastation.

After working with the local American Red Cross organization and with other members of the United Way Agency Advisory Board, we compiled two lists of resources for our library reference staff to share with evacuees or families and friends hosting evacuees. The lists updated almost daily as services, information and locations changed. We also helped disseminate this information to the news media.

Almost immediately following the Hurricane, our Reference staff began seeing people coming to the library for help with "Where do we go to seek housing, medical and food assistance?" We heard from one man who, along with his wife and three children, was hosting 22 family members in his mobile home. Another woman came with her two elementary-aged daughters and her mother. Their home on the Louisiana coast was completely obliterated as was one of the two

schools the girls had attended. Several elderly people seemed to be in shock from the devastating experiences. Each staff member could relate heart-wrenching stories heard from evacuees.

Because the library closed for the three-day Labor Day weekend, and because we were seeing so many seeking directions, our maintenance person made a little stand for flyers, and we put the two flyers, with updated information, in those bins outside the building so that people could see them and take them as needed.

For the first ten days or so, the information about "where to go" for different services changed several times, so we kept abreast of those changes with the Red Cross and the United Way Help Line. The Red Cross in Blount County registered more than 300 families of evacuees from Hurricane Katrina.

Our library director asked a Friends of the Library board member (a former school counselor) to take Red Cross disaster training so she could represent the Friends and meet with evacuees at one shelter, to give them appropriate reading selections from the collection of used books the Friends had already assembled for a future book sale.

Later, evacuees requested assistance from Reference in knowing where to go for job placement and permanent housing, since most of the refugees who came to Blount County have no homes or jobs to which to return. Since most will be staying in the Blount County area, we hope that their first experiences at the library helped welcome them to Blount County, even under such trying circumstances. In some cases, refugees have returned to the library to personally thank members of our staff for their assistance. We are glad the community considered the library as a source of information.

— Joan VanSickle Sloan, Community Outreach Coordinator  
Blount County Public Library

RB Morris, the **UT Libraries** Writer-in-Residence cosponsored an "open mic" with the Creative Writing Department of English. Writers of all types were encouraged to come and read from their works. The public was invited. An "admission recommendation" was a donation in a Red Cross money jar or a children's book for child victims of Katrina. The event raised \$350 and over 70 pounds of children's books. A great success in an unusual event.

— JoAnne Deeken, UTK

I just got back yesterday from the Gulf Coast. They postponed the first trip b/c of Hurricane Rita. I led a group of 30 students [in various clean-up efforts]. I have some awesome pics-- one from a disaster relief site that was a public library and the other where some people were giving away free books and school supplies.

— Louis Morgan, Librarian for Instructional Services / Instructor  
Squires Library, **Lee University**

[Many staff and faculty from **Lee University** led these mission-style trips, taking groups of approximately 20-30 students with them to the Gulf Coast, to do whatever they could to help whomever they could, however they could.]

**And don't forget that the need for assistance is still there! ALA has set up the "ALA Hurricane Katrina Library Relief Fund" (<http://www.ala.org/ala/cro/katrina/katrina.htm>), as well as launching the "Adopt a Library" Program. Tennessee libraries currently participating include: Kenwood Elementary (Clarksville, TN) and Eakin Elementary (Nashville, TN). We salute these two elementary schools for their efforts and applaud the leadership shown through their actions — may it serve as an inspiration to lead more Tennessee libraries to join this effort.**

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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.



### Last Christmas' News

The Fentress County Public Library in Jamestown, TN, requested library cards from libraries across the state at this time last year. We received 42 cards with which we decorated our Christmas Tree. We received five cards from out-of-state — from Boston Public Library, New York Public Library, Appomattox Regional Library System in Virginia, Niles County Public Library in Niles, Illinois, and Bowling Green Public Library in Bowling Green, Kentucky. We would like to thank everyone who mailed in their card and helped with the project.

— Leslie Pullins, Fentress County Public Library

[I want to apologize to the great folks at the Fentress County Public Library for waiting almost a year to run this article and their great pictures from the project. Running it after last year's holiday season seemed weird somehow — but the season is yet again upon us! May this serve as a reminder to some of us that we need to get going with our own library-related holiday projects! Thanks, again, Leslie! — Chrissie Anderson Peters, *TLAN* Editor]



### Governor's Books From Birth Foundation News

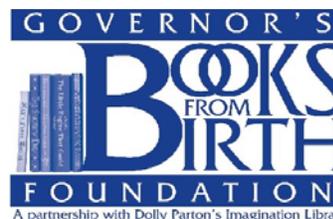
Hello friends! The Governor's Books from Birth Foundation proudly reports that the **Imagination Library is now available in more than 75 counties** - and Dickson, Madison, Montgomery, and Williamson Counties are slated to kick off this fall! We are also thrilled to share that **more than 80% of Tennessee's 375,000 children under age five now have access** to this effective pre-K literacy program. In October alone, more than 70,000 children received their very own new, hardcover, age-appropriate book by mail!

Perhaps GBBF's greatest achievement over the past few months is the unveiling of the new fantastic **League of Extraordinary Teens**, created by our very own Program Director Trish Moalla.

This unique statewide initiative seeks to promote teenage involvement in the Imagination Library by asking for teens age 13-19 to register 10 children for their local IL, as well as raise the \$135 cost to provide those children with books for one year. These extraordinary teens will be recognized by Governor Bredesen and our quarterly newsletter, *Signpost*. We have already received a tremendous response from the community and look forward to continued success!

For more information on the Governor's Books from Birth Foundation or the *League of Extraordinary Teens* please visit our website at [www.governorsfoundation.org](http://www.governorsfoundation.org) or call us at 1-877-99-Books. As always, we appreciate your support, encouragement and everything you do to foster a love of learning in Tennessee's children and families.

— Margie Maddux, Communications Director, GBBF



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