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Editor's Note

As another TLA Committee year winds down, I wish to express my gratitude for yet another year of great contributions from those working in/with libraries in Tennessee and beyond! You have answered the call for news and general interest items time and time again, usually in a more timely manner than your Editor has been able to deliver the publication itself, for which I apologize again.

While the *TLA Newsletter* is not always as "timely" as some would prefer (myself included), it is still a means of communication by which I believe many members (as well as those who are not currently members) keep abreast of what is going on in information centers and libraries across the great Volunteer State. It is my hope that the coming Committee year is one of continued cooperation between all of you and those of us who work diligently through the TLA Publications Advisory Board to better serve you through our

various publications.

The coming Committee year will likely see some changes, including going from six published issues of *TLAN* per year a quarterly schedule. TLA members should also watch for postcard mailings in conjunction with the newsletter's online publication (over half of TLA's members are not on the TLA-L list and may not be aware of what is happening or even when the newsletter is made available). We will also select an Assistant Editor to help keep me on-schedule better, and to lend assistance in what is sometimes a big undertaking to get the newsletter ready for online publication.

Thanks for your continued support, and for what I consider another successful year of *TLAN*. I hope that you feel the same way.

— Chrissie Anderson Peters,
TLAN Editor

Imagination Library Statewide Update

Friends,

[June 1] marks an educational milestone in Tennessee history as the Governor's Books from Birth Foundation and all its partners reach their goal of making Dolly Parton's Imagination Library available to every child under age 5 in the state.

Sumner County's kickoff marks the 95th of our state's 95 counties to participate in this free books program, which, as of tomorrow will encompass all 375,000 Tennessee children under age 5. This is especially significant because Tennessee is the first state in the nation to take Dolly's program statewide...and our phones are ringing daily with other states' governments wanting to replicate our model!

The Governor's Books from Birth Foundation and all you, our wonderful county networks of volunteers and donors, have spent the last two years working together so that every Tennessee child-- --regardless of any demographic except age---can receive an age-appropriate, hardback book every single month from birth until his fifth birthday, mailed directly to his home, at no cost to the family.

That time is here.

For more information about the past, present, and future of Tennessee's statewide Imagination Library and the gift and educational equalizer it represents for our state's little ones, or to find contact information for any county, visit www.governorsfoundation.org.

I urge each of you to spread the word and make sure every child you encounter is enrolled in the Imagination Library.

Happy reading, one and all!

— Trish Moalla, Program Director,
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The President's Point of View

This article will be my last as the president of the Tennessee Library Association. I know it is very tired and old to say the time has flown by, but I certainly promise you it has. It seems just a few minutes ago Kay Due was propping up my shaky legs as she gleefully passed off the gavel. Now I know why she looked so tired that day!

As I think back over the year, I am so grateful for the opportunity you gave me to lead this dynamic organization. Committees, sections, and roundtables have worked very hard to propose and implement changes designed to make our association function better for the members. I am very proud of the things these groups have accomplished.

But the thing that makes me smile the most is looking back over the people I have met during the past year. I have watched of you at your very best, when I got to present you with awards from your peers. I have seen some of you in funeral homes and hospitals, when things were not going so well. I have been to your libraries and watched you make a difference in your customer's lives. I experienced you in social settings, getting down with the King of Rock and Roll.

Through all these situations, I have grown as a person. All the credit for that growth belongs to you. I hope I was able in some way to contribute to the cause, but if that is not the case, I hope I was polite and cordial enough that you never noticed my lack of contribution. But mostly, I just want to say thank you so much just for letting me belong. Thanks TLA!



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From the Executive Director's Desk

It's Sunday following the 2006 Annual Conference and the tiredness I feel is the kind that follows a wonderful, exciting, and active event! Kudos go to the Conference Planning Committee led by Jennifer Cowan-Henderson and Leah Allison for making our first Memphis Conference in 8 years (and our first joint conference with SELA in many, many years) such a rousing success. Plans are already underway for the 2007 Annual Conference in Chattanooga: April 19-20. Hope to see you there!

— Annelle Huggins,
TLA Executive Director



In Memoriam

Elvis "Gene" HOLLARS, of Nashville, TN, passed away April 11, 2006, at the age of 67. Hollars was born June 20, 1939, to John and Ruby Hollars in Franklin, TN. He retired from the Tennessee State Library and Archives in 1998, where he served as Administrative Director of Restoration/Preservation for 38 years. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Hester Sullivan Hollars and son, Michael Gene Hollars. He will be greatly missed by his devoted wife, Janice Hollars of 15 years, and his brother, Raymond Hollars. Gene will be remembered as an incredible man full of love and compassion. He was a wonderful father to Karen Hollars of White Bluff, Christopher Hollars of Nashville and 3 step children. Gene had 10 adoring grandchildren — Michael, Rachel, Matthew C., Matthew R., Nathan, Sarah, Celeste, Cody, Bethany and Brendan — whom he loved very much. There are really no words to describe the person that Gene was. His legacy will forever live on in his wide circle of friends and loving family. Visitation was held on Wednesday, April 12, 2006 from 5-8 p.m. and Thursday, 1 p.m. until time of service at 2 p.m., at Franklin Memorial Chapel. Interment was at Harpeth Hills Memory Gardens. Dr. Ed Gleaves said of Hollars, "[he was a] long-time member of the TSLA staff and one of the finest human beings I have ever known."

TLA Election 2006 Results

Congratulations to the incoming officers of the Tennessee Library Association. Our new Vice-President/President-Elect is **Jane Pinkston**, assistant State Librarian for Planning & Development at the Tennessee State Library and Archives. **Bess Robinson**, Reference/Instruction Librarian and Associate Professor at the University of Memphis, is our new Recording Secretary. The incoming SELA Representative is **Sue Alexander**, User Services Librarian and Assistant Professor at Middle Tennessee State University. **Chrissie Anderson Peters**, Librarian at Northeast State Community College, will serve as the next ALA Representative.

Many thanks to all who agreed to run for office for our Tennessee Library Association. Your willingness to serve your colleagues in this way is appreciated.

And to everyone who has been appointed or elected to serve on the TLA Board of Directors for the 2006-2007 Committee Year, a hearty thank-you and welcome to the Board. This time of year is always exciting as we look ahead to what we can help to accomplish through various cooperative efforts, and also as we reflect on all that we have accomplished in the past committee year. To those who have rotated off of the TLA Board, our warmest thanks for all that you have done to serve TLA and your various round tables, sections, committees, and affiliate organizations.

It is never too soon to become actively involved with TLA — find a place to begin your journey this year. Your profession and your state library association need your help!

