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Editor's Note

I am further behind on this issue of *TLAN* than I have ever been, and I apologize profusely. I could blame it on the fact that I was waiting for some of the more "time-sensitive" materials to reach me; I could blame it on the fact that we've been growing into our new website set-up; I could probably find two or three worthwhile places to place the blame. But the bottom line is that I did not deliver in a timely manner. I will strive to do better for the remainder of my term as Editor. I do take the full responsibility and accept full blame; likewise, I apologize, ask your forgiveness, and desire your patience as we work on the remaining two issues to finish out the committee year. To those of you who so diligently send in your articles and information on time, I owe a huge debt of gratitude, but also the biggest apologies. You do whatever you have to do to deliver your part in this newsletter process. And, this issue, for example, many of the items you brought to my attention have passed already and I did not do my part to help publicize them through this publication. That means that I am not living up to the expectations you have of me and am not delivering in the way that TLA members deserve to be served.

With all of that in mind, however, this is a longer newsletter and I have tried to take every liberty

available to include all information pertinent to the upcoming Conference, as well as to Library Legislative Day, and hope that the information will still be made available in such a manner that our colleagues across the state still find the information usable, useful, and accessible.

I also want to put in a special plug for the TLA Scholarship Committee. The Committee will have an announcement in Memphis about the inaugural awarding of the Gleaves Scholarship, likely to be awarded for Fall 2006. They still need our help in raising funds, though, as this will be an ongoing project until we raise enough money to endow the scholarship. The committee will also once again have the "ALA Consignment Table" with various products available for purchase, with portions of the proceeds being donated directly to the Scholarship Committee. Additionally, there will also be several author-signed books available in a drawing open to those wishing to donate a pre-designated amount to the Scholarship. Signed-book authors this year include Jimmy Carter, Eileen Goudge, John Grisham, and Sharyn McCrumb. More information will be available soon, or email Kam McHugh or Debbie Stevens for more details.

— Chrissie Anderson Peters, *TLAN* Editor

TLA/SELA 2006 Conference Announcement

Alright folks! Hard to believe, but the annual TLA conference is just two months away! This year's conference is going to be held in Memphis at the stunning Memphis Hilton located at 939 Ridge Lake Road, Memphis, TN 38120. If you haven't seen this hotel yet, then you are in for a treat! It has been remodeled, redecorated, and redone and it is just gorgeous! Check out the pictures if you don't believe me: <http://www.hiltonmemphis.com/photo.html>. And, (this might just be the best part because we are all cash-strapped librarians), the rooms are only \$99.00 a day! What a deal! What a steal! Can you believe it? On page 10 of this issue of *TLAN*, you will find a hotel room reservation form. Fill it out and either fax it in to Hilton, or go online and fill out the form there -- the URL is on the reservation form. Pre-registration is over on March 3, so don't let time slip away! Reserve your room today! And don't forget to check out the newly-updated Conference page on the gorgeous new TLA web site — <http://www.tnla.org/displayconvention.cfm>.

— Leah R. Allison, Director of Library Services, St. George's Collierville
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Latest Issue of *Tennessee Libraries*

I am pleased to announce the publication of the latest issue of *Tennessee Libraries*, which will be available soon on the newly-revamped TLA website. This issue marks the last one edited by Mark Ellis, who has served in the editorial role for nearly six years. We'll miss his keen eye for detail and all of the work he's done over the years. Luckily for readers of *TL*, I won't be cast adrift to edit the journal all on my own. Amy York (MTSU) will be Assistant Editor, starting with the new volume year. As always, *TL* is looking for submissions for future issues. The Contributor's Guidelines have changed a bit, so watch for details coming soon.

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

The President's Point of View

A New Year is upon us and with the New Year comes a fabulous chance for a free do-over. Last year is now ancient history and the chance to do better this time looms large on the horizon. With all of you as my witnesses, I will make the following 10 resolutions for 2006:

1. Be kind to others, even when it is early in the morning. I once had an employee who wouldn't even speak to me until after 9 am. Boy, do I miss her! But seriously, I could be much more pleasant to those that have the privilege of seeing me so early.
2. Treat my family and close friends as if they were strangers. I read an article this year about how people often try very hard in their relationships with strangers and put no effort at all into relationships with family and friends. Think about that one for a few minutes and it just might land on your list of resolutions as well.
3. Return my Library books on time. (No explanation needed.)
4. After thirty minutes at the computer, take a break for my eyes' sake. Computer screens are the culprit behind most of the eye strain cases my optometrist treats. But does that stop me from staring at the screen? No way! And I am way too vain to wear my glasses, so I am starting to develop this not-so-charming squint. This year, I will try to step away from that keyboard.
5. When I steal a pen from someone else's desk, especially the circulation desk, I will return it. Maybe, unless it writes really well!
6. Make time for the important things. The things that are important to me are my family, my friends, and good books. Things that are not so important are mowing the yard, cleaning the house, and

cooking. Wonder how this one will work out?!!

7. Floss. (See #3.)
8. Spend less time getting sucked in on the Internet. You all know what I am taking about here – you start out doing legitimate research, but the search engine reveals a link that sounds so interesting you just have to try it. And 15 minutes later, you still have no answer for your original question, but you have found a way to buy a cow for a needy village. (Isn't that the coolest thing ever?! You can also buy a flock of chickens – what a concept! www.heifer.org is just one of the many sites offering this.)
9. Daily, practice a random act of kindness. Instead of cutting other drivers off, let them pass. Open the door for someone. Smile at others. Give library patrons (and employees!) the benefit of the doubt. Make dinner for someone. Or better yet, buy dinner.
10. Renew my TLA Membership on time. I will not make the membership committee look bad – I will renew on time and support the membership growth our organization has enjoyed for the past four years. Have you mailed your form yet?



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From the Executive Director's Desk

Happy New Year! With so much to look forward to during the coming TLA year ---Tennessee Legislative Day; the Annual Conference; and Staff Development workshops – I know you will want to be a full participant in these activities. So,,, don't forget to renew your membership by January 31, 2006. (TLA membership is based on the calendar year.)

As you renew your membership, please give thought to becoming an active participant in the governance of TLA. Our organization is only as good as the members make it! We want to maintain our broad range of activities and need each member to play his/her part in making these activities successful. You'll join with wonderful, dedicated colleagues from all types of libraries, who give their time to make TLA HAPPEN! As Uncle Sam used to say.... "We want YOU!"



— Annelle Huggins,
TLA Executive Director

In Memoriam

Maryann Bork passed away at UT Hospital on Tuesday, November 15, 2005. Maryann recently underwent two major surgeries, one for arterial bypass and one for an aneurysm. A Memorial Service was held on Wednesday, November 23 at the Tellico Village Community Church. She was a founder of the Tellico Village Library (a resort community outside of Loudon, TN), and past president of the Friends Group. She served on the Loudon County Library Board, the Fort Loudoun Regional Library Board and the Friends of Tennessee Libraries Board. She worked with Friends Groups all over the state and was a member and supporter of the Tennessee Library Association. Her most recent efforts included being a major proponent of bringing the Imagination Library to all counties in Tennessee. Maryann was passionate about public libraries and the role we play in building a strong community. We spent countless hours over the years brainstorming about how we could strengthen that role and improve funding for libraries. She was always on the lookout for new marketing ideas and better ways to provide library service. She "talked libraries" wherever she went. Her enthusiasm was contagious. I truly will miss her support and her "joy of being". Thank you, Maryann, for being a friend to all of us. — Lynette S. Sloan, Regional Director, Fort Loudoun Regional Library System

Mr. Robert Webb of Knoxville, passed away on Thursday, December 22, 2005. Mr. Webb was the husband of Julie Webb, one of our most enthusiastic supporters of libraries in this state. I had the privilege of being with Mr. Webb a number of times. He was one of those folks who was a gentleman with a twinkle in his eye. He was just fun to be around. — Judy Greeson, Director, Clinch-Powell Regional Library System

Conference-Related Things to Know About!

Dear Friends and Gentle People,

At long last, we have been able to make arrangements with the bus company, and we are now in a position for final details! We have arranged for a behind-the-scenes, professional librarians' tour of the Clinton Presidential Library in Little Rock, AR, for Tuesday, April 4, as a Pre-Conference to the TLA/SELA Conference.

A chartered motor coach (doesn't that sound more impressive than "bus?"), will leave the Hilton Memphis Hotel on Tuesday morning, sharply at 7:45 a.m., for a leisurely ride to Little Rock. We will have a full day at the Presidential Library for the tour and lunch, returning to Memphis on Tuesday evening, just in time for participants to rest up for a full day of Pre-Conferences on Wednesday.

The Hilton is honoring the Conference Room Rate for Monday night, April 3, if you are staying other nights for the TLA/SELA Conference.

Cost for the tour is \$30 per person, with lunch on your own at the Library.

We have a registration for 45 people — first come, first served. Deadline is Friday, February 24. Please let me know as soon as possible if you want to sign up for this tour.

— Don Reynolds, Director
Nolichucky Regional Library

Hello, Colleagues!

With a combined TLA/SELA 2006 Conference this year, the Registration Booth *really* needs your help! Since we will be in a hotel, the Registration Booth will be surrounded by bustling activity outside of our usual library comradery. So why not be where the action is and sign up to help us? You can email your name, email address, and cell phone number if available, to us to sign up for specific times.

I know that it seems like April is still a long way off, but it will creep up on you in no time. So don't waste any time — check out our new website for the Conference schedule to see when you can join Mayo and myself for the best seats in the house!

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TASL Workshops Announced

Just a reminder to that all librarians and library staff members are invited to register for the Toni Buzzeo workshops on "Collaboration Celebration." There is an article on page one of the January edition of *Footnotes* that gives details about the workshop (accessible at <http://www.discoveret.org/tasl>). Three workshops are being offered:

1. February 25 - Jackson, TN
2. February 27 - Chattanooga, TN
3. March 4 - Morristown, TN

If you would like to register for the Jackson or Chattanooga workshops, email Allison Roberts at allisonroberts814@comcast.net.

If you would like to register for the Morristown workshop, email Brenda Moriarty at pmoriarty@chartertn.net.

You may pre-order Toni's collaboration books - K-6 or 7-12. The book cost \$39.95. You must pre-order by February 9. There will be some books available at the workshop to purchase. Breakfast refreshments will be provided at all three workshops.

Newcomers and Names to Know

Barbara Ann Denton, Assistant Professor, and Department Head of Cataloging at the University of Memphis Libraries has retired after 31 years of faithful service... The Amputee Coalition of America (ACA) is proud to announce the appointment of **Molly Moore** as Librarian for the National Limb Loss Information Center (NLLIC). Moore holds a MA in Information Science and Learning Technology from the University of Missouri and a BA in English from the University of Colorado, Boulder. Previously, Moore was the Circulation Librarian at Oak Ridge Public Library, Oak Ridge, TN, and an assistant account executive for Hoffman/Lewis in St. Louis, MO. Moore's responsibilities at the nation's most comprehensive source of information for people living with limb loss include: collection development, cataloging, performing research and producing electronic publications including ACA's Topic of the Month and PubMed© Abstracts. She is a member of TLA and its Public Relations Section, ETLA, and the Medical Library Association. She also founded the St. Louis Chapter of the University of Missouri's Library and Information Science Graduate Student Association (LISGSA)... Three new librarians joined the Walker Library at MTSU in Fall 2006. **Karen Dearing** has taken on responsibilities in reference/instruction. She has served as Assistant Director of the Williamson County Public Library System. Her experience also includes user services responsibilities at Columbia State Community College, as well as work with the Public Library of Nashville and Davidson County and TVA. Karen has her MLS degree from the University of Alabama. **Mary Ellen Pozzebon** has taken the position of web services librarian. She comes to us from Jackson State Community College where she served as Reference and Instruction Librarian. She will focus on web services and providing reference and instruction to students, faculty and researchers. Prior to her work at Jackson State, Mary Ellen worked at two campuses of the California State University system. She received her graduate library degree from San Jose State University. **Amy York** has been hired into the Distance Education/Outreach position. She will serve the needs of distance students and provide reference service and bibliographic instruction. Amy worked on a temporary basis for Walker Library and has also served as a teacher and in reference at the Williamson County Public Library. Amy has her degree from the University of Tennessee... **Lisa Ennis**, an Alumni of UTK's SIS program, had an article ("Going Over the Wall!: Escaping a Toxicity") published in the November 2005 offerings available at LIScareer.com... Congratulations to **Jo McDavid**, the Branch Librarian at the Colonial Heights Library in Sullivan County on her recent inclusion in the 60th Anniversary edition of *Who's Who*...

