It’s Conference Time in Tennessee! While it may not be as intensely-publicized as “Football Time in Tennessee,” there will still be lots of thrills and good times for those heading to Memphis.

This short issue of TLAN is still packed with interesting news that you won’t want to miss. Be ready for the Post-Conference issue coming your way in the next few weeks, though! We’ll have the official election announcements, as well as the winners list for all of the special areas of TLA, highlighting the accomplishments and service of TLA members in numerous categories, as well as Trustees and others who support Tennessee libraries.

If you have news events or special programs upcoming in your libraries or institutions, let us know so we can help celebrate your special achievements, too. TLA has many unsung heroes in many roles and capacities all across Tennessee. While not all of them will receive a plaque or certificate, we want to make sure that others know the wonderful things that are happening because of your efforts and dedication to the profession/field. So send us pictures; send us blurbs; send us articles. Keep us posted; we’ll tell the rest of TN’s networked library community!

See you in Memphis — I’ll be the one not looking for Elvis (because I happen to know that he lives in Salem, Virginia, on Yorkshire Street!).

Martha Earl Named 2006 Distinguished Alumni

The UT SIS Alumni Board honored Martha Earl with the 2006 Distinguished Alumni Award. SIS Alumni Board President Margaret Casado announced the award at the SIS Alumni & Friends Day, March 11, at the university’s McClung Museum. Earl, a 1985 graduate, is Reference Coordinator at the UT Preston Medical Library in Knoxville.

A consummate librarian, she has worked in academic and special libraries continuously since 1980. Tena Litherland stated in her nomination letter that “few graduates from the School of Information Sciences have so tirelessly worked for Tennessee libraries and its professional associations as has Martha Earl.” Indeed, Earl gives reliable and committed service to several library organizations—serves or has served in leadership positions in the Medical Library Association, the Tennessee Health Sciences Libraries Association, TennShare, and the Tennessee Advisory Council on Libraries, among others. She is a Distinguished Member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals.

Martha Earl is a long-term and dedicated member of the Tennessee Library Association, having served as President (1998-99), and in other capacities on the Board of Directors and Conference Committees.

Throughout her professional career, Earl has not only demonstrated excellence in publishing, teaching, and service to the profession, she has raised the bar for other librarians. At the SIS Alumni & Friends Day, Earl thanked her mentor, Janet Fisher, with whom she worked at Quillen College of Medicine Library at East Tennessee State University.

“Janet Fisher told me that the best way to repay her for her guidance over the years was to mentor other librarians along the way,” said Earl. “It’s very important to give back to the profession and to Tennessee libraries. Leadership is service.”

Martha Earl’s career reads like a road map, linking one success to the next. She has authored or co-authored over 20 peer reviewed articles, including articles in American Libraries, and she gives frequent presentations for local health and consumer groups, and at state and regional library conferences. In short, Martha Earl works tirelessly to improve access to health information for librarians, consumers, and health professionals in Tennessee, and her visibility and energy redefine Tennessee libraries.

For more information about the SIS Distinguished Alumni Award, visit http://www.sis.utk.edu/alumni/distinguished.

— Joel Southern, Communications Specialist
School of Information Sciences, University of Tennessee
The President’s Point of View

I am certain that, like me, many of you spend a great deal of time looking at books. Technology has so changed the way that we deal with book selection and ordering for our libraries and ourselves personally. But many internet vendors are taking extra steps to make the process a bit more personal. My favorite in this vein is “Amazon’s Significant Seven.”

The Significant Seven is a list of seven questions Amazon.com poses to various authors. These seven questions provide remarkable insight into the author’s life, personal style and sense of humor in some cases. Just for fun this month, I thought I would take on Amazon’s Significant Seven.

Q: What book has had the most significant impact on your life?
A: The Bible.