SOLINET and Mississippi State Library to Co-Sponsor Advocacy Institute in New Orleans

The Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET) and Mississippi State Library (MSL) have joined the list of co-sponsors for the ALA Advocacy Institute, scheduled for Fri., June 23, 2006, during Annual Conference in New Orleans. Advanced registration for the Institute is open through June 9 and is \$25, including lunch. The Advocacy Institute will begin with a luncheon on two timely legislative issues: the 65 Percent Rule, affecting school libraries, and TABOR (Tax Payer Bill of Rights) laws, affecting state funding. Ann Dutton Ewbank, chair of the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) Task Force on Instructional Classification, will discuss the 65 Percent Rule, and Kay Boies, Executive Director, Oklahoma Library Association, will provide an update on TABOR Laws, impacting state funding. Gloria Meraz, Texas Library Association, will moderate the discussion.

The main program will address message development, lobbying, and coalition-building techniques, and more. Institute attendees will work on an advocacy action plan to implement in their library. Geared to help foster community support among Friends, trustees, library professionals, and advocates at the state levels, the Advocacy Institute is designed for the beginning advocate or anyone who wants to sharpen their skills.

Presenters include Gail Dysleski, president, New Jersey Library Trustee Association and Advocacy Institute Task Force member; Susan Schmidt, past-president, Friends of Libraries USA (FOLUSA); Sally Reed, executive director, FOLUSA; Carol A. Brey-Casiano, chair, Advocacy Institute Task Force and 2004-2005 ALA Immediate Past President; Fran Roscello, AASL, Dr. Ismail Adbullahi, associate professor, North Carolina Central University; Dr. Beth Paskoff, dean, School of Library and Information Science, Louisiana State University; and Keith Michael Fiels, Executive Director, ALA.

To register for the Institute, visit www.ala.org/advocacyinstitute.html and follow the links to ALA's registration page. To register for the luncheon only, visit the same site and register for the Advocacy Institute. Onsite registration for both will be available, beginning at 11:30 am.

In addition to SOLINET and MSL, the Advocacy Institute at the 2006 ALA Annual Conference is co-sponsored by the Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Southeastern, and Texas Library Associations. It is a project of the Advocacy Institute Task Force of the ALA Public Awareness Committee, in partnership with the ALA Chapter Relations Office, the Association for Trustees and Advocates, the ALA Washington Office, the ALA Public Information Office, and FOLUSA. The Institute is made possible by a grant from the Ford Foundation.

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E-Journals Workshop at MSU

Please join us at Mississippi State University (MSU) Libraries on Fri., July 14, for an e-journals continuing education workshop. Titled "Head 'em Up, Move 'em Out! Corraling the E-Journal Stampede," this one-day session is co-sponsored by NASIG, EBSCO, and MSU, and provides excellent continuing education opportunities for information professionals interested in all aspects of e-journals and e-resource management in libraries. For more information about the workshop, including the program schedule, speakers, and the registration form, please visit <http://library.msstate.edu/content/templates/?a=1090>

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Newcomers and Names to Know

Congrats to **Teresa Lane** (Davis Homes Branch, Morristown) and **Marcia Nelson** (Pigeon Forge) for their input included in the recent "Publicity, Programming & Promotion What Works: Good Ideas from ALSC Members" list... Kudos to **Aaron Dobbs**, who leaves his position at Austin Peay State University to accept a position at Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania. While Dobbs will be missed, it is reassuring, as he pointed out at TLA, to know that "You Have a Friend in Pennsylvania." All the best to Aaron and his family as they embark on this adventure... Welcome home, **Tiffani Conner**! Tiffani returns to the University of Tennessee as the Grant Manager for the 2005 IMLS National Leadership Grant "Growth of Democracy in Tennessee: A Grass Roots Approach to Volunteer Voices." Tiffani was Data Services Coordinator and Reference Librarian/Liaison to Sociology at the University of Connecticut, and also worked with Human Rights and the Roper Center for Public Opinion... Congratulations to **Theresa McMahan** who has been promoted to the position of Director of the Sullivan County Public Library, from the post of Assistant Director!

Bits and Pieces From Across the State

The Linebaugh Public Library System in Murfreesboro, TN, recently made the cover of *School Library Journal*, as the public library recipient of the SLJ/Thomson Gale 2006 "Giant Step Award" for serving youth. The library staff credits their strategic planning process for the innovative services and partnerships established in their community. Congratulations to Director, **Laurel Best**, and her staff for the award, but more importantly, for transforming their library into the community center it is today! — Betty Jo Jarvis

Knox County Public Library concluded a 90-day pilot program exploring the feasibility of permanently opening three branch libraries on Sundays. Due to results showing an overall drop in attendance and circulation, the Library will revert to its previous schedule. Lawson McGhee Library will remain open on Sundays. During the pilot program, Cedar Bluff, West Knoxville and Halls Branch Libraries were open on Sundays from 1-5 pm. To maintain a neutral cost, each library compensated by closing public hours during the week.

— Mary Pom Claiborne, Communications Administrator, KCPL

The Bristol Public Library in Bristol, VA, held its Grand Opening ceremonies during National Library Week, April 2-8. The new building, located in the heart of downtown Bristol, is a gorgeous building inside and outside. Special appearances were made during the Grand Opening week by author Sharyn McCrumb, NASCAR driver Kyle Petty, and a band from Ohio. Refreshments for events were provided by the Friends of the Avoca Branch Library (the part of the Bristol Public Library that is situated on the Tennessee side of Bristol). For more, see <http://www.aame.info/amagazine.php?view=download&month=200605>.

Benton County Public Library along with the Benton County Genealogical Society hosted a weekend of Benton County Family Reunion activities April 28-30 at the Benton County Library. Events included a "Family History vs. Genealogy Workshop," "Family History Road Show;" heritage/folk art demonstrations, including chair caning, quilting, heirloom plants, folk medicine, etc., presented by various guest experts; guided/self-guided tours of Benton County, featuring points of interest and historical significance; "Gathering and Preserving Family Records" with the Genealogy Society; expert help sharing tips for using the library's expansive genealogy collection along and a tour of the Benton County Archives; oral history recordings by the Genealogy Society; antique car/farm equipment show with various participants; old time games for children with the Advanced American History class students, and more!

Report of Participation at the ALA National Library Legislative Day 2006

Seventeen library advocates from Tennessee arrived in Washington, DC, for the 32nd annual ALA Library Legislative Day, with the theme "Rediscover Libraries."