Jason Fetty is the new Reference and Instruction Librarian at Jackson State Community College. Jason is a graduate of the University of Washington Library Information School. He has taught English in Japan, Taiwan and Korea. Jason will be responsible for maintaining the Library's web site, as well as coordinating Information Literacy Instruction and Reference service... **Jamen McGranahan** has left joined the Nashville Public Library as the library's new Librarian Automation Specialist... **Tiffani Conner**, UTK Alumna and TLA member, has been promoted to the position of Data Services Coordinator at the University of Connecticut's library.

Molly Moore joins the Amputee Coalition of America's (ACA) National Limb Loss Information Center (NLLIC) as Librarian.



Library Legislative Day 2006 – Tuesday, February 28

Growing Citizens @ Our Libraries

As you all know, this year's Library Legislative Day (Tues., Feb. 28, 2006) theme is "Growing Citizens @ Our Libraries." This year we are preparing a slide show (PowerPoint presentation) featuring pictures of programs at YOUR libraries that help Tennessee grow its citizens. It will be shown at the reception in Nashville the evening before Legislative Day; to library advocates attending the morning workshop and to the State Legislators and others attending the luncheon on Legislative Day.

The Library Legislative Day morning workshop will showcase programs in public, school and academic libraries that contribute to the growth of citizens in our state. The slide presentation will reflect this variety as well.

I am sending this message, asking you to help us prepare this wonderful "show" by sending us pictures you have in electronic format of any of the following activities in your public library:

- Patrons reading, using computers, talking to library staff or other patrons, generally looking active in the library. All age groups needed: children, teens, adults, seniors.
- Library programs, again, all ages, but adults and seniors especially.
- Summer Reading Program.
- Any other activity that you feel will represent what's going on in public libraries that advocates and Legislators should know about.

Polly Forsell, Hermitage Branch Library (Nashville) is heading up this effort, so please send what you have to her at polly.forsell@nashville.gov. She asks that you identify the library (and the particular branch, if necessary) and also supply a two- or three-word comment on the nature of the picture if it is a specific program (i.e. summer reading, music program, senior program on knitting, etc.) Pictures that are zoomed in on faces and expressions are particularly good.

Thanks so much for your help and remember:

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Growing Citizens @ Our Libraries
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2006 Library Legislative Day

Reception Monday Evening, February 27, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., at the Offices of Boulton, Cummings, Conners & Berry

Activities for Legislative Day will actually begin on Monday evening, Feb. 27, with a reception from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., hosted by/held at the offices of Boulton, Cummings, Conners & Berry, the Nashville law firm of Committee member Julie Julian. BCCB has graciously offered this opportunity for those of us coming to Nashville the night before the big day to have a chance to begin our networking early. As you register for Legislative Day, you will receive complete information about this reception, including directions.

Growing Citizens @ Our Libraries

That's the theme of this year's Library Legislative Day morning program. From early pre-school story hours, through summer reading programs, to the Online Regents Degree Program, attendees will become acquainted with all that Tennessee libraries are doing to *Grow Citizens @ Our Libraries*. We will then take that information to our Legislators at lunch and/or at meetings with them after lunch, making them aware of the contributions libraries make toward a more educated citizenry for our state.

Morning Program Will Begin at 10:30 a.m.

The morning program, to be held once again in the Auditorium of the Conference Center at Nashville Public Library's Downtown Branch, will begin later than usual – at 10:30 a.m. – to accommodate those of us who will be traveling long distances, but cannot arrive in Nashville on Monday night. As always, a continental breakfast will be served beginning at 9:00 a.m. when the library opens.

Lunch at the Sheraton Nashville Downtown Hotel at 12:00 Noon

Legislators have been invited to the luncheon with a Save-the-Date postcard and email in November and then a formal invitation with complete details in January. It is now up to each of us to extend a personal invitation to our Legislators, assuring them that we will be at the Sheraton to meet them. Security measures in place at the Capitol and Legislative Plaza make it very difficult for us to get to our Legislators' offices and then back to the Sheraton by noon. So please plan on meeting your Legislators in the Sheraton lobby and escorting them to the luncheon. And because the morning program begins at 10:30, there will not be time for meetings in Legislators' offices before lunch. Please make office appointments for some time after 1:00 p.m. on that Tuesday, February 28.

You will find frequent updates on the program, as well as the registration form, on the TENN-SHARE website, www.tenn-share.org, and on the TLA website, as that becomes available once again. Information on Nashville Public Library, including directions and parking suggestions, is on their website, www.nashville.library.org.

Registrations are due no later than February 17, but would be gratefully accepted at your earliest convenience. If you have questions about Library Legislative Day 2006, please do not hesitate to contact the Library Legislative Day 2006 Co-Chairs.

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Reflections on the Library Residency Program by SIS Grad

After graduating with perfect grades and armed with strong faculty recommendations from the University of Tennessee's School of Information Sciences, I felt I had a reasonable chance at getting a good job. I was dead wrong. I would spend hours scouring lisjobs.com and *The Chronicle*, only to realize that the money I was spending on faxes, postage and fancy resume paper, was amounting to naught.

After getting frustrated enough to leave the country and wander around New Zealand for a few months, I realized that my entire job search had been misdirected. I had been applying for academic reference positions requiring experience and specialized Master's degrees. I discovered the jobs I should have been applying for are called residencies.

Library residencies tend to be misunderstood, even in our field. Some people ask if I live in the library; others ask me if I am allowed to perform surgery yet. Most are just curious what the deal is. A residency is an opportunity for an enthusiastic new graduate to gain useful experience in the field. Unfortunately, not every academic library offers residencies, although more have recently been popping up. A library residency can be a remarkably valuable experience for those with degree-in-hand who hope to enter the profession with gangbusters.

The beauty of the residency is that it is *not* an internship. I once worked an internship (read: cheap/free labor) and came to despise the low caste nature of the job. Certainly, some folks tend to equate "resident" and "intern," but those who know, realize that a resident is on relatively equal terms with the rest of the librarians. At College of DuPage (CoD), the library plays a huge role in the development of a student's education; library faculty taught over 1,000 information sessions in 2004 alone. Because librarians are recognized as valuable contributors to every discipline, they are part of the college faculty (indeed, two CoD librarians hold elected positions on the faculty senate). As a library resident, I am thrust into and become part of this dynamic community college environment.

I routinely made mistakes my first quarter, but eventually I got the hang of things and began to work myself into committee meetings and other library and college-related activities. Indeed, the sheer multitude of possibilities can be challenging to grasp. I've found there are many different ways to approach a residency; I think it is best to keep an open mind and generally be open to discovery. When beginning my residency, the library faculty and administration repeatedly explained to me that the purpose of my two years as a resident is to learn as much as possible. This process includes attending conferences, contributing on special projects, meeting with various faculty and staff, working the reference desk, and learning more about cataloging and circulation.

There are numerous advantages to being a resident. There is a freedom to observe and participate in a wide array of library activities: everything from circulation to technical services to reference and collection development. The residency is a really unique opportunity to enhance my skills and experiment with various teaching styles.

Indeed, teaching has been the most rewarding aspect of my residency. Because the C.O.D. library promotes information literacy for

students as a cornerstone of its services, most library faculty engage in teaching within their core disciplines. As a resident librarian, I have had opportunities to conduct information literacy classes across a variety of disciplines: ESL, English, Architecture, and Geography. I have also had the opportunity to be involved with collection management of significant and growing video rental collection. As a film aficionado, this has been one of the many enjoyable aspects of the residency.

Finally, at CoD, the library resident works actively on a second-year project meant to showcase the interests and abilities of the resident, as well as contribute and strengthen library initiatives.

There are few disadvantages or disappointments that have come to bear since beginning the residency. Obviously, because it is two-year term appointment, I am often being reminded by others (and myself) that *the clock is ticking*. This certainly adds a sense of urgency (i.e. having to finish up a major project in a relatively short amount of time), as well as a kind of vague malaise about having to leave such a wonderful environment in a relatively short amount of time. Nevertheless, simply having the opportunity to learn such a wide variety of skills necessary to become a strong librarian, so soon after completing library school, is a chance that I hope becomes increasingly available to more graduates.

As an increasing number of librarians move towards administrative positions/retirement, the academic library community should advocate the creation and support for more residencies such as the position at the College of DuPage. The ACRL ought to make the creation of residencies an institutional objective on par with increasing diversity and the protection of intellectual freedoms.

Along the meandering path from education to professional expertise, there is need for a more structured interim position for those new to the field. For librarianship, the residency can meet this need, and one can only hope that the recognition of the positive contributions of residents will inspire college and university administrators and faculty to support more library residencies across the nation.

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Boone Tree Library Association News

The Boone Tree Library Association (<http://www.boonetree.org>) has updated the "News & Upcoming Events" portion of its website to include an RSS feed. Users can now subscribe to the feed in their news readers and aggregators. Additionally, the group has announced details for their Spring Meeting, to be held on Thurs., Mar. 16, from 6:30-9:00 p.m., at the Carnegie Library in Johnson City at ETSU's VA Medical Center Grounds. Clara Hasbrouk will speak on the History of Boone Tree. Tours will be offered of the Carnegie Library, as well as the Museum at Mountain Home, just down the street. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome to attend — and bring a friend!

Invitation to February CALA Meeting

This is an invitation for all to attend the Thurs., Feb., 9, meeting of CALA (the Chattanooga Area Library Association), Cleveland State Community College library at 7 p.m. The program feature will be PAGES, the Cleveland State book club for students, staff and faculty. Mary Evelyn Lynn, Library Director, will provide the presentation. Come to meet friends and relax with refreshments in our new library coffee shop.

Tennessee Library Association Board Happenings

With a new calendar year, the TLA Board Membership has seen some changes. Welcome to the following people who have joined the Board or who have been appointed to positions on the Board recently: Sue Alexander is now the sole Chair of the Honors and Awards Committee; Sue Knoche is now the Chair of the Paraprofessional Roundtable; and Priscilla Stephenson has begun her term as President of the Tennessee Health Sciences Library Association (THESLA).

The TLA Board also welcomes Kanneese Woods, the new TLA Webmaster, who serves as Web Services Librarian at the University of Memphis. If you have not taken the time to poke around the newly-renovated website, now hosted by Affiniscape, we invite you to do so at our tried-and-true web address: www.TNLA.org. Here are a few words from Kanneese about the move to Affiniscape and what we can

expect to find on our Association site. "In collaboration with our new web host, Affiniscape, the redesigned site will offer membership databases, online registration, and other interactive features. All interactive features are designed to disseminate communication effectively and efficiently. As the new TLA Webmaster, I will ensure that the new website meets the communication needs of TLA." Send suggestions/questions to kbwoods1@memphis.edu. The site has a link at the bottom to send Kanneese your feedback, comments and suggestions. We want to know what you think, so let us know!