Q: You are stranded on a desert island with only one book, one CD, and one DVD—what are they?
A: 1) CD – Jimmy Buffet’s Songs You Know By Heart. After all, this is an island! 2) DVD – Harvey starring Jimmy Stewart. There is just something about a six foot tall white rabbit. C) Book – Harry Potter Book #7 – If I had this book, surely someone would come looking for me and I would not be stranded for long! (And as an aside, the book is the only thing that would work here, unless my desert island came with electricity…)

Q: What is the worst lie you've ever told?
A: “I don’t know how that could have happened.” The lie itself is not that bad, but I told it an amazing number of times in my younger days. Like when the microwave door got shattered and when the car was totaled.

Q: Describe the perfect writing environment.
A: The library when it is closed to the public.

Q: If you could write your own epitaph, what would it say?
A: “So we beat on, boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the past.” (Which great novel is that one from?)

Q: Who is the one person living or dead that you would like to have dinner with?
A: My grandfathers. Both passed away when I was very young and I really wish I had the chance to know them. And yes, I know the question said one person – I can read! I just could not choose between them, so either would be fine.

Q: If you could have one superpower, what would it be?
A: Alchemy!

Hope to see you all in Memphis!

— Cathy M. Farley,
TLA President, 2005-2006
White County Public Library

From the Executive Director’s Desk

Did you miss it? Tennessee Library Legislative Day was beautiful, bright and sunny. Over 200 people who share a love of Tennessee libraries joined together to share their enthusiasm for libraries with many of the Tennessee Legislators. If you weren’t there, not only did you miss talking with your local representatives and seeking their support in the funding of libraries and library programs, but you also missed the sweetest little bunny who wished for red wings and a singing frog-tenor! They started off Legislative Day as representatives of the many varied programs offered by the public libraries across Tennessee. So plan now to make 2007 Tennessee Library Legislative Day an important day on your calendar…. You just don’t know who will show-up in 2007 and you don’t want to miss them!

— Annelle Huggins,
TLA Executive Director

Publications Advisory Board Happenings

After the recommendation of the TLA Board and the approval of the TLA Executive Committee, the TLA web site was moved from UTK to a commercial vendor, Affiniscape. The new webmistress, Kanneese Woods, worked with Affiniscape to develop the new template. TLA Board members wishing to create web sites for their units are invited to contact Kanneese for assistance. The PAB is working on updating our unit page. TLAN and TL are now available on the site. The TLA discussion list remains at UT.

There was some discussion about inappropriate posting of advertisements on the TLA list. The listowner has addressed this issue in the TLA-L guidelines. The person who sends an inappropriate advertisement to the TLA list may be removed from the list without warning. The TL editors published a new issue of TL with a farewell from Mark Ellis. Marie Jones assumed full editorship. Amy York is her Assistant Editor. Marie has posted back issues of the journal to the website in .pdf format. TL editors are working on an issue focusing on disability services in libraries and will be working on a conference follow-up issue. The TL editor plans to contact Ebscohost regarding indexing of TL. There has been an inquiry regarding placing advertisements in TL. The PAB will investigate the feasibility of placing advertisements in TLA publications.

Submitted by Martha Earl and Diane Chen,
PAB Co-Chairs
Newcomers and Names to Know