Secretary of State, the Honorable Riley Darnell, along with Jeanne Sugg, Tennessee State Librarian and Archivist (Nashville), headed our group. Other folks attending included Diane Chen, a member of the Legislative Committee for the Tennessee Association of School Librarians (TASL), Nashville; Freddie and Evealyn Clowers, representing Fort Loudoun Regional Library, Cleveland; Cathy Farley, TLA President, accompanied by her husband, Tim; and Judy Greeson, Clinch-Powell Regional Library Director, Clinton. Also attending were Penny Frere, Executive Director, TENN-SHARE, accompanied by her husband Jon; George Harding, Highland Rim Regional Library Board, Lebanon; Jonas Kisber, Shiloh Regional Library Board, Jackson; Jeanette Lambert, Chair, Legislation Committee for TASL, Nashville; Allison Roberts, Past President of TASL, Signal Mountain; Pamela Smith, Vice President/General Manager, Ingram Library Services, LaVergne; James Staub, Government Information Librarian, Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville; and Vivian Wynn, Library Consultant, Nashville. This year we had four "first-timers" — Cathy & Tim Farley, Jon Frere, and Pamela Smith.

This year's Legislative Day was Tuesday, May 2, with preliminary briefings held on Monday, May 1. During Monday's Briefing Sessions, an excellent presentation entitled "Selling Your Library to Congress," was presented by Stephanie Vance of Ad Vance Consulting. Stephanie led the group through the points of Library Advocacy by an informative, yet entertaining, "bingo game."

Appointments with all of our state's Congressional delegation were made prior to arrival. As always, we were warmly received in each of the offices. We participated in "Tennessee Tuesdays" meetings with Senator Lamar Alexander, Senator William Frist, and their staffs. "Tennessee Tuesdays" is an event sponsored by the state's U.S. Senators' offices, where groups of citizens with a variety of interests/issues meet together. Our group was singled out by the Senators, and noted as being present.

We met with all of our U. S. Representatives and/or their Legislative Aides. In each office, we discussed the importance of Library Services

and Technology Act federal dollars. We asked that the FY 2007 Appropriation be at \$220.855 million. This is the President's request. For school library funding, the appropriate program is "Improving Literacy through School Libraries" within the No Child Left Behind Act (PL 107-110). The President's FY 2007 budget freezes funding at \$19.6 million. Members of Congress were urged to provide \$100 million for this program. We thanked members of Congress for sustained support for the E-Rate telecommunications discount program. A related issue of Internet Neutrality legislation was discussed. We asked that it be maintained. Other library/library-related programs warranted our "thank you's" for continued support.

As always, the Washington Office of the ALA had summaries of the status of federally funded library programs, as well as legislation that affects libraries, prepared for us. Our delegation of 17 was part of more than 525 people from 47 states attending this year's National Library Legislative Day. National Library Legislative Day is co-sponsored by the District of Columbia Library Association and the ALA.

For this year's planning of Tennessee's participation in National Library Legislative Day, a subcommittee was headed by Diane Chen and Judy Greeson as Co-Chairs. Some members of the Legislation Committee did attend ALA Day — Diane Chen, Penny Frere, Judy Greeson, James Staub, and Vivian Wynn. We also thank Ingram Library Services, Inc., and Pamela Smith, General Manager/Vice-President, for providing a luncheon for our delegation on Monday. We scheduled our delegation's traditional Monday evening meeting at the end of the ALA Briefing Sessions. As in the past, this meeting allowed us to gather, review our Congressional office assignments, and to discuss our "talking points" on the issues at hand. However, using the meeting space contracted by ALA saved TLA the cost of a separate meeting room.

Next year, the ALA Legislative Day activities are scheduled for May 1 and 2, a Tuesday and Wednesday. Looking further ahead, the 2008 dates are Tuesday and Wednesday, May 13 and 14. I especially encourage library trustees and members of Friends of Libraries groups to consider attending future ALA Legislative Days.

— Judy Greeson, State Coordinator, ALA Legislative Day

TL Call for Papers

Tennessee Libraries, the official refereed journal of the Tennessee Library Association, currently seeks papers on **all topics related to libraries in Tennessee**. *TL* particularly invites the participation of Tennessee and regional librarians and writers, new to the field of library science. *Tennessee Libraries* is a medium for professional and scholarly research, and a forum for the discussion of issues related to library and information services in Tennessee. *Tennessee Libraries* seeks articles on all types of libraries and library activities.

Manuscripts of the following nature will be considered:

- Scholarly articles relevant to Tennessee libraries;
- Articles with quantitative or qualitative evaluations of library practice;
- State of the art reviews designed to bring Tennessee librarians up to date;
- Reports of studies, surveys, or programs relevant to libraries in Tennessee;
- Reader comments, guest editorials and letters will also be considered.

For more information and our style manual see [contributor's guidelines](#).

— Marie F. Jones, *TL* Editor, jonesmf@mail.etsu.edu



Check your calendar and save the date!

**Generation TN 2006:
Making a Change**

July 14 & 15, 2006

**Nashville Downtown Public Library
Nashville, Tenn.**

Nomination and registration information to follow.

Contact us at info@generationtn.com

www.GenerationTn.com

Blount County Public Library Summer Activities

Teens Can Learn to Podcast at Library Workshop

Teens! If you've heard about podcasting, you may know that it was even the word of the year in 2004. But how much do you really know about it? The Blount County Public Library is offering an introductory workshop for teens about podcasting which will culminate in each participant being able to publish a book review on the web. This is a chance to let the world know what you think about a particular book! Especially for middle and high school teens, there will be two days for a June workshop (Tuesdays, June 6 and 13, at 6:30 pm). In July, the same information will be offered on Tuesdays, July 11 and 18, at 6:30 pm. Teens may attend workshops in June or July, or all four sessions. Free refreshments will be served.

Children's Summer Reading Program Focuses on Jungle Tales at Blount County Public Library

Starting with a "magical" introduction (by Magician, Scott Humston), the summer reading program at the Blount County Public Library will focus on "Jungle Tales: Hiss, Rumble and Roar." If you are looking for a low-cost, high-entertainment value program for your child this summer, you may want to encourage your child to participate in this program. The children's summer reading kick-off will launch the program from 11 am-2 pm, on Sat., June 3, (all activities in the library's meeting room wing).

Magician Scott Humston will fascinate, thrill and entertain the youthful audience at 11:00 am. Free lunch (hot dogs, chips and soft drink) at noon will be followed by face painting, games, and other activities.

Other Special Story Hour programs throughout the summer will include

- Fri., June 9, 11 am: "Flumpa (the Frog) Live," Environmental program with frog mascot, music, and science facts in the Sharon Lawson Meeting Room.
- Sat., June 17, 11 am: "Jungle Rap," with storyteller, Faye Wooden in the Children's Library.
- Sat., June 24, 11 am: "Rainforest Plants and Insects" display and program by UT Entomology Department in the Children's Library.
- Sat., July 1, 11 am: "Rainforest Animals," by Knoxville Zoo in the Sharon Lawson Meeting Room.
- Sat., July 8, 10 am: "Serendipity Surplus Craft Day" provides a variety of craft projects from which to choose (Children's Library).
- Sat., July 15, 11 am: "Jungle Jive" puppet show and stories presented by children's staff (Sharon Lawson Meeting Room).
- Sat., July 22, 11 am: "Tiger Tales" kids to kids story hour presented by Story Hour Workshop Teens in the Children's Library.
- Sat., July 29, 11 am: Summer Finale Program: "Rainforest Animal Show," presented by Natural History Educational Company in the Sharon Lawson Meeting Room.