Many thanks to Annelle Huggins, who has now added "Board Photographer" to her long list of accomplishments! Below, are some pictures from our last TLA Board Meeting in Mt. Juliet, TN, in November 2005.



School of Information Sciences News

The Fall 2005 issue of the School of Information Sciences newsletter, *Interface*, is available at <http://www.sis.utk.edu/alumni/interface>.

Read about the dynamic strategic planning that school faculty and staff have engaged in this year since Ed Cortez took the helm as director in July. Inspired by a 2-day retreat in August, faculty have proposed exciting new initiatives for SIS, and this issue of *Interface* includes a peek at these. Proposals considered include launching new centers for public libraries and economic development, a government records information clearinghouse, and expanding its partnership with the Center for Children's and Young Adult Literature.

Other news this issue:

- School and College faculty approve an Undergraduate Minor in Information Studies and Technology
- Bill Robinson appointed Assistant Director
- Information science icon Marcia Bates speaks about her groundbreaking work defining "information."
- The 3 IMLS Grants awarded SIS in 2005
- SIS Alumni President Margaret Casado discusses this year's alumni events
- Tanya Arnold tells about the incoming class of 2005 – 2006
- Meet Cindy Lancaster, the school's new IT Coordinator
- Highlights of student awards and news

Exciting things are happening at the School of Information Sciences, and we invite you to look at this issue of *Interface* and see for yourself. Print copies should be also available.

At its November 9 faculty meeting, the School of Information Sciences honored Bonnie C. Carroll with its inaugural Distinguished Friend Award. The faculty and staff acknowledged Carroll for her service, support, and guidance to the school over the years.

As president of Information International Associates (IIA), Ms. Carroll

has helped provide a challenging and intellectually stimulating environment for dozens of SIS graduate students serving as interns for over the past 10 years. IIA employs many of the school's brightest graduates and supports an information literate environment that is beneficial to the region. Carroll also serves on the College of Communication Information Board of Visitors. In 2003, Carroll launched an annual scholarship at SIS for students pursuing technical fields of information science and library management.

Carroll was awarded the Department of Interior's Conservation Service Award last year for "outstanding contributions" to developing the National Biological Information Infrastructure and other biological informatics efforts. Carroll is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and Past President of the American Society of Information Science & Technology.

See <http://www.sis.utk.edu/alumni/scholarships/scholarships#iia> and <http://www.sis.utk.edu/newsArchive/distinguishedfriend>.

The deadline for nominations for SIS' Distinguished Alumni Award has just passed and the SIS Alumni Board will meet soon to make their decision as to who will be the 2006 winner. The announcement will be made at the annual Alumni & Friends Day, coming up in Knoxville on March 11. The day's events will run from 2:00-5:00 p.m. and will take place at the McClung Museum Auditorium at UT. The event is free and open to everyone — both Alumni *and* other friends of SIS and Tennessee Libraries (hence the name of the event)!

The speaker for the event will be Peggy Sullivan. Dr. Sullivan is a library consultant, Past-President of the American Library Association (1990), and an impressive storyteller and speaker. Her talk is entitled, "Library Heroes: Past, Present, and Future."

— Joel Southern,
Communications Specialist, SIS

Four Tennesseans Run for ALA Office

ALA's elected Councilors-At-Large play a very important role in the national organization, standing in as representatives for the 66,000+ members now in the Association. This year's list of 47 Councilor-At-Large candidates (plus 23 Petition Candidates) includes four TLA Members and/or Tennessee librarians.

Tiffani Conner, is a graduate of SIS, and is a first-time candidate for Councilor-At-Large. Even though she is currently a Librarian at the University of Connecticut, Tiffani has continued her membership in TLA. Aaron Dobbs, also a TLA member and SIS Alumnus, serves as a Librarian at Austin Peay State University, and is another first-time nominee for Councilor-At-Large. Dale Poulter is a librarian at Vanderbilt University. Larry Romans, also a Librarian at Vanderbilt is another TLA member and is listed on the list of Petition Candidates.

The list of 2006 Candidates for ALA Councilor-at-Large can be accessed by using this TinyURL link: <http://tinyurl.com/ds36l>. If you are an ALA member, we encourage you to vote for your fellow Volunteers. The more Tennesseans we have on the ALA Council, regardless of their library affiliations, the better our chances for having Tennesseans' interests and opinions put forth at a national level.

Libraries Build Communities: ALA Volunteering Opportunities in New Orleans

Those attending ALA's Annual Conference in New Orleans, June 22-28, will show how "Libraries Build Communities" through daylong community service efforts to help rebuild New Orleans. As part of ALA's ongoing efforts to help the libraries and communities in the Gulf Coast, conference attendees will be able to volunteer for a full-day community service project on Fri., June 23 or Tues., June 27. Conference-goers will be able to choose from activities to help the New Orleans Public Library, Orleans Parish School District, or other community rebuilding efforts. To volunteer register at www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2006a/registration.htm under the "Special Registration Section." The registration fee is \$10 and will include transportation to and from the community project, lunch, and a "Libraries Build Communities" t-shirt.

Technological Breakthrough: BOOK

Introducing the new Bio-Optic Organized Knowledge device, trade named BOOK. BOOK is a revolutionary breakthrough in technology: no wires, no electric circuits, no batteries, nothing to be connected or switched on. It's easy to use; even a child can operate it. Compact and portable, it can be used anywhere (even sitting in an armchair by the fire), yet is powerful enough to hold as much information as a CD-ROM disc.

Here's how it works: BOOK is constructed of sequentially numbered sheets of paper (recyclable), each capable of holding thousands of bits of information. The pages are locked together with a custom-fit device called a binder, which keeps the sheets in their correct sequence. Opaque Paper Technology (OPT) allows manufacturers to use both sides of the sheet, doubling the information density and cutting costs. Experts are divided on the prospects for further increases in information density; for now, BOOKs with more information simply use more pages. Each sheet is scanned optically, registering information directly into your brain. A flick of the finger takes you to the next sheet. BOOK may be taken up at any time and used merely by opening it. Unlike other display devices, BOOK never crashes or requires rebooting, and it can even be dropped on the floor or stepped on without damage. However, it can become unusable if

American Library Association Election Will Offer Improved Delivery of Ballots

The American Library Association (ALA) will hold its 2006 online election with an emphasis on improved delivery of member ballots. "We are pleased with the growth of interest in online voting," said ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels. "For the 2006 election, we have made enhancements to the delivery of the ballots to members, including a 48-hour email blast to Web voters, 5-day delivery of international ballots, and a new domain name."

For 2006 elections, all Web voters will receive ballots between March 15 -March 17, 2006, in a 48-hour email blast. This will ensure that voters have more time to cast their ballots. International ballot packages will be mailed between March 15-March 22. ALA will use a carrier who ensures 5-day delivery to anywhere in the world. ALA's new election domain name is a dot.org instead of the dot.net used in the past — www.2006election@alavote.org — and makes it less likely that emailed ballots will be sorted into spam folders in various email programs.

Building on the association's experience with the 2005 electronic election, a number of changes made last year will continue with the 2006 election process and ballot. The 2006 election will be ALA's third online accessible election. The 2006 ballot meets all applicable W3C accessibility standards and can be read by common screen readers for the disabled. This allows ALA's visually impaired members to navigate Web sites by converting text and other visual symbols to audible speech.

This election, council candidate biographies will be available in HTML format for members to review and print before entering the ballot package. A link to these will be provided on the election ballot log-in page.

Paper ballots will be sent to members in good standing who request them prior to March 3, 2006, by calling 800-545-2433 (press 5) or sending an email to membership@ala.org.

Members who do not have an email address at home or work, but wish to vote online may consider signing up for a free account from a service such as Yahoo (<http://mail.yahoo.com>). To ensure that member email records are accurate, ALA conducted email tests in October 2005. All current ALA members are eligible to vote in the 2006 election. Polls

immersed in water for a significant period of time. The "browse" feature allows you to move instantly to any sheet and move forward or backward as you wish. Many come with an "index" feature, which pinpoints the exact location of selected information for instant retrieval.

An optional "BOOKmark" accessory allows you to open BOOK to the exact place you left it in a previous session-- even if the BOOK has been closed. BOOKmarks fit universal design standards; thus, a single BOOKmark can be used in BOOKs by various manufacturers. Conversely, numerous BOOKmarkers can be used in a single BOOK if the user wants to store numerous views at once. The number is limited only by the number of pages in the BOOK. You can also make personal notes next to BOOK text entries with an optional programming tool, the Portable Erasable Nib Cryptic Intercommunication Language Stylus (PENCILS).

Portable, durable, and affordable, BOOK is being hailed as a precursor of a new entertainment wave. Also, BOOK's appeal seems so certain that thousands of content creators have committed to the platform and investors are reportedly flocking. Look for a flood of new titles soon.

— Contributed to TNPubLib-L by Kim Hicks,
Director, Madisonville Public Library

Memphis Public Library Happenings and News

MPLIC Acts Quickly To Provide Assistance To Hurricane Victims

As soon as 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 Hurricane 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 and 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 October 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.

MPLIC Central Library Named After Civil Rights Pioneer

Dr. Benjamin Hooks, a local civil rights pioneer, was at a reception held in his honor at the official naming of the Memphis Public Library & Information Center's Central Library October 27. The Memphis City Council officially named the Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library at the reception. During his speech, Dr. Hooks made a \$10,000 donation to the Foundation for the Library. The event drew an audience of 500 including local officials, AutoZone founder J.R. "Pitt" Hyde, and designer Patt Kerr Tigrett. Former city councilwoman Janet Hooks presided over the event. Remarks were given at the reception by Mayor W.W. Herenton and Councilman Joe Brown.

Hooks was a prominent Memphis attorney and first African-American Federal Judge in the

1960's. He left that post to assume head of the NAACP. He retired as Executive Director of the NAACP in the early 1990's.

MPLIC Children's Festival Highlights 100 Years of Services

The Children's Book Festival was held at the Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library to culminate the MPLIC's year-long 100 Years of Children's Services celebration. During the day's events, children got a chance to hear from renowned author/illustrator Tedd Arnold (*No More Jumping on the Bed*), and author Gloria Jean Pinkney (*The Sunday Outing*). Local author and former Librarian of the Year winner, Alice Faye Duncan, also conducted a session. By the end of the day, budding artists had a chance to write, illustrate, and publish their very own books. Each book was logged into Memphis Public Library & Information Center's card catalog.

Online Chat Reference Service Offers Real Time Answers Via Internet

The Internet continues to expand as technology advances and because of that progression the Memphis Public Library & Information Center is seeking new ways to use the Internet to serve its customers.

An example is the Online Chat Reference service now being offered. The new service offers real time answers to questions posed by customers over the Internet, similar to instant messaging in its directness and speed.

"We are doing this because it is a new communication medium that customers can use at home to interact with the Library," said Alan Stewart, Electronic Services Coordinator. The service has already enjoyed a successful trial run period in which 38 live chat session questions and 121 email questions were answered in a little over a month. Customers are permitted to ask a question and leave their email address for later response.

Anywhere on the Library web site where the green information icon is present, customers can click and be directly connected to a member of the LINC staff. Hours of availability are limited for now: Monday through Thursday, 2 p.m. until 7 p.m. and Friday, 2 p.m. until 5 p.m.

"We are [especially] hopeful [about success] with teens and young adults who may be more comfortable with instant messaging will use this service," said Stewart.

Impressive First Year Numbers For Cordova and Whitehaven Branches

In the Fall of 2004, MPLIC opened two new library branches: the Cordova Branch Library and the Whitehaven Branch Library. The two branches share several similarities. Both had their grand openings at the same time; both have 128,000 square feet; and both offer an extraordinary array of services to their communities. Also, both branches have posted impressive first year numbers.