Amy York of MTSU has had an article published recently entitled, “Should You Take a Temp Job?” It is available online through LIScareer.com, a library/information science advice and tips website edited by Priscilla Shontz and Rich Murray. Amy’s article can be accessed at http://www.liscareer.com/articlesbydate.htm, then selecting March 2006… Amy Arnold, Librarian at Virginia Intermont College in Bristol, Virginia, and TLA member, has been appointed to the ALA Publishing Committee… Judy Barrett, a retired librarian and former representative to the Watauga Regional Library Board, has appointed by the governor to the State Center for Independent Living Council. The state has a number of centers across the state, Northeast Tennessee is trying to get one established… Sue Knoche has moved into the position of ALA-LSSIRT President ahead of schedule, due to the resignation of the former President in January. She will serve the remainder of this term plus the full term to which she was elected (June 2006-June 2007)… Chrissie Anderson Peters has an article in the latest issue of Info Career Trends, entitled, “Building Community Through the Community College Library.” March’s issue is online at http://www.lisjobs.com/newsletter/current.htm… Sharon Gray Weiner has an article in a recent issue if the Journal of Academic Librarianship, entitled, “Library Quality and Impact: Is There a Relationship Between New Measures and Traditional Measures?” It appears in the September 2005 edition (31(5):432-7)… Jiannan Wang is a new User Services Librarian at the Walker Library at MTSU. She has user services responsibilities in the areas of reference, instruction, and sciences liaison. Her prior experience includes working as a software engineer and as a research assistant. She has an MA in Library and Information Science from the University of Iowa, and an MS in Computer Science and Engineering from the University of Tennessee…

Job Postings Now Accessible on Website

TLA members and non-members are now able to view/post job ads on the TLA website. You can access the job site either by placing your mouse over the “About TLA” button at the top, and select “Jobs” or directly at http://tnla.org/jobbankdisplaylistings.cfm.

If you would like to post a job ad, below are the posting instructions:

Posting Instructions:
(Please note: If you are a member of TLA, please log in first.)
1. Click “Add Jobs” on the right side of the page.
2. If you are not a member, you will need to create a username and password.
3. Complete and submit the Job Posting form.

Your job ad will be added to the site within a 48-hour period.
If you have any questions, please let me know.

— Kanneese Woods, TLA Webmaster
The University of Memphis, University Libraries
(901) 678-4465 (office)/ (901) 678-8218 (fax)
http://exlibris.memphis.edu

Tennessee Libraries Now Archived

Tennessee Libraries is now up and running on the new TLA webpages. Go to http://www.tnla.org and click on “Publications & Events,” or go directly to: http://tinyurl.com/ku7l6. You’ll see that we have a new look, to match the new TLA site.

A new issue of TL, centering on the theme of “Libraries and People with Disabilities,” is in production. I will post an announcement when that issue is complete, which I expect to happen in the next couple of weeks.

— Marie F. Jones, TL Editor
Extended Campus Services Librarian
East Tennessee State University

Staff Development Workshops Coming

TLA will again sponsor Staff Development Workshops coming up in May across the Volunteer State. The Eastern region will be at Walter’s State Community College on Tuesday, May 16; the Mid-region will be at Nashville Public Library on Wednesday, May 17; the Western region will be at Memphis Public Library on Thursday, May 18. All other details are being worked on at this time. Watch for further details in the next issue of TLAN, as well as through applicable listservs and other outlets.

— Sue Knoche
Medical Library Assistant, Cataloging/Acquisitions
ETSU Quillen College of Medicine Library

Kudos and Comments

Thanks so much for the publicity you’re providing for Blount County Public Library programs! We appreciate your including our events in the TLA Calendar! Recently, we have changed ISP’s, necessitating a change in web address. The new URL is www.blountlibrary.org. Thank you for the help you give us in “getting the word out.”

— Joan VanSickle Sloan
Community Outreach Coordinator, BCPL

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VERY FANTASTIC EXCELLENT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
— Rick Wallace, President, Boone Tree Library Assn.

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Congratulations on a superb job on the latest TLA newsletter. It is really informative and useful.

— Scott Cohen
Library Director
Jackson State Community College
**TLA Annual Used Book Sale**

The TLA Annual Conference will begin this week! Our Annual Used Book Sale is held during the Conference to raise funds for the TLA Gleaves Scholarship Fund.

So take a moment this weekend to clean-out your bookshelves at home and bring at least 5 books for the sale. You can place the books in boxes at the Registration Desk on Thursday morning.

Then come to the sale and buy 5 different books to take home!

Cost of each book will be $1.00!

Looking forward to seeing you in Memphis!!!