New Musical Story Hour: In addition to the Special Story Hour programs for the summer, a new Musical Story Hour will be offered the first Sunday of each month for children ages birth to five years old. Led by Kristen Blackburn and Cindy Sugg, the Musical Story Hour will provide musical songs and activities for preschoolers.

New foreign language story hours are also being provided at the library by community volunteers. The Japanese Story Hour is the first Thursday of each month at 5:00 pm. The Spanish Story Hour is the fourth Saturday of each month at 3:00 pm. In each of these story hours, children can learn new vocabulary as a story is read in both English and Japanese/Spanish.

Edible Book Contest Winners Announced

Amidst pointing, oohs and aahs mixed with hysterical laughter, library patrons viewed entries for the Edible Book Contest, making comments such as "What a creative idea!", "How beautiful!" or "Yuck!" Thirty-six edible creations depicted fictional or non-fictional literary works in the

permanent collection of the BCPL.

To determine contest winners, judges had to make difficult decisions to determine 14 prize winners which were announced at 3:00 pm on Saturday, April 22, in the main gallery of the library. The top three prize-winners were awarded \$100 each:

The **Judges' Choice Award** went to Victoria Kennedy, who made an edible creation based upon the book title, *The Secret Garden*. Devon Cooper won the **Creativity Award** for *The Coat of Many Colors*. The **Humor Award** went to Tom Gilliland for his creation depicting *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*.

In addition, prizes of \$100, \$50 & \$25 were awarded in each of four other contest categories with three winners in each category. All prizes were supplied by the Friends of the Blount County Public Library. The winners in these categories were:

JUVENILE--1st Place: Teague Wallace's Quidditch Field suggested by the book *Harry Potter*; 2nd Place: Evan C. Toby for his creation of *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*; 3rd Place: Elizabeth Hodge for her creation suggested by the book *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

YOUNG ADULT--1st Place: *Ballerina Dreams* created by Leah Finger; 2nd Place: *Turtle Splash* created by Jerilyn Jones; 3rd Place: *Wizard of OZ* created by Kelsea Gilliland.

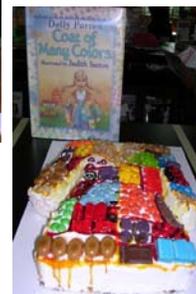
ADULT--1st Place: *Grandfather Twilight* created by Ingrid Haun; 2nd Place: *Trouble with Trolls* created by Patricia Hoffman; 3rd Place: *Curious George* created by Kathy Whitson.

PROFESSIONAL--1st Place: *Treasury of Bedtime Stories* created by Melissa Finger; 2nd Place: *The Everything Cat Book* created by Holly Jones.

The 36 entries were on display at the Blount County Public Library from Thursday through Saturday, April 20-22. Each edible creation depicted a fictional or nonfictional literary work in the permanent collection of the Blount County Public Library and was required to be 95% edible. In this case, edible means made of food/foodstuffs, with a size no larger than 18x24x24 inches. A list of ingredients accompanied each creation. Each entry was judged based on the following criteria: (a) Originality and Creativity; (b) Skill and Construction; (c) Visual Appeal; and (d) Tie-In with the Literary Work being depicted.

For further information about library programs or services, call the library at 982-0981 or visit the Web site at www.blountlibrary.org. To print a one-page monthly calendar of library events, go to the library Web site at www.blountlibrary.org, click on "Programs and Events" and then click on "[Click here to view the monthly calendar of events in printable format](#)" or sign up to receive a monthly calendar by email by scrolling down and clicking on libnews@blounttn.org and putting "subscribe" in the subject line.

— Joan VanSickle Sloan, Community Outreach Coordinator
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School of Information Sciences News

The School of Information Sciences has moved up in its national standing, according to a survey by *U.S. News & World Report* released this April. SIS rose from 20th in the nation to 16th, out of 50 graduate programs in library/information sciences accredited by the ALA. *U.S. News* ranks graduate LIS programs based on expert opinion of program directors and senior faculty about program quality. They also use statistical indicators that measure the quality of a school's faculty, research, and students. We hope to realize our goal of being in the top 10 by the next ranking cycle.

Glenn Estes Scholarship Fund Endowed

The School will award its first Glenn E. Estes scholarship this fall, thanks in part to gifts from his widow, Elizabeth Estes Sanders, and her husband Gilbert Eugene Sanders, Jr. The Glenn E. Estes Scholarship will be awarded to students enrolled in the library information specialist program, especially those who have demonstrated promise as a leader, and who intend to pursue a career in children's and young adult literature.

Martha Earl Recognized As 2006 Distinguished Alumni

The 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, Martha has worked in academic and special libraries continuously since 1980. Tena Litherland stated in her nomination letter that few graduates from SIS "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—and 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. She is also a long-term and dedicated member of the Tennessee Library Association, having served as President in 1998-99, and continuously in other capacities on the Board of Directors and Conference Committees. 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 given 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 and give meaning to the school's Distinguished Alumni Award program.

Testimonial Program

SIS is putting together a "testimonial project," to create textual and photographic profiles of our alumni. We want to show prospective students where our alumni work, what they are doing, and how much fun they have on the job. This project is only now being launched, and we invite you to send us your photo and tell us how your experiences at SIS prepared you for your career journey. You can view examples at: www.sis.utk.edu/about; www.sis.utk.edu/programs; and www.sis.utk.edu/programs/masters.

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*The UT School of Information Sciences Alumni Board announces the upcoming election of Officers to the Alumni Board. Watch TLA-L and the SIS-Alumni-List (as well as the Alumni page hosted by SIS at [www.sis.utk.edu/alumni](http://www.sis.utk.edu/alumni)), for information on when and how to cast your votes! Candidates for the two Members-At-Large positions include Valarie Adams, Alison Bentley, Sally Dill, Gene Hyde, James Staub, and Rick Wallace. Candidates for Secretary are Tiffani Conner and Diane Griffith. Candidates for Vice-President/President-Elect are Chrissie Anderson Peters and Tom Whisman. Show your SIS Alumni pride and be sure to vote in the upcoming elections! Voting is the first step to becoming active in your Alumni Association!*

### SIS Scholarships and Awards for 2005 - 2006

The following SIS student scholarships/awards were announced at the School of Information Science's Hooding Ceremony Sat., May 13. Congratulations to all of the award recipients. Thanks also to the Student Affairs committee, chaired by Dr. Bharat Mehra, who sorted through the long list of qualified nominations!