Take for instance the number of library cards issued. In its inaugural year of operation, the Cordova Branch issued 4,727 new library cards. Whitehaven issued 4,397. The Whitehaven Branch held 357 children's programs with 9,013 children and parents attending. The Cordova Branch held 165 children's programs with 7,468 in attendance. That's right, for every Children's program at Cordova, 45 parents and children attended. Adding up the total of children, teen, and adult programs, the Cordova Branch has offered 200 programs, while the Whitehaven Branch has offered 396 programs.

Aside from programs and library cards, library staff at the two branches helped close to 610,000 customers enjoy almost 550,000 books, movies, CDs, tapes, and magazines.



Cordova Branch Library (above) and Whitehaven Branch Library (below) celebrate first year in business.



MPL's Boogie In The Books A Success

Hundreds of people attended Boogie in the Books, the Memphis Public Library & Information Center's fundraising party on November 5 at the Central Library. The event featured games, prizes, food from some of Memphis' finest restaurants, and a silent auction that benefited the Library's Memphis Music Collection. Proceeds from the party will help to purchase new materials for the library system.

Presented by the Foundation for the Library, the event was celebrated on all four floors of the Library and featured two bands.

— Devin Misko, Communications Specialist, Memphis PL

2006 TLA/SELA Pre-Conference Programs Information

We hope you have the dates April 5-7 marked on your calendars for the 2006 TLA/SELA combined conference in Memphis! The conference is going to be better than ever because library staff from around the Southeast will be joining Tennessee librarians for the annual gathering. Topics include: Developing Online Tutorials, Managing E-Resources in Libraries, Marketing the Small Library, Adaptive Technology on a Shoestring, Too Sexy for the Stacks (yes, that's the name of the session — we're curious, are you?), the Wireless Revolution, and many, many more. Look for the entire schedule TLA's website.

Meanwhile, here is a list of Pre-Conferences scheduled for Wednesday, April 5th. You can sign up NOW, and assure yourself of a place in the pre-conference(s) of your choice. In fact, you can sign up for the entire conference. Use the Registration form and return it to Annelle Huggins at the TLA address indicated.

2006 TLA/SELA Preconferences,
Wednesday, April 5

Prescription for Success (half-day)

Speaker: Rick Wallace

This introduction to consumer health information covers the information-seeking behaviors of consumers, basics of DIRLINE, MEDLINEplus, ClinicalTrials.gov, and other reliable web sites, including professional medical associations and advocacy groups. Pharmaceutical, drug-interaction, and herbal information is also covered.

The Numbers Game (half day)

Speaker: Keith Curry Lance

Keith Curry Lance is known nationally and internationally for his contributions to the development of performance measures for libraries and to the assessment of the educational and social impact of library services. Director of the Library of Research Service at the Colorado State Library, he is also an affiliated member of the faculty of the Library and Information Science Program, University of Denver. Library managers are frequently daunted by one aspect of their jobs that most library schools do little to prepare them for — dealing with numbers. How do we turn statistical data into something showing powerful, measurable impact on the communities we serve? Keith Curry Lance is renowned for his informative, fun, ability to make numbers come alive for libraries and the people they serve. Learn about recent national library trends; issues in measuring use of electronic services; strategies for designing local samples, focus groups, and surveys. It's a pre-conference you don't want to miss.

The LEAP Model (half day)

Speakers: Damone Virgilio, Gay Cain, Sallie Johnson, MPLIC

Leaders emerge from all ranks of an organization. Identifying and developing these future leaders is fundamental for succession-planning in any library organization — large, small, public, or academic. This session examines the implementation of a Leadership Development Program, from participant perspectives to curriculum development and facilitation, including the insight and perspectives from current participants.

ALA Regional Advocacy Institute: Library Advocacy in the Post-Katrina South (half day)

Speaker(s): Marci Merola, ALA's Public Information Office; Judith Gibbons, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives and National Co-Chair, ALA Advocacy Campaign; Kathleen Imhoff, Exec. Director, Lexington Public Library When crisis looms, competition for the dollar becomes fierce. How do libraries get their share? This Advocacy Institute is intended for the novice advocate, those who need a refresher course in fostering grassroots advocacy, and those interested in rebuilding after the devastation brought by Hurricane Katrina. Unit Sponsor: SELA, ALA

Your Professional Image (half day)

Speaker: Jim Wallace, University of Memphis Professional Training Program Give yourself an edge in today's workplace by learning what to wear to any business occasion. Make sure you're sending the correct messages via the non-verbal clues projected by your professional image. Make sure your employer and clients see you as the qualified person you are.

Cataloging Issues-International Initiatives (all day)

Speaker(s): Barbara Tillett, Chief, Cataloging Policy and Support Office, Library of Congress, and member, Joint Steering Committee for Revision of Anglo-American Cataloging Rules There are lots of changes in the works for cataloging rules and principles. A new cataloging code (RDA: Resource Description and Access) is to replace AACR2. A new set of cataloging principles is to replace the 1961 Paris Principles. New conceptual models/vocabulary are influencing many of these changes to our basic guidelines and instructions for cataloging, and influencing future systems designs. Internationally-recognized cataloging authority Barbara Tillett explains IFLA initiatives, including FRBR, the Virtual International Authority File, and IFLA's work on a new Statement of International Cataloging Principles. This presentation will inform Southeast librarians about world-wide cooperation in dealing

with cataloging issues. Unit Sponsor: Technical Services Roundtable (TLA)

Creative Dramatics (half day)

Speaker(s): Julie Duke, TSLA; Micki Parsley, Highland Rim Regional Lib.; Becky Bowles, Highland Rim Regional Lib.

School age programs got you down? Want to add pizzazz to your storytelling? Put some pep in your step with Micki Parsley, Becky Bowles, and Julie Duke, as they dramatize familiar stories with inexpensive and easy to make props and costumes. These stories are suitable for one to two storytellers. Unit Sponsor: Children's and Young Adult Roundtable (TLA)

Meeting the Needs of Diverse Populations (half day)

Speaker(s): Sandy Cohen, Nashville PL; Pamela Dennis, Lambuth University; Kevin Dixon, MPLIC; Thura Mack, University of Tennessee at Knoxville Libraries; Sherry Macken, Memphis City Schools; Bess Robinson, University of Memphis Libraries Ever wonder how other libraries provide for diverse populations (i.e., faculty, non-native speakers of English, people with physical or mental disabilities, struggling readers in grades 7-12, or adults ready to cross the digital divide)? A panel of librarians will discuss strategies for reaching a variety of groups and providing leadership in the creation of outreach programs and services.

Tours:

Tour of MPLIC's Newest/Newly-Renovated Branches (all day)

Speaker(s): Chris Marszalek, Norvel Adams-Walker, Fred Bannerman-Williams, Verjeana Hunt, Caroline Barnett, Debbie Stevens, Kam McHugh, MPLIC 18 branch libraries of various sizes/shapes serve the Greater Memphis area. Tour the four newest/newly renovated branches: Whitehaven (opened Oct. 2004), Cordova (opened Nov. 2004), Randolph (renovated and reopened Jan. 2005), and Hollywood (renovated and reopened Aug. 2005). Limit: 10 people. Transportation provided. The van will pick up/drop off registrants at the Hilton and will stop for lunch in Overton Square. Lunch will be on-your-own at any of the Overton Square restaurants.

Local/Regional History and Culture Collections in Memphis: Memphis Room & Mississippi Valley Collection (half day)

Tour Guides: Dr. Jim Johnson, MPLIC; Prof. Ed Frank, U. of Memphis Libraries This activity takes you to the new MPL and to the U. of Memphis McWhorter Library for tours of the two largest and best-known history and culture collections in the region. Learn about the holdings, processes, and facilities of these flagship departments. Limit: 10 people.

— Jane Pinkston and Kay Cunningham,
2006 TLA/SELA Conf. Programs Co-Chairs

**Tennessee Library Association / Southeast Library Association
Combined Annual Conference
April 5-7, 2006**

**Reservation Form: Hilton Memphis Hotel
Deadline to receive conference rate: March 3, 2005**

Please print this form and mail or fax it to the hotel, or register online (see information below)

Name _____ Daytime phone: (_____) _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

Number of rooms _____. Number of people on this reservation ____ Adults ____ Children

I am sharing a room with _____ who will reserve separately.

- Standard accommodations have one king size or two double beds. Please indicate your preference below.
- All room rates are net, noncommissionable and subject to state and local taxes of 15.95%.
- All guest rooms are guaranteed for late arrival by individual's credit card or advance deposit.
- Reservations must be cancelled at least 72 hours prior to arrival to avoid a charge of the first night's room and tax.

Rate: \$99 plus tax. Single _____ or Double _____

Room Requests*: check all that apply

King Bed _____; Two beds _____; Crib _____; Non-Smoking _____; Smoking _____;

Disabled accommodations _____; Connecting room with _____

*All special requests will be noted but cannot be guaranteed.

Check-in time: 3:00 PM (Room may be available prior to 3:00 pm, subject to availability.) ♦ Check-out time: 12:00 pm

Deadline to Receive Conference Rate: March 3, 2005.

Deposit required by check or credit card \$114.80 (One night's room @\$99 plus 15.95% tax)

_____ Check enclosed _____ Please bill the following credit card.

Card number (no spaces) _____ Exp. Date (mm/yy) __/ __

Signature _____ AMEX ___ VISA ___ MasterCard ___ Discover ___ Diners

Submit reservation by:

Mail:

**Hilton Memphis Hotel
939 Ridge Lake Blvd.
Memphis, TN 38120**

Phone: 901-684-6664 or 1-800-445-8667

Fax: 901-762-7496

Online : <http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=MEMPHHF>

Conference code: TN LIBRARYASSOC

**Tennessee Library Association
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April 5-7, 2006 ♦ Hilton Memphis Hotel
Registration Form**

Pre-registration deadline is March 3. Pre-registration required for ALL special events.

PLEASE PRINT: Daytime phone: _____ FAX: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

Library Name: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

City: _____ Email: _____

Your Memberships (check all that apply): TLA ___ SELA ___ TASL ___ FOTL ___ TheSLA ___

Your library affiliation(s): Academic ___ School ___ Public ___ Regional ___ Special ___ Trustee ___ Library Friend ___

Require ADA Assistance: ___ Require Vegetarian Meals: ___

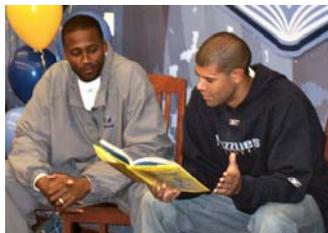
Registration Fees (Circle appropriate fee)	Member (See Above)		Non-Member	
	Pre-Reg.	Onsite	Pre-Reg	Onsite
Full Conference, April 6-7	\$70	\$95	\$115	\$140
One Day: Thurs. ___ Fri. ___	\$55	\$60	\$100	\$105
Exhibits only	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10
Student	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10
Conference Registration Fee:				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meals and Reception. Pre-registration required.				
All Conference Reception	Thurs., 7:30-9:30 pm, Rock & Soul Museum. Van provided			\$10
Intellectual Freedom Breakfast	Thurs., 7:30-8:45 am, Hilton			\$20
SELA Luncheon	Thurs., 11:45-1:00, Hilton			\$25
Children/YA Breakfast	Friday, 7:00-8:15, Hilton			\$20
Trustees/Friends Luncheon	Friday, 12-1:15, Hilton			\$25
Meals/Reception Total:				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wednesday Pre-Conferences and Tours. Pre-registration required.				
Prescription for Success	9 am-12 noon. SE Ballroom A, Hilton			\$25
The Numbers Game	9 am-12 noon, SE Ballroom B, Hilton			\$50
The LEAP Model	9 am-12 noon, Memphis Public Library			\$25
ALA Regional Advocacy Institute	9 am-12:30 pm, Memphis Public Library			\$25
Your Professional Image	9 am-12 noon, Memphis Public Library			\$35
Cataloging Issues-International	9 am-4:30 pm, SE Ballroom C, Hilton			\$60
Creative Dramatics	1:30-4:30 pm, SE Ballroom A, Hilton			\$25
Meeting the Needs of Diverse Populations	1:30-4:30, SE Ballroom B, Hilton			\$25
Tour of Memphis PL Branches	10 am-5 pm., Van from Hilton			\$25
Tour Local History Collections	1:30-4:30 pm., Leave from Hilton			\$15
Pre-Conferences and Tour Total:				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE:				

Make checks payable to: Tennessee Library Association

Mail to: Annelle Huggins, TLA Conference, P.O. Box 241074, Memphis, TN 38124-1074

Must be received by March 3. No refunds after March 24.