**More TLA Scholarship Committee Activities at Annual**

In addition to the ever-exciting finds at the Annual Used Book Sale, don’t forget to check-out the exciting ALA products available at the ALA Consignment Table!

Everything at the ALA Consignment Table is priced in such a way that the TLA Scholarship Committee earns a percentage of total sales. This is just one more way that ALA works with state chapters to assist special projects at that level.

AND… Come to the ALA Consignment Table to take a quiz — $10 entry fee required (look at it as a donation to a worthy cause, the TLA Scholarship Fund). All correct quizzes will be put in a drawing for signed copies of books by favorite authors such as Sharyn McCrumb, John Grisham, Eileen Goudge, and former President Jimmy Carter. And spread the word to your colleagues who won’t be at the Conference — offer to take the quiz on their behalf so they have a chance to win some of these great signed books, too!

Help the Scholarship Committee prepare to award the Gleaves Scholarship in 2007! Success is ours — but we still need your help to reach our goals!
The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes, founded by young adult author T.A. Barron, seeks nominations for its 2006 awards. The Barron Prize honors young people ages 8-18 who have shown leadership and courage in public service to people and our planet. Each year, ten national winners each receive $2,000 to support their service work or higher education. Nomination deadline is April 30. For more information and to nominate (as well as to request or download free heroes educational materials), visit http://www.barronprize.org.

—Barbara Ann Richman, Executive Director
Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes
545 Pearl Street/ Boulder, CO 80302/ www.barronprize.org

The Chattanooga Area Library Association (CALA) has meetings in March and April. The March meeting was March 9 at 7 p.m. at the Bessie Smith Hall on Martin Luther King Blvd., in conjunction with the Tale for One City group; Christopher Paul Curtis was the featured speaker. The April meeting will be on April 13 at 7 p.m. at Chattanooga State Technical Community College, where we will have a software demonstration of Symposium. For more information, you can go to http://www.lib.utc.edu/cala/meetings.html.

—Ann Rox, Treasurer, CALA
Librarian, Ooltewah High School
School of Information Sciences News

SIS Co-sponsors Major Immigration Conference

On March 31, SIS co-sponsored “The New Latino Immigration to Tennessee: Opportunities and Challenges,” a conference at UT intended to focus on changing demographics of Tennessee and about the opportunities and challenges posed for receiving communities by the arrival of newcomers from Latin America. A highlight of the conference will be a keynote address and discussion groups with Jose Aponte, a catalyzing figure who brings library services, Latinos, and politics together.

Aponte comments on his talk: “The institution of public libraries must transform itself by actively recruiting Latinos and socially committed professionals dedicated to serving and empowering our community in order to stay relevant in business, and faithful to our original purpose. We do this through the creation of a comprehensive plan of work that creates public value through reaffirming our mission ‘to educate, inform, inspire and entertain,’ and its relevance to the social challenges and opportunities in public safety, health, education, fair and equitable housing and economic development and opportunity.”

Mr. Aponte has a White House appointment to the Laura Bush Foundation for America’s Libraries Advisory Council and was named the 2004 Trejo Librarian of the Year by REFORMA, a national affiliate of the ALA. Aponte is the director of the San Diego County library system and has actively promoted library services to Latinos throughout his career.

SIS Announces New Scholarship for School Media Specialist Program

The School of Information Sciences is pleased to announce a newly-endowed scholarship for students intending to pursue a career in children's and young adult literature. The Glenn E. Estes Fellowship fund honors the memory of Glenn Estes who served on the School’s faculty from 1967-1996 as both professor and associate director.

Mr. Estes was a nationally recognized authority in children’s literature and a masterful coordinator of conferences involving storytelling, literature, and continuing education for librarians.

SIS to Sponsor Symposium on International Education and Globalization

SIS faculty members Bharat Mehra and Jinx Watson are spearheading a symposium titled “How Does Globalization in the Age of Information Affect Traditions and Culture Around the World?” The Symposium will be held on April 5, from 12 – 4 p.m. at the International House and is free and open to the public. See http://www.sis.utk.edu/newsArchive/ whatsGoingOn/Global/ for more information.