**SIS Top 3 Awards: Outstanding Service Award:** Rachel Kirkland; **Academic Achievement Award:** Genny Carter; and **Gary Purcell Award:** Martha Hendricks.

**Best Thesis Award:** Xuemei Ge

**College of Communication and Information Outstanding M.S. Student, Information Sciences Master's Program:** Christopher Benda

**Best Paper:** (Tie): Carly Hamlett "Are We an Information Society" and Amy Elliott "Thinking Globally and Reading Diversely: Issues of Gay and Lesbian International Literature for Young Adults"

**Best Project:** "University Photograph Collection" Jennifer Anielski & Susan Catlett

### SIS Scholarship Awards

**Glenn E. Estes Scholarship:** Sarah Belisle & Emily Catherine Kramer

**Information International Associates Scholarship:** Joan Lange & Lisa Metzger

**Carmen L. Moulton Scholarship:** Ronda Foust & Alisa Mason

**Pioneer Award:** Christi Underdown & Jodie Gambill

**Gary R. Purcell Scholarship:** Sarena Cleeton & Susan Jennings

**H.W. Wilson Award:** Courtney McGough & Wendy Cornelisen

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The spring issue of the School of Information Sciences newsletter, *Interface*, is now available online at <http://www.sis.utk.edu/alumni/interface/>. Print copies are available in the school's main office.

This issue unveils a new column by Dr. Bill Robinson, which discusses his perspective of library and information sciences (LIS) education based on his three decades of teaching at SIS. Look for "Q&A with the Assistant Director" on page 5.

The lead article discusses the value of global information knowledge and systems, the university's "Ready for the World" campaign, and recent SIS activities that show our leadership in international library and information sciences initiatives. Dr. Ed Cortez outlines new Strategic Planning Collaborations in his director's column.

As always, *Interface* updates you on notable faculty research and awards. This issue also includes:

- Snapshot of alumna Jennifer Bownas, science communicator with the Human Genomic Group
- Student awards and news
- Alumni Board President's Corner

— Joel Southern, Communications Specialist, SIS.jsouthern@utk.edu

Another Great Conference

Many thanks to the talented individuals responsible for making the 2006 Annual Conference in Memphis such an exciting experience! We always knew that all of those library folks gathered was a force to reckon with — and the tornado sirens on Friday afternoon only served to reinforce that theory! Don't forget to mark your calendars now for TLA's 2007 Conference in Chattanooga — April 19-20. Although most of us leave the conferences each year thinking that there is no way that they could possibly get better, some part of each subsequent conference does. Conference Planning Committee Members, keep working your magic; we'll keep coming back for more and more!

— Chrissie Anderson Peters, *TLAN* Editor



Left to right: Jennifer Cowan-Henderson, Cathy Farley, Jane Pinkston, Julie Stepp, James Houston, Kay Cunningham, Karen Tittle, Laurel Best, Clare Coffey, Bonnie Barnes, and Leah Allison, the majority of the 2006 Annual Conference

Volunteer State Book Award Winners

The VSBA 2006 winners are available at <http://www.mtsu.edu/~kpatten/vsba2006.html>.

K-3 *Bad Boys* by Margie Palatini

4-6 *The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate DiCamillo

7-12 *Eragon* by Christopher Paolini

Thank you to every student and librarian and teacher and mom who helped cast the 19,877 votes this year! Please help participation grow by talking this award up to your friends and co-workers.

— Kathy Patten, Associate Professor, Educational Leadership,
Middle Tennessee State University,
kpatten@mtsu.edu

Volunteer Book Award

The 2005 Tennessee History Book Award, jointly sponsored by TLA and the Tennessee Historical Commission, was presented to Dr. Bobby L. Lovett on April 6 at the TLA conference in Memphis for *The Civil Rights Movement in Tennessee: A Narrative History* (University of Tennessee Press, 2005). The award consisted of a handsome plaque and a monetary gift. A history professor at TSU, Dr. Lovett drove over from Nashville to accept the award, which was co-presented by TLA's Kathy Bennett and THC's John Harkins. Tom Post, representing UT Press, spoke briefly about the importance of the award, as did the presenters.

The book was selected as the winner by a jury of five: Dr. Ed Gleaves, Dr. Carole Bucy (author, history professor at Volunteer State Community College), Carol Roberts (TSLA), Dr. Robert Thomson (Tennessee Historical Commission), and Dr. Richard Goode (History Department Chair, David Lipscomb University). There were a total of 13 submissions, and the group concurred that Dr. Lovett's book is the most thorough treatment of this significant topic that has been written. Honorable Mentions went to *Andrew Jackson: His Life and Times* by H.W. Brands, and *My Face is Black is True: Callie House and the Struggle for Ex-Slave Reparations* by Mary Frances Berry. Rising Scholar Awards, for recognition of the best first book by an author in the field of Tennessee history, were awarded to *Gateway to Justice: by Jennifer Trost*, and *Tennessee's Radical Army: The State Guard and Its Role in Reconstruction* by Ben Severance.

Kathy Bennett and Julie Burns will serve as co-chairs for the award for the upcoming year, and encourage Tennessee librarians to keep their eyes out for 2006 titles pertaining to Tennessee history. Anyone may nominate a book, and the nomination form will be posted on the TLA web page by June. The deadline for nominations is November 15, 2006.

— Julie Burns, Popular Materials Librarian
Nashville Public Library



Clinton Presidential Library Trip Reviewed

The “day-before-pre-conferences” trip to the Clinton Presidential Library was enjoyable to all, regardless of political affiliation. Attendees got a behind-the-scenes tour of how a presidential library works. Our tour began with a visit to the research room. Our guides, who included the Director of the Museum, answered our questions regarding the care and use of archives. The Director was so impressed that he decided to take over as our tour guide. We proceeded to the basement area where the “goodies” were. Electronic vertical shelving housed the many, many documents from Clinton's presidency. It was interesting to hear how every piece of information, whether audio, video, or paper, has to be screened carefully to insure that no information is revealed that would in any way jeopardize national security. We were also allowed to visit the audio/video processing/screening room where we learned that the most requested picture is of President Nixon and Elvis. We visited the gift room, as well (typically closed to the public). This room holds all the gifts that President

Clinton was given while President. There were numerous musical instruments, golf clubs, paintings, etc. The highlight of the trip was going into the Oval Office, a replica of the Oval Office in the White House. Despite being roped off to the public, we were allowed to enter. We stood behind the President's desk (not allowed to sit in the chair) for a group photograph. A tour guide with another group commented that, as long as she had worked there, she had never seen anyone allowed behind the ropes. Are we special or what?! All of these were things we would not have gotten to see or to do if we had visited the library on our own. Of course, we did not leave without touring the main museum area that is open to the public, enjoying fried sweet potatoes in the café as any other tourist would do. A special thanks goes out to Don Reynolds for orchestrating this trip for us.