Collierville Library Happenings



Memphis Grizzlies Visit the Collierville Burch Library

The NBA Memphis Grizzlies stepped off the court and into the library for a "Read to Achieve" Tip-Off Event on Oct. 29, 2005, from 1-4. Shane Battier, Pau Gasol, Mike Miller, Dahntay Jones, and Lorenzen Wright visited with library patrons, shared a Curious George story and signed autographs. The team mascot, Grizz, as well as the Grizzlies Dance Team stopped by. Tunes filled the air from the Grizzlies van and fans of all ages could buy a souvenir from the Grizzlies Store.

In addition to free books or magazines for all kids, patrons munched on free popcorn, snow cones, cotton candy, and smoothies. Children and adults also enjoyed a Moon Bounce, Golf Challenge, and The Striker.

New Additions to the Young Adult Area

The Friends of the Burch Library have donated

\$200 to the Burch Teen Advisory Board (TAB). The funds were used to purchase a variety of board games. The TAB will host a Young Adult Game Night this winter. The games will be available in the library for YA use. Other TAB activities and events include a bi-monthly newsletter that reviews music, books, and movies; a pizza taste-off competition; and a life-skills seminar.



Winter Events at the Collierville Burch Library

Night Night! Pajama Story Time for children ages 4-8, from 6:30-7 p.m., in the children's activity room took place on January 5.

Meet the Artist! Fred Asbury discussed the fine art of digital photography in the Halle Room from 2:00-4:00 on January 8. His art was on display for the month of January.

It is never too early to think spring! A

seminar on Irrigation Techniques and Shrub Selection was presented by Betty Llewellyn, Master Gardener, from 1:00-2:30 p.m., in the Halle Room on January 23.

On January 31, from 6:00-7:30 p.m., the library offered "Faithbooking: Album-Making with an Emphasis on Journaling Your Faith Stories." Creative Memories consultant, Shannon Rawson, presented this program exploring how creating albums to journal faith stories enriches your life and sustains the faith of your children.

Night Night! Pajama Story Time for children ages 4-8, from 6:30-7 p.m., in the children's activity room on February 2.

Learn proper pruning techniques with Master Gardener, Betty Llewellyn on February 6, from 1:00-2:30 p.m., in the Halle Room. Pruning trees and vines will be addressed.

AARP Driver Safety Program will be held on February 8 and 10 in the Halle Room from 1:00-5:00 p.m.



More Money Mayhem in Memphis

Money matters in Memphis are again making headlines. From the Memphis-based *Commercial Appeal* newspaper, all the way to the American Library Association's *American Libraries* publication, the news sounds less-than-rosy. After being told almost two years ago that county libraries within the then-unified Memphis City and County Public Library system would face drastic budget cuts during FY 2004-2005, then face even more funding depletion in 2005-2006, the system experienced what some termed a "shake-up," seeing two county libraries leave the system to strike out on their own with for-profit library company LSSI, based in Maryland. Without recounting the snags and snips that have transpired between/among the libraries in the Memphis area since then, it seemed to those outside the area that things had become relatively quiet, serene, and casually back-to-normal.

Now, however, it seems that the Memphis library world is again careening down a bumpy road. According to an online *AL* article from January 27, 2006, the city of Memphis suddenly finds itself more than \$26 million short. "The Memphis Public Library needs to trim \$700,000 from next year's operating budget as part of the city's efforts to reduce costs among all its departments. The library's current operating budget is \$19 million, but it faces a reduction in state funding by \$50,000 for materials in 2006, the *Memphis Commercial Appeal* reported January 27. Curt Kittrell, MPL assistant director for business operations, said that library officials are looking at keeping 30-40 vacant positions open, a move that would save about \$500,000 in salaries and benefits. Cutting or reducing existing contracts, such as

cleaning services, could save another \$150,000."

Some inside sources report that a staggering number of MPL employees are approaching retirement age and speculate that these recent developments will not likely entice them to stay longer, creating even more vacant spaces that will not be filled in the foreseeable future if the city's government sticks to its guns on the issue of keeping vacant positions open to save more money. Employees may even be denied some vacation leave and lose some other benefits in the city's zeal to cut costs in order to remain in the library business.

The public library system is not the only Memphis-area library concerned about funds, though. In a report aired on Memphis' MCVTV-5 and posted on the station's website on January 31, 2006, it was reported that the University of Memphis had already expended its entire book budget (\$155,000) for the fiscal year — with half of the academic year remaining. UM spokesperson "Curt Guenther said school administrators are looking elsewhere to fill in the gap. 'It's just like your budget at the house,' Guenther said. 'If you have it and you spend it and you don't have any more income, that's it.'" While no one is able to explain the situation entirely, Guenther added in the TV report, "We are looking for ways now in the provost office, which oversees the library system, to find more money to give the library for purchase of more books."

Stay tuned for updates in upcoming *TLAN* issues.

— Chrissie Anderson Peters, *TLAN* Editor

TLA Election Candidates' Bios

Candidate for Vice-President/President-Elect of TLA:

Jane Pinkston

Assistant State Librarian for Planning & Development,
Tennessee State Library & Archives, Nashville, TN

EDUCATION:

1977 — Masters Degree in Library Science, University of Illinois;
1973— Master of Arts in English, Memphis State University; 1971 —
Bachelor of Arts in English, Memphis State University.

POSITIONS:

1997-present: Assistant State Librarian for Planning and Development,
Tennessee State Library and Archives; 1992-1997: Manager, Sylvania
Branch Library, Toledo-Lucas County, OH, Public Library; 1987-
1992: Manager, Social Science Department, Main Library, Toledo-
Lucas County, OH, Public Library; 1977-1987: Information Librarian,
Champaign, IL, Public Library and Information Center; 1975-1976:
English instructor, Memphis State University; 1973-1974: English
teacher, Rivercrest High School, Wilson, AR.

TLA ACTIVITIES:

Committees: *2006 Conference Programs Co-Chair; *2004-present:
Staff Development Committee, *State Library and Archives
representative in absence of State Librarian; 2005 Conference Local
Arrangements Committee; 2001 Conference Programs Co-Chair; 2001-
2002 Intellectual Freedom Committee Co-Chair.

TLA Conference Presentations: 2005: "The Smartest Card — Get It,
Use It @ Your Library" and "Gone Fishing: The Search for Great
Customer Service in Libraries;" 2004: "Tennessee Minimum Standards
for Public Libraries" and "Public Library Law;" 2003: "The New
Tennessee Minimum Standards for Non-Metropolitan Public
Libraries;" 2001: "Public Library Management Institute;" 1999: "From
the Gates Library Foundation to the Tennessee Electronic Library" and
"The 99 44/100% Reference Solution;" 1998: "Let's Talk with Marian
the Librarian" and Panel Discussion "Four Thousand Days to Go."

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES:

2003-2005: Chair, National LSTA State Coordinators Discussion
Group; 1977-present: Member, American Library Association; 1977-
present: Member, Public Library Association; 2000-2001, Public
Library Data Service Advisory Committee; 1997 to present: Member,
TennShare; 2000-2001: Ex Officio, TennShare Executive Committee;
1997-present: Member, Friends of Tennessee Libraries; 1987-
1997: Member, Ohio Library Association; 1995-1996: Coordinator,
Reference and Information Services Division; 1977-1987: Member,
Illinois Library Association.

MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND LEARNED SOCIETIES:

1998-present: Member, Women's National Book Association; 1986-87:
President, Twin Cities Business and Professional Women; 1984-86:
Board of Directors, Illinois Alliance of Information & Referral
Systems.

HONORS, AWARDS, PRIZES, MEDALS, CITATIONS:

1997: President's Citation, Sylvania, OH, Rotary Club; 1987: Project
Director for National Endowment for the Arts grant "H. G. Wells and
Beyond," cooperative venture between the University of Illinois Rare
Book Library and Champaign Public Library; 1977: Inducted into Beta
Phi Mu Honor Society.

PROFESSIONAL STATEMENT OF CONCERN:

As a candidate for TLA President, I am concerned about the low
salaries of library staff in our state. This trend is especially noticeable
outside the four metropolitan areas. Even when communities or
colleges obtain funding for new library buildings or grants for new
technology, local salaries remain low. We are fortunate to have a good

Master's program at the School of Information Science at the
University of Tennessee, but many new graduates seek employment
outside the state because of the comparatively low salaries and benefits
in Tennessee. I believe that the state's professional library association
should promote grassroots efforts to rectify the salaries issue. The
Tennessee Library Association can be a conduit of information and
support for library directors, library board members, and library
advocates fighting for salary equity anywhere in Tennessee.

My other chief concern about Tennessee libraries is that rural library
staff do not often get the continuing education they need nor the chance
to see really vibrant library programs at work. I have been pleased to
be a part of the Regional Library System and the Public Library
Management Institute over the past eight years, and as such, have seen
the difference such continuing education opportunities can make in the
professional lives of participants. As TLA president, I would promote
our statewide association as a principal player in staff development for
all types of libraries.

Candidates for Recording Secretary of TLA:

Bess Robinson

Reference/Instruction Librarian (Associate Professor),
University of Memphis, Memphis, TN

EDUCATION:

M.A. English (Professional Writing), University of Memphis, 2001;
M.L.S. Library Science, Indiana University, 1992; B.A. English
Centenary College of Louisiana, 1983.

POSITIONS:

Reference/Instruction Librarian, University of Memphis Libraries,
Reference Department — Associate Professor 2000-present, Assistant
Professor 1998-2000, Instructor 1994-1998.

TLA ACTIVITIES:

Offices: Chair, TLA Library Instruction Roundtable, July 2005-June
2006*; Chair-Elect, TLA Library Instruction Roundtable, July 2004-
June 2005; Secretary, TLA Library Instruction Roundtable, July 2003-
June 2004; Chair, Co-Chair, TLA Centennial Committee, November
1999-June 2004; Co-Chair, Honors and Awards Committee, June
1999-2002; Co-Chair, Public Relations Committee, June 1997-May
1999 and July 2002-June 2003

Committees: Member, Facilities Committee, 1998 TLA Conference;
Member, Public Relations Committee, 1996-May 1999; Member,
Program Planning [Convention] Committee, 1995.

Sections, Round Tables, Etc.: Member, College and University
Library Section, 1995-present; Member, Reference and Information
Service Roundtable, 1995-present; Member, Tennessee Library
Instruction Roundtable, 1995-present; Associate Editor, *Tennessee
Librarian*, 1995-1998.

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES:

DRAGONS (DRA Group Online in the South), Secretary, August
2001-July 2004

MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND LEARNED SOCIETIES:

Memphis Area Library Council, Member, 2001-present; American
Library Association, Member, 1991-present; Member, New Members
Round Table, 1995; Member, Association of College and Research
Libraries (ACRL), 1996-present; Member, English and American
Literature Section, 1996-1998; Member, Instruction Section, 1996-
present; Member, University Libraries Section, 1996-present.