SIS’ Dr. Tenopir Again Honored

Dr. Carol Tenopir was honored with the prestigious Miles Conrad Award by the National Federation of Abstracting and Information Services at their 48th Annual Conference in Philadelphia, in February. She teaches at UT SIS and is Interim Director of Research for the College of Communication and Information. Established in 1965, the Miles Conrad Memorial Lecture recognizes and honors members of the information community who have made significant contributions to the field of information science and to NFAIS itself. NFAIS President Lucian Parziale said that “Carol is a well-known and respected member of the global Information Community. As a researcher in information science, her work has been a major contributing factor in… our knowledge and understanding of user behavior across all disciplines with regard to databases, journals and other information resources…”

President Parziale went on to say that “as a professor, mentor, and role model, [Tenopir] is continuing to shape a new generation of professionals who will be better able to meet the needs of future information users as a result of her guidance. I speak for the entire NFAIS Board in saying that we are very pleased to bestow our organization’s highest honor upon her.”

Tenopir expressed both surprise and pleasure when being told about her selection as the Miles Conrad Lecturer. “The list of prior awardees is quite impressive, and I did not expect to eventually find my name placed among them,” said Tenopir. “It is personally and professionally very gratifying to have been selected to follow in their footsteps, and I am grateful to the NFAIS Board for [bestowing] this honor upon me.”

Tenopir is no stranger to awards. Among many other honors, she is the recipient of the 1993 Outstanding Information Science Teacher Award from the American Society for Information Science/Institute for Scientific Information and the 2000 ALISE Award for Teaching Excellence. She received the 2002 Research Award from the ASIS&T, the 2004 International Information Industry Lifetime Achievement Award in Hong Kong, and the 2005 Fulbright Senior Specialist Award, University of Oulu, Finland.

Tenopir’s career covers almost 30 years of library and information science experience, including work at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (1981-1983), the University of Hawaii at Manoa (1983-1994) and UT, Knoxville (1994-present). She is the author of five books, has published more than 200 journal articles, and has written the "Online Databases” column for Library Journal since 1983.

Dr. Tenopir joins a list of Miles Conrad Lecturers who are representative of the leaders and creative thinkers of the information world. Her lecture, entitled Building Bridges to Information Products and Services, will be made available on the NFAIS web site in March 2006.

Tenopir has also been very active within industry associations. She has served on the Board of the American Society for Information Science & Technology (1994-1997), as a Director of the Hawaii Library Association (1990-1992), and on countless committees for the Tennessee Library Association and the Special Libraries Association. She currently participates on numerous industry Advisory Boards, Editorial Boards, and Think Tanks. Tenopir holds a Ph.D. in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, a Master of Science, Library Science, from California State University, Fullerton, and a Bachelor of Arts, English and History, from Whittier College, Whittier, CA.

— Joel Southern, Communications Specialist, SIS
ERMRRT Web Page Available
The Electronic Resources Management Roundtable of TLA has its webpage up. You can find it on our homepage (http://www.tnla.org) under TLA Units.

I mention this because it was so easy to put up! Also because I noticed that a lot of units don't have pages up yet. The Affiniscape system that we are using makes the process extremely simple, even for the web-impaired among us. From the TLA homepage just log in to the Member Portal using your TLA membership number. Then use the training videos and help pages found on the Support site before going to Site Admin to put together your subpage. Finally, link it to the TLA Units content page.

Many thanks to Kaneese Woods for enabling this.

— Mayo Taylor, Secretary
Electronic Resource Management Roundtable

Collierville Library Spring Events

April 2006

April 1 => During April a collection of traditional and abstract watercolor and acrylic paintings by Memphis artist, Susan C. Balogh, will be displayed. Meet the artist from 1:00 to 5:00 PM in the Halle Room on Sunday, April 2.