— Dinah Harris, Director,
Lexington-Henderson County
Everett Horn Public Library

Memphis Public Library Happenings and News

MPLIC's Volunteer Recognition Awards Recognize Valuable 'Pieces'

Volunteers are considered an essential piece to the MPLIS' customer service puzzle. Annually, the Library's volunteer workforce contributes close to 33,000 hours in service, a monetary equivalent of nearly \$575,000 at a volunteer value of \$17.55 per hour. They restock shelves, read the *Commercial Appeal* on WYPL 89.3 FM, help with Summer Reading Club activities, or complete other tasks to help staff fulfill the Library's mission. Thus, "Essential Pieces" was the 2006 Volunteer Recognition Celebration theme. The program is a way for the entire library system to say 'thank you' to the 600 volunteers that support the library.

In addition to the fellowship, volunteers were serenaded by a Library employee choral group. The MPLIC Singers (the group included the Director of Libraries, Judith Drescher, and Deputy Director, Sallie Johnson) sang library-themed songs. *Late Returner* (to the tune of *Hey Big Spender*) and *Right Answer, Right Way* (a twist on *Matchmaker, Matchmaker*) were two of the selections. Special awards were also given out in several categories:

- Mary Lynne Bayne received the Satterfield Award for Volunteer of the Year. As a volunteer at the Bartlett Branch, she has contributed more than 2000 hours of service to the library system. Bayne suffered a stroke years ago leaving her unable to work a full-time job, but that doesn't deter her volunteer work. Gay Cain, Bartlett Branch Manager, commended Bayne for her dedication and work ethic, which inspires others.
- Katherine Graham is Youth Volunteer of the Year for service in the library's bookstore "Second Editions." Graham was cited as a model for youth and adults.
- AARP Income Tax Assistance was awarded the Civic Organization award for the service their team of volunteers provides at many library locations. The demand for assistance is often so great that volunteers reach the maximum number of filers they can help within minutes after branches open. Often forgoing lunch and breaks, AARP aides don't leave until all the paperwork is done!
- Tennessee Department of Human Services Day Care Licensing Unit won the Corporate Award for workshops held at the Library, educating day care providers on regulations governing centers.

Years-of-service pins and certificates of appreciation were also distributed.

MPLIC Opens Personal Finance Center

The MPLIS held a grand opening celebration for its newly organized Personal Finance Center at the Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library.

The Personal Finance Center was funded through a bequest from Dan W. Davis. Davis is described as a frugal Memphis business man who frequented the Memphis Public Library for many years, using Cossitt, the old Main Library on Peabody, and then the new Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library. Using library resources, he researched companies and followed their financial progress. Based on his findings, he made financial decisions which resulted in significant returns on his investments. Davis was very unassuming and lived modestly. Given Dan Davis' love of the financial resources in the Library, the Foundation for the Library chose to use his gift to underwrite a Personal Finance Center for those wanting to better their financial outlook. Now, Library customers will be able to use the Center to better manage their money and perhaps, like Davis, build their net worth. The Personal Finance Center provides resources on basic money management, including financial literacy, budgeting, and investing.

MPLIC And The Memphis Grizzlies Score Big In Literacy Efforts

The Memphis Grizzlies are usually known for their assists and teamwork on the court. However, the organization and its players also play all-star roles in the community. Take for example their tireless efforts to promote literacy in the Mid-South. Recently, the Grizzlies partnered with MPLIC to open a Reading and Learning Center at the Gaston Park Branch Library.

The Grizzlies' Reading and Learning Centers serve as "read-in" locations for what has been dubbed the All-Star Reading Team. All-Star Reading Team 'members' include Grizzlies players and their families, owners and management, and local civic and business leaders. This local effort is part of the NBA's league-wide initiative to encourage community youth to develop a love for reading and promotes the value of literacy. The centers are brightly decorated

(complete with a Grizzlies logo mural, signature Grizzlies blue paint, and cool basketball furnishings), welcoming children and young adults to read, study and relax.

Grizzlies' forward Shane Battier gave remarks at the opening and distributed books donated by Yearling Books. The Grizzlies have opened similar centers at the Central and Cornelia Crenshaw Branch Library. "The Grizzlies' support for this community, and particularly the kids in this community, is evidenced by their investment of time and money for worthwhile endeavors like the Reading and Learning Centers," said Betty Anne Wilson, Asst. Director for Library Advancement/Development.

MPLIC Garners A Number Of Awards

So far, 2006 has seen a great start for MPLIC, as the Library and its staff have recently received many prestigious awards.

The U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) recently recognized MPLIC's Health Information Collection as Best in the State of Tennessee in the 2006 NCLIS Health Information Award Competition. The Library was also selected as a top ten finalist competing on a national level. The grand prize winner will be announced at a ceremony held in Bethesda, MD. Tennessee State Librarian, Jeanne Sugg, participated in an awards ceremony held at the Central Library to recognize the achievement.

Also, MPLIC was selected for publication in *Heart of the Community: The Libraries We Love*. The book, set to be published in October, is the first to celebrate the diversity, value, and potential of all beloved public libraries. The competition's sponsor, Berkshire Publishing, spent four months searching for libraries that are cherished centers of their communities.

Finally, Mary Seratt, Children's Department Senior Manager & Youth Services Coordinator, was recently awarded the 2006 Memphis Area Library Council Librarian of the Year award. Mary won the award based on her many contributions to the community, including her latest endeavor as an International Outreach Literacy Mission Leader. Mary conducted dialogic reading workshops in Ladach, India.

— Devin Misko,
Communications Specialist, MPLIC



Rocket Scientists @Your Library

Many professions suffer from labels which we know very well: lawyers are liars, policemen are pigs, and politicians are lying pigs. I am a university librarian. Upon hearing this many people have asked, "Do you have to go to school for that?" as images of Marian the Librarian and spinsters with fingers on tight lips saying "Shh!" roll through their minds. Of course, this is just a small part of being a librarian. It's an annoying, but vague notion that many have in the backs of their minds. The best part of my job is seeing the face of a student as it dawns on him that the library databases *are* useful, and yes, he will be able to find enough sources for the 15-page paper that is due in three days. But when we aren't in the process of saving college careers one paper at a time, it can be difficult to drum up a lot of excitement for libraries among the students. National Library Week, the first week in April, is supposed to do just that: inform the public of the *exciting* and useful things you can do at the library.