HONORS, AWARDS, PRIZES, MEDALS, CITATIONS:

2002 James E. Ward Library Instruction Award, TLA, 2003; Phi
Kappa Phi membership conferred Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

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Candidates for Recording Secretary of TLA:

Bess Robinson (Continued)

1999; Friends of the Alexander M. Bracken Ball State University, 1991; Library Scholarship Muncie, IN, 1992; National Basic Reading Tutor of the Year Literacy Volunteers of America, 1987.

PROFESSIONAL STATEMENT OF CONCERN:

The continuing success of the Tennessee Library Association depends on effective and timely communications. The Recording Secretary facilitates communication among the members of the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, and the general membership, and by doing so, contributes actively to the written history of the organization. Working with the TLA has been rewarding to me since I became a member in 1995. I would welcome the opportunity to continue my commitment to the Association in the role of Recording Secretary.

In addition to TLA experience, I have served as Secretary for groups both on the University of Memphis campus and within the Libraries.

Jane Davis

Middle Tennessee State University

No information provided.

Candidates for SELA Representative of TLA:

Susan "Sue" Alexander

User Services Librarian/Assistant Professor,

Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN

EDUCATION:

MSIS, University of Tennessee, Knoxville — 1997; BS, Secondary Education/English, Tennessee Technological University — 1993.

POSITIONS:

User Services Librarian/Assistant Professor, Middle Tennessee State, August, 2000-present; Interim Interlibrary Loan Librarian, Middle Tennessee State, Jan.-March 1999; Instructor/User Services Librarian, Middle Tennessee State, 1999-2000; Instructor (Temporary position), Middle Tennessee State, 1998-1999; Cataloging Staff, Pellissippi State, 1996-1997; Circulation Staff, Tennessee Technological University, 1991-1994.

TLA ACTIVITIES:

Committees: *Honors and Awards Committee, Co-Chair, 2004-2006; Membership Committee, 2000-2003;

Sections, Round Tables, Etc.: College and University Libraries, Member, 1998-present; TLA Instruction Roundtable, Member

Other (Regional Chapters, Editorships, Etc.): Mid-State Library Association, 1999-present (Chair, Chair-Elect, Sec./Treas.)

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES:

SELA, Membership Committee, 2004-2005; ALA — American College and Research Libraries, Reference and User Services Association; Church and Synagogue Library Association.

MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER PROFESSIONAL

ORGANIZATIONS AND LEARNED SOCIETIES:

Friends of Linebaugh Public Library; Freedom to Read Foundation

PROFESSIONAL STATEMENT OF CONCERN:

I feel that the primary job of the Representative of the SELA Executive Board is to maintain communication and to promote partnerships between the two organizations. It strengthens and enriches both organizations and gives both a broader base for information, education, and professional growth. As the SELA Councilor, I would be committed to representing the members of

TLA to the SELA Board, bringing TLA's ideas and concerns to the table and returning with SELA's responses, ideas, and concerns.

Tom Aud

Jackson-Madison County Public Library

No information provided.

Candidates for ALA Representative of TLA:

Vivian Wynn

Adjunct Professor

University of Alabama School of Library & Information Studies

EDUCATION:

Kent State University, Kent, OH, MLS, 1979; Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, BS, 1972.

POSITIONS:

Adjunct Professor, University of Alabama School of Library & Information Studies, Sept 2003-present; Interim Library Director, Germantown Community Library, August 2004 -March 2005; Consultant, Wynn Library Consulting, August 2003-present; Assistant Director & Capital Project Director, Nashville Public Library, Sept. 1997-Aug. 2003; Branch Services Administration, Nashville Public Library, June 1996 -Sept. 1997; East Area Administrator/Regional Adult & YA Manager, Etc., Cuyahoga County Public Library, Cleveland, OH, Jan. 1975-June 1996.

TLA ACTIVITIES:

Offices: Chair, TLA Legislation Committee, 2005-06; Co-Chair, TLA Legislation Committee, 2004-05; TN Representative to ALA Federal Legislative & Advocacy Network

Committees: Member, TLA Legislation Committee, 2003-04; Speaker at breakfast, State Conference, 1997; Conference Presenter — Legislative /IF Update, 1997 and Building Programs, 2001

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES:

ALA Council Member at Large, June 1995-June 2005; Chair, ALA Committee on Literacy, June 2004-present; Member, ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, 1997-200, 2001-2005; Chair/Member ALA BARC (COPEs) Budget 1992-2005; President, ALA Young Adult Division (YALSA), 1987-1988.

MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER PROFESSIONAL

ORGANIZATIONS AND LEARNED SOCIETIES:

Vice President, Board of Director, Friends of Cheekwood; Nashville Frist Center of Visual Arts Docent Advisory Council, 2000-2005; President, League of Women Voters, Hillcrest, OH, 1989-1993; Board of Management, Cleveland Metropolitan YWCA; President, Friends of the Library, Mayfield Regional Library, 1972-1975.

HONORS, AWARDS, PRIZES, MEDALS, CITATIONS:

ALA Intellectual Freedom 30th Anniversary Honor Roll, 1999; Crawford Bindery, Outstanding Scholar Award, 1979.

PROFESSIONAL STATEMENT OF CONCERN:

I have spent almost 30 years defending the access to information in libraries. As a basic tenet of democracy, the ability to have free, open and unfettered availability of material from all points of view must be protected. The profession must also stay on the cutting edge of technology to remain in a strong position as information providers. We must also grapple with the issues of confidentiality and privacy that this technology often threatens. Other areas of concern include funding, diversity within the profession, and the role of libraries in the issues of literacy. My long experience in ALA, including 10 years on Council, will prepare me to serve TLA well as chapter Councilor. It is a privilege that I would be honored to have.

[The other two candidates for this office have entries on page 15.]

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Candidates for ALA Representative of TLA:

Susan "Sue" Knoche

Medical Library Assistant, Cataloging/Acquisitions

ETSU Quillen College of Medicine Library, Johnson City, TN

EDUCATION:

1 year undergraduate studies, no degree completed; CPS (Certified Professional Secretary) Certification, 1995.

POSITIONS:

Medical Library Assistant, Cataloging/Acquisitions, Oct. 1988-present, East Tennessee State University, Quillen College of Medicine Library

TLA ACTIVITIES:

Offices: *Recording Secretary 2005-2006

Committees: *Staff Development Committee – 2004-2006

Sections, Round Tables, Etc.: Paraprofessional Roundtable; Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, 2000-2002; Chair, 2002-2003; Past Chair, 2003-2004

Other (Regional Chapters, Editorships, Etc.): *Secretary; Boone Tree Library Association, 2004-2006

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES:

COPE III – 1 of 4 TN Delegates, May 2003 (only support staff); *ALA 2006 Nominating Committee, 2006 (1st support staff appointed by ALA President); ALA Better Salaries & Pay Equity Task Force Support Staff working group, 2002-2003; *ALA/APA Standing Committee on Salaries and Status of Library Workers: Pay Equity, 2004-present, Support Staff Issues, 2004-present; *ALA LSSIRT, Member-At-Large, 2004-2005; *ALA-LSSIRT, Vice-President/President-Elect, 2005-2008; *LSSIRT (Task Force to create inclusive/mutually respectful environment for all library workers) 2004-2005.

MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND LEARNED SOCIETIES:

Appalachian Girl Scout Council — delegate representative of Buffalo Mountain area on board of directors; director and co-director of day camps/other programs; committees including Adult Recognition and Cookie Incentives, 1995-2001; Standardized Patient Program with Johnson City Family Medicine Associates, 1999-present.

HONORS, AWARDS, PRIZES, MEDALS, CITATIONS:

ALA-APA Video Guide Contest winner, April 2005; *Library Journal* Paraprofessional of the Year, 2003; Case analysis of a paraprofessional situation for "How Do You Manage" column of *Library Journal*, v. 128, no. 11 (2003 July); Published essay: "What the OCLC Online Catalog Means to Me." OCLC, c. 1997 [p.125]; Delegate of COPE III (Congress on Professional Education), May 2003; Guest Speaker at Virginia Library Association Paraprofessional Forum Mini-Conference, Oct. 2003; Outstanding Volunteer, Appalachian Girl Scout Council (highest award given to volunteers), April 2002.

PROFESSIONAL STATEMENT OF CONCERN:

As an active member of ALA, I appreciate the vital role and enormous responsibilities of our Councilor. I believe I have the ability to set aside my personal opinions in order to represent the viewpoints and desires of library workers in the State of Tennessee and the Tennessee Library Association. My own professional commitment is to continue to strive for workplace respect for all library workers, and for the improvement of salary and pay equity in libraries as compared to equivalent positions in the corporate sector. I would consider it an honor and privilege to be elected to represent Tennessee as an ALA Councilor, and do my best to carry out all responsibilities in a professional and effective manner. I would appreciate your consideration and vote.

Chrissie Anderson Peters

Librarian, Northeast State Community College, Blountville, TN

EDUCATION:

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

POSITIONS:

Librarian, Northeast State, Blountville, TN, Aug. 2001-present; Reference Librarian, Washington County Public Library, Abingdon, VA, March 2003-Aug. 2003; Reference Assistant/Young Adult Specialist, Bristol Public Library, Bristol, TN/VA, May 2000-Aug. 2001; Youth Services Librarian, Bedford Public Library System, Bedford, VA, Sept. 1997-May 2000; Circulation Assistant, Fishburn Library, Hollins College, Roanoke, VA, Aug. 1996-Oct. 1997; Library Assistant, Blue Ridge Public Library, Roanoke, VA, Mar. 1996-Sept. 1997; Circulation/Reference Assistant & Children's Programmer, Tazewell County Public Library, Tazewell, VA, Aug. 1993-July 1995.

TLA ACTIVITIES:

Committees: Scholarship Committee (ad hoc) Co-Chair 2004-2005 Chair 2003-2004 (also was primary lobbyist for creation of this committee); Public Relations Committee, Co-Chair, 2003-2004.

Sections, Round Tables, Etc.: Member of C/YART, TLIRT

Other (Regional Chapters, Editorships, Etc.): *TLA Newsletter* *Editor, 2004-present; UT SIS Student Coordinating Council DE Representative, 2002-2003.

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES:

Boone Tree Library Association, Sept. 2001-present; BTLA President, 2002-2004; BTLA Nominating Sub-Comm., 2004.; ALA, Mar. 2000-present; ALSC, 2000-present; NMRT, 2000-present; NMRT Secretary, 2003-2004; NMRT Midwinter Social Comm., Chair, 2005-2006; NMRT *Footnotes* Staff, 2002-2005; NMRT Booth Comm., Co-Chair, 2002-2003; NMRT Shirley Olofson Memorial Scholarship Committee, Chair, 2002; PLA, 2001-2002, 2004-2005; YALSA, 2001-present; YALSA Professional Development Comm., 2003-2005; Virginia Library Association, 1997-2005; VLA Nominating Comm., 2003; VLA Scholarship Comm., 2002-2004.

MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND LEARNED SOCIETIES:

Sullivan County's Imagination Library Council, 2004-present; SCIL Secretary, 2005-2006; SCIL PR Chair 2005; SCIL Registration Committee, 2004-present; SWING – SouthWest [Virginia] Information Network Group, Community College Representative, 2004-present; Virginia State Reading Association, 1999-2000.