April 4 and April 11 => Attend our “Genealogy: An Introduction” seminars. Part One focuses on getting started by using forms and records. Part Two reviews various information sources along with computer resources. Both workshops are presented by Byron Crain, President of the Tennessee Genealogical Society. The seminars last from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Halle Room. Registration required, call 457-2601.

April 6 => Night Night! Pajama Story Time for Children ages 4-8 from 6:30-7 p.m. in the children's activity room.

May 2006

In May the library exhibits items provided by Main Street Collierville. The display focuses on Collierville’s history and the importance of preservation. Old photographs of local buildings, sites and the people who lived and worked here will give newer residents a glimpse of the old Collierville.

Mr. Richard visits Pajama Story Time on Thursday, May 4 from 6:30-7:15. This fun program filled with songs and stories is geared for children ages 4 and up. The performance is free and open to the public. Sign up is not necessary. Mr. Richard's debut album, "Might as Well Sing" has received critical acclaim from The New York Post. The May issue of Parenting Magazine has related the album a Parenting pick for the 5-8 age group.

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

Linebaugh Public Library Recent Events

Myrtle Glanton Lord Library Grand Opening
MGL Library's grand opening celebration was held from 2 to 4 p.m. on March 4. Located in Patterson Park Community Center, MGL Library opened its doors in December 2004 with a limited range of services and materials. This new branch library is now fully functional and ready to serve Linebaugh Library System patrons of all ages, with a collection of books, periodicals, audio-visual materials, and a computer lab equipped with Internet access, Microsoft Office 2000, and WinWay Resume Deluxe software.

Ben's Belated Birthday Bash
Dedicated reader, statesman, and scientist Benjamin Franklin will enlighten and entertain children and adults of all ages in his event, “Ben’s Belated Birthday Bash.” In honor of Ben Franklin’s 300th birthday in January 2006, this unique performance included a talk by “Franklin” about the magic of reading, amazing and sometimes unusual facts about Franklin, and a live reenactment of a scientific experiment actually performed by Franklin. Dr. Rich Davis performed the role of Ben Franklin for this exciting event at 6:30 p.m. on March 13.

Dr. Rich, previously a college English and public speaking teacher, has been delighting audiences as Ben Franklin at over 2,000 events throughout the southeast for the past twelve years. This event, co-sponsored by the Colonel Hardy Murfree Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

I’m No Dummie Photo Contest
Linebaugh Library is looking for creative and original photos of library patrons with their favorite For Dummies book. The use of costumes, books, and other props is highly encouraged. Lots of yellow and black, too! The first 10 entries submitted to the Reference Desk received a limited edition Dummies Rule bookmark/ruler. The contest ran February 5-March 31. The winner of the contest will receive a For Dummies t-shirt, lanyard, and commemorative bookmark/ruler. Linebaugh Library will display the submitted photos near the Reference Desk. If Linebaugh Library wins the For Dummies display contest, you and a guest will be invited to our celebration.

— Heather Lanier, Circulation Department
Linebaugh Public Library System
Tennessee NACO Funnel is Growing — Your Library Can Be Part of It

On Monday and Tuesday, April 3-4, 2006, at University of Memphis’ McWherter Library, Mary Charles Lasater (Vanderbilt University), LC NACO regional trainer for Tennessee, will offer a total of 1 1/2 days training for new and existing participants in the Tennessee NACO Funnel.

The Tennessee NACO Funnel is a group of Tennessee libraries/catalog librarians who have joined forces to create new Name Authority Records (NARs) to contribute to national databases. NACO stands for "Name Authority Component" of the Library of Congress Program for Cooperative Cataloging. Participants in NACO make, revise, and share NARs.

NARs are a special type of MARC record designating a form of name as the "established" form, providing cross-references from other forms that may have been used for: by persons, geographic locations, corporate bodies, and conferences. Libraries that create/share NARs maximize their return (in terms of cataloging time, effort, and resources). Creating and sharing NARs can improve access to a library’s own collection, and to those beyond its own walls.