Our theme for National Library Week was **You Can Learn to Do Anything @ Your Library**, and we focused on our e-book collection. Benjamin Head, the instruction librarian, had the display in place, pens, bookmarks, and e-book buttons were distributed. We were excited! Our usual crowd of patrons noticed, but we needed to take it to the campus beyond the library walls. Then we read that the physics department was hosting a bottle rocket competition later in the week. What says exciting more than combustion? What says everlasting glory more than the image of a

rocket blasting into the atmosphere? (Yes, I admit that I had fleeting images of *Apollo* and *Sputnik* running through my mind.) It was settled. We would build an awesome National Library Week e-book rocket. True to our profession, Benjamin and I double-checked the entry rules and began to research our topic. We compared different designs and evaluated the different sets of instructions looking for the most complete and thorough directions. Deciding on our plan, I obtained two 2-liter soda bottles from the cafeteria and we began. The process was time-consuming, but worth it. Old interlibrary loan folders became fins and spine labels were transformed into book-shaped parachute tabs. Bedecked with a National Library Week banner and e-book emblems, it was truly a library work of art.

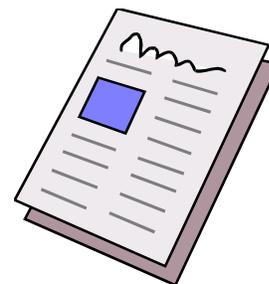
On the day of the launch I felt a little nervous. After all, we are not physics majors. Would the rocket work? Would all of our efforts be blown to smithereens? Consoling myself with the notion an exploding rocket would provide its own kind of PR benefits for the library, we set off to join the scientific crowd. I need not have worried. With an almost party-like atmosphere, the contestants happily prepared to launch and/or blow-up their creations. We watched a few "target practicing" sessions and then prepared our rocket for the longest time in flight competition. The first rocket stayed up for a little over six seconds, the second around seven seconds. We were up next. We poured in our water, attached the

rocket and began to create pressure by pumping air. And it was off! It was still in the air! The parachute actually deployed! Our rocket stayed in the air for more than 17 seconds! After Benjamin and I were declared the victors, we thanked the department and handed out our e-book paraphernalia. They took it well. Hopefully we have sparked some interest in library materials and the students will see a familiar face when they come into the library. And maybe our researched creation won a little respect for the kinds of things that go on behind library walls.

— Suzanne Mangrum,
Public Services Librarian,
Christian Brothers University



Don't forget to check the TLA website often for details on what is going on in Tennessee libraries! Not only can you find the latest news in the *TLA Newsletter* (published only online), but you can also check out articles of interest and importance in new issues of *Tennessee Libraries* through the TLA homepage, too. And don't forget the helpful PR Toolkit available there, or the Membership Information. You can also find a list of those who have been elected and selected to represent the general TLA membership on the TLA Board of Directors. An event calendar with some of the statewide events in Tennessee is also available under the "Publications and Events" tab, to help you plan for conferences, workshops, and meetings. Put these resources to good use and get involved with the excitement in TLA!





Library Legislative Day Follow-Up

- 220 people registered
- 275 were in attendance
- Approximately 75 government officials attended
- Senate District 15 had the most representation at 21 constituents -Congratulations Senator Charlotte Burks!
- House District 25 had the most representation at 15 constituents-Congratulations Representative Eric Swafford!
- Issue that received the most votes for future Library Legislative Day programs:
Increased awareness of Public Library services for our legislators

Evaluation Form Feedback

- Inspirational responses:
 - “Loved Michelle Montgomery-could hardly BREATHE.”
 - “This was my first time to attend TLLD. It was very informative and eye opening.”
 - “Excellent approach.”
- Advice for the future:
 - “Include legislators in the program!”
 - “Demonstrate how to approach Reps and initiate talking points.”
 - “A tour for advocates/librarians/etc. with Senators and Representatives. Then do a luncheon.”



Collierville Library Happenings

Library Director, Deanna Britton, and Head of Circulation, Jamie Sheppard, paid a visit to International Paper's Willow Lakes Campus to participate in a health fair on April 5, 2006. In addition to signing up 20 IP employees for Burch Library cards, they promoted Library databases and other services.

Main Street Collierville provided the Library's May exhibit. The display focused 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 visited 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 was free and open to the public. Mr. Richard's debut album, "Might as Well Sing" has received critical acclaim from *The New York Post*. The May 2005 issue of *Parenting Magazine* rated the album a Parenting pick for the 5-8 age group.

Friends of the Burch Library and volunteers from the Teen Advisory Board and Library staff, spent the weekend of May 6 and 7 at Collierville's Fair on the Square. Held at the historic town square in central Collierville, the Fair is a wonderful event featuring crafts, food and family fun. Volunteers passed out Summer

Reading information and signed up visitors for library cards.

The Lucius E. and Elsie C. Burch, Jr. Library hosted local authors Carolyn McSparren, Patricia Potter, and Kenlyn Foster Spence on Thursday, May 11 from 6:30-7:30. This was a special opportunity to hear excerpts from their books and chat about the craft of writing. Copies of their latest releases were available for purchase and signing. Carolyn McSparren's latest Harlequin Superromance, *Over His Head*, is a romantic suspense thriller. McSparren has published eleven Superromances, contributed three stories to the *Mossy Creek* Anthologies, and penned *All God's Creatures* for Belle Books. Patricia Potter's new release, *Beloved Stranger*, a 16th-Century historical romance, is the second in a trilogy featuring the Maclean Clan. Potter is a best-selling and award winning author of 28 books and six novellas. Kenlyn Foster Spence's debut book, *Astronaut Noodle and the Planet Velocity*, is a fun picture book written for 5-8-year-olds. Astronaut Noodle travels the galaxy with his Super-Swooper Space Camera in hopes of photographing the zooming citizens of Planet Velocity. The Burch Library has cultivated a relationship with the new Barnes & Noble

located in The Avenue At Carriage Crossing in Collierville. In addition to periodically donating copies of books to the Library, Barnes & Noble donated gift certificates for Summer Reading prizes. Library Director Deanna Britton, Young Adult Associate Liz Rozanski, and five Teen Advisory Board members visited the book store on May 13 to promote Summer Reading and offer library cards. The Friends of the Burch will benefit from a fundraiser done with Barnes & Noble the week of May 14.

Linda Lanier, President of the Mid South Hydrangea Society presented "Hydrangea-Not Just Your Grandmother's Mopheads" on Wednesday, May 31 from 1:30-2:30 in the Halle Room. A Q&A session followed the presentation.