HONORS, AWARDS, PRIZES, MEDALS, CITATIONS:

NSCC Administrative Staff Volunteer, 2005; UT's SIS Rep. for ALA's Student-to-Staff Project, 2001; Member of Virginia's Library Staff of the Year, Bedford PL, 2000; ALA/ALSC's Bound-to-Stay-Bound Scholarship, 2000; VLA Scholarship, 2000; SWING Scholarship, 2000

PROFESSIONAL STATEMENT OF CONCERN:

I want to make certain that all TLA members, know what is going on in our national association and have an outlet to voice their opinions on various issues and matters through the ALA Councilor Representative. Having worked in public and academic libraries, and in departments such as Youth Services, Public Services, Reference, ILL, etc., I feel like I can relate to most TLA members and identify without excessive guesswork which issues are important to them. I spent the first six years of my career as a support staff member, became a student, and then became a degree-holding professional within the field, so I can also understand those various perspectives within the profession/workforce. Given my background and ALA experience, I believe I can represent nearly every segment of the TLA membership in matters arising in ALA. I also hope to use this position to facilitate more interest among TLA members in ALA and find ways to make membership in both organizations more meaningful for those interested in being active members within each. Thank you in advance for considering casting your vote for me for this position.

Frankenstein in Johnson City

Our Frankenstein web page is now available at www.jcpl.net/frankenstein. From the website you can download a copy of the brochure with all the special events listed. Below is the press release for the Grand Opening on Thursday, Feb. 16, featuring Sara Karloff, daughter of actor Boris Karloff; and the press release for "Stem Cell Technology: The Promise and Peril of Medical Innovation," a special program being presented by Dr. Allen Dyer and Rev. Carl Petering on Sunday, Feb. 19 at 2:00 pm. We hope you can all join us for these exciting events.

Grand Opening of the Traveling Exhibit, Frankenstein, at the Public Library

The Grand Opening of the traveling exhibit, Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature, will begin with a ribbon cutting at the Johnson City Public Library on **February 16, 2006 at 6:00 pm**. The exhibit will be on display on the second floor of the Library from February 16 through March 31. Following the ribbon cutting by Johnson City Mayor Steve Darden, visitors will have time to browse through the exhibit, and then attend a reception in the Library's Jones Meeting Center on first floor. A special guest speaker, Ms. Sara Karloff, daughter of Boris Karloff, who portrayed Frankenstein's Monster in several classic films, will speak at 6:45 about her father's experiences during the filming of the Frankenstein movies and will show some family home movie clips. Ms. Karloff's visit is sponsored by the National Library of Medicine.

Stem Cell Technology: The Promise and Peril of Medical Innovation

Dr. Allen Dyer and Rev. Carl Petering will present "Stem Cell Technology: The Promise and Peril of Medical Innovation" at the Johnson City Public Library on **Sunday, February 19, at 2:00 pm** in the Jones Meeting Center. This discussion is a special program in conjunction with the Library's current exhibit, Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature. Dr. Dyer received his MD and PhD degrees from Duke University and is a professor of psychiatry at ETSU Quillen College of Medicine; Rev. Petering holds MDiv and MA degrees, and is currently the Director of Pastoral Care for Mountain States Health Alliance. Both have been heavily involved in the study of the ethical and moral implications of new biological discoveries and biomedical advances.

Each new medical advance offers hope that disease and disability may be overcome or the burden thereof lessened. Newer technologies, such as genomic and stem cell technologies, including but not limited to cloning of human stem cell lines, raise questions and heighten anxieties. Will possible unintended consequences outweigh potential benefits? Will they change the nature of what it means to be human? Is there a possibility for a brave new world or are some things just too risky to consider? Will technology, like Frankenstein's monster, outstrip human wisdom or might it offer yet unimagined possibilities? How do we weigh such options and make sane and wise decisions for ourselves and for public policy? Come enjoy this fascinating and timely discussion.

— Gail C. Campbell, Adult Services Librarian
Johnson City Public Library





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For priority consideration, applications are due by March 1, 2006.





Call for TLA/SELA Conference Interns

Are you a student member of TLA and looking for a way to get actively involved with the organization? Or maybe you're a student member who would like funding assistance for the 2006 Conference in Memphis? In either case, the TLA Scholarship Committee has exciting news for you!

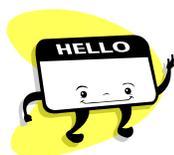
For the third year, we are soliciting applications from student members who are willing to trade their time and talents for some professional experience at the TLA Conference! The Conference Internship Program (CIP) is open to ALL students — not just graduate students, but also undergraduate students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

Eligibility considerations include

- **Current membership in TLA** (regardless of state of residency -- and student dues are a mere \$15 if you're not already a member)
- **Status of "student"** during the semester in which the CIP is being sought (full-time, part-time, on-campus, or DE students are eligible)
- Completed applications must be received no later than **Wednesday, February 22, 2006**.

Benefits include free registration, All-Conference Reception ticket, a \$50 stipend, and a sequined Elvis jumpsuit with matching cape to wear to Graceland (just kidding). You will be required to work two hours in some capacity assisting those running the conference – this may include helping set up or take down presentation equipment, working the used books sale or working the ALA consignment table – all of these are fun and are a great way to meet other TLA'ers.

If you are interested and would like an application, please contact Debbie Stevens at stevensd@memphislibrary.edu or Kam McHugh at mchughk@memphislibrary.edu. You can submit your application via fax, or via email. All questions should be sent to the attention of the Co-Chairs at the email addresses above.



Outreach State Planning Team Meets

The Outreach State Planning Team met to develop a plan to improve and coordinate health information outreach efforts to librarians, library staff, consumers, and health professionals in Tennessee. Twenty members devoted a full day to discussion on Nov. 4 at the Nashville Public Library. Funded by the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, the Committee plans to survey library staff, consumers, and health professionals within the next few months.

Lead investigators include Sandy Oelschlegel, UT Preston Medical Library; Kay Due, Memphis Public Library; and Suresh Ponnappa, ETSU College of Medicine Library. The Outreach State Planning Team contains representatives from public libraries, the State Library and Archives, medical school and hospital libraries, and the Tennessee Health Sciences Libraries Association. Nonlibrary members constitute representatives from health care professionals groups, such as the Tennessee Medical Association, the Tennessee Nurses Association, the Tennessee Pharmacists Association, the Rural Health Association of Tennessee, and the Tennessee Department of Health. Community-based organizations involved include 2-1-1, the Interfaith Health Clinic, and the Church Health Center.

Linda Phillips, UTK, facilitated the team. Participants identified existing resources and services and key stakeholders for future partnerships and looked at assessment tools methods and distribution.

Following the meeting, subteams developed survey instruments and decided on the most effective distribution methods. Three surveys have been developed, based on similar surveys used, with permission, by the state of Georgia. ETSU will host the web-based versions of the surveys. The survey URL's and Word and PDF versions of the surveys will be distributed via organization discussion lists to library staff and health professionals. Librarians and health professionals will be asked to distribute surveys to consumers.

Once the Outreach State Planning Team knows the health information needs of Tennesseans, they can recommend a plan of action. The group will meet again in March to review survey results and decide the next steps.

One Stop for Library Grant Opportunities

The new Library Grants Blog, by librarians Pam MacKellar and Stephanie Gerding, provides a free resource for finding library grant and award opportunities. This blog is the only single online location where a librarian can find the latest grants from all types of sources - government, foundations, corporations, organizations, and professional associations, as well as additional opportunities for awards and internships.

Examples of current postings include government grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Institute for Museum and Library Services, foundation grants from the Verizon Foundation and the For All Kids Foundation, awards from the National Library Commission and the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, a corporate grant from the Bank of the West, an internship at Cornell University Library, and grants from the American Library Association.

For more information on all aspects of library grants, purchase their new Neal-Schuman title, *Grants for Libraries* (more information at <http://www.neal-schuman.com/db/5/505.html>). Visit the Library Grants Blog at <http://www.librarygrants.blogspot.com/> for a complete listing of grant opportunities.

Southern Chapter of MLA Reveals Winners

The Research Committee of Southern Chapter/MLA congratulates the winners of the research papers and posters presented at the October 2005 meeting in San Juan.

Research Paper and Poster Awards 2005

Papers

1st place (\$300)

"Tenure and Faculty Status in Academic Health Sciences Libraries," Priscilla L. Stephenson (MSLS, MEd, AHIP), and Lin Wu (MLIS), University of Tennessee Health Sciences Library; Betsy Park (MLS, MS), and Perveen Rustomfram (MA, MLS), University of Memphis.

2nd place (\$200)

"Does Training Primary Care Providers in the Use of PDAs for Clinical Decision-Making Change Their Clinical Behavior?" Rick Wallace (MSLS, Outreach Librarian); Fred Tudiver (MD, Director of Primary Care Research); Doug Rose (MD, Kingsport Family Practice, East Tennessee State University Quillen College of Medicine).

3rd place (\$100)

"Data Analysis of Consumer and Patient Health Questions Using Geographic Location and NLM Medical Subject Headings: Exceeding Our Boundaries, But Does It?" Sandy Oelschlegel (MLS, Director), Martha Earl (MSLS, AHIP, Reference Coordinator), University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine, Preston Medical Library; and Jenny Cole (MS, MSIS), Lila Bunch Library, Belmont University.

Posters

1st place (\$200)

"Evaluating NC Health Info: Selected Lessons Learned for All Go Local Sites," Christie Silbajoris (AHIP, NC Health Info Project Director); Diana McDuffee (NC AHEC LIS Network Director), Health Sciences Library, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

2nd place (\$100)

"So Many Vendors, So Little Time," Linda J. Bennett (Chief Librarian), Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center, Indianapolis, IN; Mary V. Taylor (Chief Librarian), VA Medical Center, Memphis, TN; Diana F. Akins (Chief, Library Service), Bay Pines VA Medical Center, Bay Pines, FL; Nancy A. Clark (Chief, Library Service), VA North Texas Health Care System, Dallas, TX.

3rd place (\$50)

"Online Journal Usage Statistics for the University of Florida Health Science Center and Libraries: What We Learned and What Surprised Us!" Cecilia Botero, University of Florida Health Science Center Libraries; Michele Tennant, University of Florida Health Science Center Libraries and Genetics Institute; Lenny Rhine, University of Florida Health Science Center Libraries; Steve Carrico, University of Florida Smathers Libraries.

Special congratulations to all of our Tennessee Health Information Specialists on garnering so many positive awards here in the Volunteer State!

Da Vinci Discussion at Linebaugh PL

The spiritual and historical questions raised by Dan Brown's popular novel, *The Da Vinci Code*, were the focus of an exciting event at the Linebaugh Public Library at two separate programs in January. The lecture and discussion event featuring Rabbi Rami Shapiro presented new thought and interpretations of the themes presented in the fictional tale in an open and respectful environment.

The event's speaker and moderator, Rabbi Rami Shapiro, is well known locally as the host of the popular "Common Grounds" series held at the Linebaugh Library. He has served as a congregational rabbi for 20 years, is an author of poetry and essays, and is the founder and director of the One River Foundation. This organization formed the Spiritual Legacy Foundation, a not-for-profit, non-denominational, educational project that presents lectures on spirituality to the public. Rabbi Shapiro's recent books

TENN-SHARE News

TENN-SHARE has as its mission to provide leadership in all areas of resource sharing among the libraries in Tennessee including [collections](#), [training](#), and [leadership development](#).

Collections:

I hope that all TLA members — and all TENN-SHARE member libraries — are aware of the current offerings that TENN-SHARE's Database Coordinator DeAnne Luck (luckdl@yahoo.com) is working on to help increase their libraries' collections. **Ingram** is a TENN-SHARE partner, providing our members with hefty discounts on all its products and services. We have longstanding contracts with the American Mathematical Society for **MathSciNet**, with Teton Data System for **STAT!Ref** and **STAT!Ref Nursing Collection**, and with SIRS for SIRS Researcher, Discoverer, Government Reporter, Renaissance, Web Select, and WebFind. A newer offer comes from Thomson Gale for special TENN-SHARE pricing on **Testing and Education Reference Center**. And the most recent, from **Plunkett Research**. Go to <http://www.tenn-share.org>, and contact DeAnne for full information.