The Tennessee NACO Funnel was founded in 2004; between March 2004 and March 2005, 25 people from nine libraries were trained. Thanks to the generosity of VU, three additional libraries joined in November 2005, with an additional four librarians trained.

Now we have a chance for even more expansion. Thanks to a joint funding effort by the TLA Technical Services Roundtable, Vanderbilt University, and University of Memphis, there is no cost to participants for this training. You need only provide your own travel and lodging in Memphis, and agree that your library will join the Funnel. We hope that those coming to Memphis for TLA’s conference can adapt travel plans to arrive early to attend this training.

On April 3-4, 2006, Mary Charles Lasater will offer three half-day training sessions:

Mon., April 3, 2006, 1-5 p.m.: Introduction to NACO
Tues., April 4, 2006, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.: NARs for personal name headings
Tues., April 4, 2006, 1-5 p.m.: Authority Records for uniform title headings

The Monday p.m. and Tuesday a.m. sessions are open to catalogers new to NACO. Both sessions are required to join the Funnel and begin creation of original NARs for personal name headings.

The Tuesday afternoon session is open to catalogers from existing Tennessee NACO Funnel member libraries who presently lack training to create uniform title authority records. Catalogers from new Funnel member libraries who have just completed the personal name training may also attend if space is available.

This is an excellent opportunity to allow your library's work to improve and to make more usable library catalogs here at home and beyond. NACO exemplifies the benefits and cost-effectiveness of shared cataloging at its best.

For additional information, or if you have any questions, please contact Mark H. Danley, Catalog Librarian/Authority Specialist, University of Memphis (mdanley@memphis.edu).

For more information about the Tennessee NACO Funnel, see http://exlibris.memphis.edu/about/depts/cataloging/authoritynaco.html

For more about the Library of Congress Program for Cooperative Cataloging NACO program in general, see www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/naco/

ENCompass at Christian Brothers University

After months of work, we have completed the implementation of ENCompass, a federated search product from Endeavor Information Systems. Plough Library is the first academic library in Memphis to offer a federated search service like ENCompass to users. We purchased it as a discovery tool, to get a quick view of which databases have information and articles on a topic. It is easy to get in the habit of only searching 1-2 favorite databases, but users may miss articles that are available in other databases.

Like most federated search products on the market right now, ENCompass is not compatible with all databases. For example, Lexis-Nexis and Xreferplus do not work with ENCompass yet. If a database is not in ENCompass, our users can still find all of our databases on our general Databases page. Also, many databases have advanced search features that are not available in ENCompass. To access these features, users will need to search the database individually from the general Databases page.

ENCompass is set up with a default search. If users do not choose a collection to search, the default search (called “A Quick Search”), will use three databases with broad subject coverage: Gale InfoTrac OneFile, EBSCO Academic Search Elite, and JSTOR. If users have an idea of a subject area they want to search, they may select a subject collection — Arts & Humanities, Business, Education, General& News, Government & Law, Reference, Sciences, and Social Science. Each collection contains databases with content in that specific subject area. These subject collections are similar to those found on general CBU Databases page. The ENCompass difference is that users can search many databases in these subject collections at the same time. Another option is to choose databases from the A-Z Databases (Select One or More) list. Users can always add the Library Catalog to be searched by checking the box next to it.

— Deborah Babb, Electronic Services Librarian, CBU
The Tennessee State Library and Archives
And the Tennessee Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped
Invite you to view an Exhibit celebrating 75 years of LBPH service and 35 years of the Tennessee Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped

Held in the Great Hall of the TSLA
403 Seventh Avenue North
Nashville, Tennessee
March 15 - April 28, 2006

Exhibit Hours: 8 am–6 pm (Central), Mon.-Sat.
LBPH Hours: 8 am-4:30 pm (Central), Mon. – Fri.