Training:

Once again in 2005 TENN-SHARE offered Summer Workshops across the state. Over one hundred librarians participated in workshops on such topics as Basic Book Mending, Virtual Reference, Government Documents, Internet Searching, PubMed, and Collaborating With Faculty. Tricia Bengel, Special Projects Coordinator from the State Library offered TEL Training with its usual success.

Special thanks to all those TENN-SHARE member libraries and their staffs who provided space for these workshops, provided experts to present their topics, and provided hospitality to all those attending.

Leadership development:

Nominations will soon be solicited for these positions on the 2006-2008 TENN-SHARE Board: Secretary, Treasurer, Academic Library Representative (1), Public Library Representative (1), School Library Representative (1), and Special Library Representative (1). All TENN-SHARE Board members must represent a member library. More information will be forthcoming.

— Penny Frere,
Executive Director, TENN-SHARE

Bits and Pieces From Across the State

Magness Community House & Library presented two workshops on, Thursday, February 2, 2006. The morning workshop was "Developing the Library Website," presented by Lovelady Graphics. The afternoon workshop, "Using Puppetry to Educate and Entertain," was presented by the Wood & Strings Puppet Theatre. The afternoon workshop was made possible by the Arts Build Communities Program, funded by the Tennessee General Assembly and administered in cooperation with the Tennessee Arts Commission and the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee... In late 2005, the **Bartlett Library** (Memphis) received national attention. "The situation at the library began... when Brandi Chambless with Raleigh's Broadmoor Baptist Church asked the library if she could use the display window in December to highlight several church programs. Betty Anne Wilson, assistant director for library advancement, said that Chambless asked to decorate the display with greenery, tree ornaments and a Bible," but was told that the Bible must remain closed due to different people's opinions about the importance of various scriptural passages and their interpretations of such. Wilson commented that the use of "a Nativity scene" was never discussed. Chambless held that, although she never specifically asked about a Nativity scene, she did discuss using "Christian symbols." Feeling that denying her attempts to place the religious figures in the display also denied Christian-related free speech, Chambless contacted the Alliance Defense Fund, which served a letter to the library system "threatening a lawsuit if the library didn't allow the full Nativity." Chambless appeared as a guest on "The O'Reilly Factor" on Fox TV. Bartlett Library did eventually permit the addition of Mary, Joseph, Jesus, and the Wise Men in the display... The expansion of the city library at **Spring Hill, Tennessee**, is well underway. The expansion will increase the size of the library from about 7,000 square feet to 16,000 square feet. In addition, the current building will be completely remodeled to conform to the new addition. The project is expected to be completed in May 2006. While construction is underway, the library is located in a city-owned warehouse building, and has about 90% of the collection back on shelves.

Sevier County Offers Genealogy Conference

The Sevier County Public Library System and the Pigeon Forge Public Library invite you to attend the 3rd Annual Sevier County Genealogy Conference, March 10 and 11, at the Pigeon Forge Community Center and Library. The conference will begin at noon on Friday, March 11 and finish up at 4:30 pm the following day. Featured speakers include Sheila Steele Hunt with Hunt Genealogy and Associates; Carol Roberts with the Tennessee State Library & Archives; and Mark J. Lowe, who is a full-time professional genealogist. Conference topics include:

- Using Excel to Manage Your Genealogy History
- Document Preservation
- The History of Greenbrier
- Early Census Records
- TN: The Road to the West
- Out on a Limb
- Here Comes the Bride

Also included in the conference fee is a storytelling dinner on Friday evening. Arthur Milo Bohanon will portray his ancestor, Henry Bohanon, and entertain the audience with tales of Henry's travels across the U.S. and into Tennessee. The conference, "Passing Through Tennessee: Tracing Your Sevier County Heritage," will cost \$40 per person; early-bird registration through March 1 is \$35. Registration forms/schedules for the conference can be obtained at the Sevier County Public Library at 321 Court Ave. or accessed online at <http://sevierlibrary.org>. For further information, email kwilliams@sevierlibrary.org, call (865)428-7653, or fax (865)908-6108.

Briefly Noted

In the first paragraphs of her novel, *Mallie*, Loletta Clouse transports readers back to the era of the Little River Lumber Company and Railroad, capturing the tug and pull of industry and jobs, versus intruding commerce and clear-cut timber for the native Smoky Mountains' forest and people. Clouse, a full-time writer and retired Knoxville librarian who has penned two other novels about East Tennessee, will speak about her latest book and research at the Blount County Public Library at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 16. Touted as a "story of love and redemption," *Mallie* is about Mallie Hamilton, a young teacher who returns to her beloved mountains to teach during the logging boom at Townsend, Walland, and Elkmont. Clouse's other novels are *Wilder* and *The Homesteads*, set in the small Cumberland Plateau mining town of Wilder, TN, during the Great Depression. For further information about other library programs or services, call the library at 982-0981 or visit the web site at www.blountlibrary.org.

After many years of effort, James Jones, public historian at the Tennessee Historical Commission, has inaugurated the Tennessee Civil War Sourcebook. It is a unique pro bono online project that identifies activities and attributes citations dealing with the war in the Volunteer State. The collection is meant to provide information on more than martial conflict, although fighting is certainly not neglected. Its search engine is geared toward topical research. When the "Visitors Guide" button is activated, a number of example searches are found to direct the new user to the collection and search engine. It may be accessed at www.tennessee.civilwarsourcebook.com. Any comments or criticisms can be registered by clicking on the "Contact Us" button on the home page.

— James B. Jones, Jr. D.A., Public Historian
Tennessee Historical Commission

Published by *The Kingsport Times-News* and the Holston Valley Medical Center, a single-run book entitled *Kingsport and the People of the Holston River Valleys, Volume I*, is available for purchase via the Times-News website at <http://timesnews.net/kingsport/>. The book features history and more, including "stunning black and white photos from Kingsport, Sullivan, Hawkins, and Scott [VA] Counties." The book sells for \$39.95 plus shipping and tax (a total of \$48.75).



Aaron Dobbs & Nancy Snyder from Austin Peay State University mugging it up at the New Members Round Table "Meet and Greet" in San Antonio, for January's ALA Midwinter Conference. You just never know WHERE these pictures will turn up!

Do TEL — @ Your Library!

In an email posted on the TNPubLib email discussion list, Russell Cook, Assistant Director at the C.E. Weldon Public Library in Martin, TN, commented to Tricia Bengal, "I've been meaning to email you ever since you were here in Martin to give the TEL presentation. It was one of the best in-services I've been to at the regional. You taught us so much about a service that we thought we were familiar with. (That's not good grammar, is it?) We've been able to help our patrons and ourselves with many research questions." What this says to me is that those of us who work with the TEL databases daily can also express our professional and personal appreciation to our legislators, too! And we can ALWAYS pick up tips and tricks from each other on ways to improve and increase usage of the Tennessee Electronic Library in our own libraries and institutions.

We recently had some fourth graders take a tour of the library. The students and accompanying teachers spent some time in our computer lab and were given an online tour of the Student Edition [of TEL]. They were shown how to use the tool box and dictionary. They were then shown how to do a simple subject search (cats or dogs) and how to print or email it to themselves. They did some free searching after the instruction session and had a blast. They looked up dog breeds, soccer statistics, Harry Potter, and music stars. Several searched for their own names to see if anyone else shared their names. One young man was very excited to find that his name was the same as that of the Secretary of Education, Rod Paige. Almost all of the students emailed articles to themselves, friends, and parents.

The teachers were excited to discover they could use the databases for personal and professional research. I made a point of showing them the Professional Collection and stressed that the databases were available remotely. The students had a good time, even though I could tell they didn't think they would at first. None of them wanted to leave the lab to finish the tour.

— Jeffie Nicholson
Williamson County Public Library



UT SIS students "smile pretty" for the camera at the NMRT "Meet and Greet" in San Antonio, for the ALA Midwinter Conference. Left to right: Alison Bentley, Genny Carter, & Laura Maddux.

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TLA Website —
<http://www.TNLA.org>*

SIS Alumni & Friends Day Program

The UT SIS Alumni Board invites you to join school faculty, staff, and students at SIS Alumni & Friends Day 2006 on March 11, from 2-5 at the McClung Museum on the UT campus.

Peggy Sullivan will be our distinguished speaker, her topic "Library Heroes: Past, Present & Future." Dr. Sullivan is a wonderful storyteller and promises to delight and challenge us with stories of her experiences and of her knowledge of Tennessee's own library celebrities. Registration is free, but please tell us you are coming at <http://www.sis.utk.edu/alumni/alumni/alumnifriends/>.

WHEN: Saturday, March 11, 2006, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.+

WHERE: McClung Museum Auditorium, UT campus
(next to Communications Bldg.)

To view a campus map, go here: <http://www.utk.edu/maps/campus/>

Program

2:00 - 3:00: Registration & Networking
3:00 - 3:30: State of the School, by Dr. Ed Cortez
3:30 - 3:45: Recognition of the 2006 Distinguished Alumni
3:45 - 5:00: Presentation by Peggy Sullivan
5:00 - 5:30: Optional tour of SIS facilities
5:30 - Optional: dining-out experience at local restaurants

Brief Biography of Peggy Sullivan

If there is one woman whose name is synonymous with librarianship, it is Peggy Sullivan. Dr. Sullivan was President of ALA (1980-1981), and Executive Director (1992-1994), among other positions at ALA. She has worked in public, school, and academic libraries in MO, MD, VA, and IL. Sullivan has published extensively in professional and educational journals, and has written several books, including two for children. She has taught in several library education programs and was Dean of SLIS at Dominican University.

Thoughts on Heroes

"It's funny how often heroes come up, one way or another, in conversation and correspondence," Sullivan says. "In preparation for my talk at [UT], I have been asking other librarians about their heroes and learning how varied they are. There are whole groups of heroes who have been significant in library history, others who are memorable for a single decision or action. I have also begun to wonder: do we choose heroes who are what we want to be, then try to emulate them, or do they become our heroes because they have gone before us in paths similar to the ones we have chosen?"



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.

Summer Reading Program Workshops

By now, hopefully, you have received a registration form for the Summer Reading Workshop in your part of the state. We are doing a new format for the SRP workshops this year. There will be lots of participation and "hands on." The presenters will be those on the 2006 Children's & Teen Summer Reading committees. If you have not received a registration form and wish to attend, please contact the Regional Library which is in charge of the corresponding workshop, according to the information below:

Summer Reading Workshops:**Brentwood Library (Central)**

Thursday, March 16, 2006
Registration: 9 am-9:30 am
Workshop: 9:30 am-2:30 pm
Fee: \$12.00
Deadline to register: March 1
Send registration to:
104 East Sixth Street/Columbia, TN 38401
1-800-331-8487

Jackson-Madison County Library (West)

Registration: 9 am-9:30 am
Workshop: 9:30 am - 2:30 pm
Deadline to register: March 17
Send registration to:
Shiloh Regional Library/573 Old Hickory Boulevard
Jackson, TN 38305
731-668-0710

Blount County Public Library, Maryville (East)

Thursday, March 30, 2006
Registration: 8:30 am - 9:00 am
Workshop: 9:00 am - 2:30 pm
Deadline to register: February 20
Send registration to:
Fort Loudoun Regional Library/718 George Street, N.W.
Athens, TN 37303
1-800-624-1982

Also, the 2006 SRP Children's and Teen manuals are now online. Go to www.tennessee.gov/tsla. Select "Library Programs and Services." Next, select "Planning and Development for Public Libraries." Select "Services for Librarians," then "Summer Reading Program."