To schedule a tour of the LBPH, please call (800) 342-3308.

Some Tennessee Typeset

The Heritage Alliance of Jonesborough, TN, announces the release of the book *Jonesborough's Historic Churches*, by W. Eugene and Joyce Cox. This book, a scholarly study which includes eleven churches in Jonesborough's historic district, is designed to be used as a guide while visiting the church sites or to take home as a reference. The broader perspective of how Jonesborough's churches related to the national denominational fabric is told, African American history of Mill Spring Baptist Church in Jonesborough is documented for the first time. The churches' important role in the community and education is shared. The book has 125 pages, including photographs, map, endnotes, and index. It can be purchased for $12.95 plus tax at the Jonesborough Visitors Center or by mail from the Heritage Alliance; 212 East Sabin Drive, Jonesborough, TN 37659. Mail order copies are $16.75 including tax/shipping/handling. Contact Deborah Montanti at 423.753.9580.

Mr. Bobby King of Savannah, TN has published a book entitled *Cold Nights and Hot Biscuits*, which is a wholesome and entertaining book including stories and poems for children and adults alike. Taken from real-life experiences, the stories contain life lessons such as the importance of friendship, family relations, and putting others’ needs ahead of your own. For more information, pricing/shipping you may contact Mr. King at 731.925.7762 or at king2888@bellsouth.net

Describing *Caleb on a Catfish Day*, the author writes, “This is the story about the secret of one of life’s simplest pleasures. Fishing with Grandpa…The catfish knows the secret to being happy, and Grandpa does, too. [Will] Caleb figure it out before the day is over?” For the setting of this story, the author draws on experiences with her father and his catfish pond.

Tammy Hill Headrick lives in southern Blount County where she was born and raised. She teaches at Carter High School in Knox County.

When a storm blew Chloe Stevens into Jacob Martin’s life – he was not prepared for the journey. “Well, I am glad that you could make it! What kind of a mother leaves a three-year-old stranded for well over an hour and doesn’t even bother to call?” He whispered menacingly. Chloe’s first impression of Jacob was less than flattering.

From the ashes of that storm – bloomed a relationship that bonded a disillusioned attorney with a lonely widow and her daughter. Where love grows, trust must abide. “So this is what has kept you working late every night since Thanksgiving?” He screamed at her. Chloe was so caught off guard at the anger in his voice that her temper flared. “Yes this is where I spend my evenings is that a problem?” Can a love so new survive a jealousy and bitterness so strong?

Strength of Love is the first inspirational novel published by Robin L. Scott, an adjunct professor at Northeast State. For more information, email her at RLScott@NortheastState.edu.
For the record and for those wishing to learn more about what is actually happening at the Memphis Public Library:

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Memphis Public Library & Information Center

Boone Tree to Sponsor Spring Picnic

On Friday, April 28, 2006, the Boone Tree Library Association will host the third annual Potluck Picnic in Northeast Tennessee. This year’s event will take place in Johnson city (location to be announced soon) and will officially “begin” at 6:00 p.m., with eating to begin around 7:00 p.m. Suresh Ponnappa and Rick Wallace have graciously volunteered to provide Barbecue from the Fire House Restaurant in Johnson City. Those wishing to attend but lacking in culinary skills and/or time to spend in the kitchen are welcome to donate money to help offset this cost.

This event is open to all library workers/students in our region. Directors, please make certain that your branch managers/librarians, support staff, pages, etc., know about this event. If you know someone who is currently a student, we especially want them to join us to have the opportunity to meet others in the field who live and work in the area.

Entertainment is still being discussed, but you can be certain that we will have lots of fun for everyone! Stay tuned to TLA-L, BTLA-L, and other information outlets for more information coming soon! For more information, contact Chrissie Anderson Peters at capeters@NortheastState.edu or by phone at 423.354.2463.

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.

More Money Mayhem in Memphis

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