The Burch Teen Advisory Board just ended their first year of service. The group enjoyed an ice cream sundae party in April. For their final meeting in May, the group voted to celebrate with pizza and a movie. The movie receiving the most votes: "Casablanca"! The TAB's first year was a huge success. The board was responsible for planning the largest attended teen event ever, starting a bimonthly newsletter and volunteering over 200 hours of their time to the Library. Applications to serve on the next board are available during June and July.

— Liz Rozanski, Young Adult Associate

Celebrated Local Romance Author To Charm Linebaugh Patrons

Finding love in the age of reality television can be both dangerous and exhilarating. So begins the exciting story in Janice Lynn's enchanting debut novel, *Jane Millionaire*. Be part of the upcoming Linebaugh event honoring Lynn's award-winning novel and celebrate the joys that reality television and romance novels can bring by whisking us away from our everyday lives.

A Vanderbilt-trained nurse practitioner, Lynn has spent the recent years living her dream of being a professional writer. Unbounded success and enthusiastic praise from readers have kept her writing more and more, so romance readers can expect plenty of sizzling tales from this fabulous storyteller in the years to come. Join other local romance enthusiasts for a celebration of love under the reality T.V. spotlights with Lynn. The Linebaugh festivities on Saturday, June 3rd from 12:30-2:00 will feature a chance to meet the author, plus refreshments and signed books for sale courtesy of Books A Million.

Jane Millionaire builds on the basic idea behind the popular television series, "The Bachelorette," creating a sassy, edgy tale that has been flying off the bookstore shelves since its release last fall. The star bachelorette heroine, known to the twelve men who are competing for her affections as Jane, is a former lady cop who falls for the debonair producer of her reality show. This widely adored book has won both the American Title Contest and the Golden Pen Award. Lynn herself has been honored in a number of news and magazine articles, including a feature spot in the November 2005 issue of *The Tennessee Magazine*.

For more about this novel or Linebaugh's exciting event with Janice Lynn, please contact Heather Lanier at (615) 893-4131, ext. 116.

TEL Summer Training Workshops

Tenn-Share's summer TEL training has been scheduled at seven locations across the state. The training will be free of charge and will last from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. We do ask that you register for the training as the locations have limited space. All training will take place in computer labs so that they are hands-on. The schedule is: June 6 Memphis (Rhodes College) June 7 Jackson (Jackson State Community College) June 8 Martin (Reelfoot Regional Library) June 9 Nashville (Nashville Public Library) June 20 Chattanooga (Notre Dame High School) June 21 Knoxville (UT Knoxville) June 22 Johnson City (ETSU) Please register by sending an email to me (tricia.bengel@state.tn.us) by May 19 that includes which location you will be attending and what type of library you are from (academic, public school, private school, public library, etc). The morning session, from 9:30 to noon, will cover the PowerSearch interface for TEL that we will be switching to in late August or early September. After lunch, we will spend time going over techniques for training TEL effectively to both library patrons and other library staff. Please let me know if you have any other questions and I look forward to seeing you this summer!

— Tricia Racke Bengel
Special Projects Coordinator, TSLA
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Libraries and Literacy Forum

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Dr. Steven L. Layne, keynote speaker*

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Literacy stakeholders will gather to address the greater picture of literacy in Tennessee and the role libraries play.

Participants will create an integrated plan for accelerating student and community success in literacy and student achievements.

This forum will incorporate panels, keynote speakers, and active work sessions to focus upon four major areas:

Natural Allies in Literacy Education

Literature Across the Curriculum

Advocacy 101 - Building a Community of Support and Communication

Creating a Collaborative Environment with Librarians as Teachers.

*Dr. Layne is a respected literacy consultant, motivational keynote speaker, and featured author who works with large numbers of educators and children during school visits and at conferences held throughout the world. His work has been recognized with awards for outstanding contributions to the fields of educational research, teaching, and writing. An assortment of Dr. Layne’s growing collection of books will be available for signing at lunch on Friday including: *This Side of Paradise*, *The Teachers’ Night Before Christmas*, *Life’s Literacy Lessons*, *Verses for Dad’s Heart*, *Verses for Mom’s Heart*, *T is for Teachers: A School Alphabet*, and *Mergers*.

If you are interested in attending this forum, please send the following information to Diane Chen via email to dianerchen@comcast.net or by mail to 112 Stewarts Ferry Pike, Nashville, TN 37214.

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Job Title _____

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I will attend as (please choose one):

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Administrator

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Teacher
Public Librarian

Reading Specialist
Parent
Community Member

Law for Librarians

As most librarians in Tennessee were preparing to converge upon Memphis during the first week of April for the joint TLA/SELA Conference, a couple of us were on our way to Chicago to attend "Law for Librarians." Janice Keck and Perveen Rustomfram, Co-Chairs of the Intellectual Freedom Committee, attended, in the words of Judith Krug, Director of the Office for Intellectual Freedom, the first-ever "boot camp for intellectual freedom" for librarians.

Organized by the ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom, in cooperation with the Chapter Relations Office, and funded in part by a grant from the Ford Foundation, the program targeted Chairs of the Intellectual Freedom Committees in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

This three-day training on the First Amendment, intellectual freedom, and the Library Bill of Rights, was designed to familiarize librarians with the legal basics behind these issues, so that policies and practices may be in tune with the law and with legal precedent. Topics ranged from library as public forum to First Amendment fundamentals to privacy and confidentiality of library records. Special concerns of public, school, and academic libraries were addressed. Participating librarians are expected to hold at least two training sessions within their state in the course of the next two years.

The high regard for the issues addressed in this training was borne out by the fact that all fifty states and the District of Columbia were represented. The training was intense and challenging--yet always interesting. The speakers were experts in their fields, some of whom were lawyers who had been through the "Lawyers for Libraries" training offered by ALA. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet librarians across the country and to discover first-hand the similarity of concerns across the spectrum. And of course, one couldn't beat being in racy, vibrant Chicago with its beautiful architecture, myriad cuisines, plethora of museums, and rich tapestry of cultural events.

— Perveen Rustomfram,

Reference Librarian/Associate Professor, U of Memphis Libraries

Spring Hill Public Library Open House

The Spring Hill Public Library (Spring Hill, TN), will hold an Open House and dedication for the newly expanded library on June 3. The existing building has grown 7,000 square feet to 16,000 square feet, with a parking lot over four times the area of the old one.

"Spring Hill is rapidly expanding, and the city is bringing the library along just as they are the water, police and fire departments," said David Fulkerson, Library Director. "We enjoy a great relationship with the city, which provides about 90% of our operating funds, and 100% of capital funding. Some of the best library supporters in the city are on the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, and in the city administration. I feel exceedingly fortunate."

The library expansion includes a large multi-purpose room, staff work area, and about a 200% increase in shelf space. One of the most welcome changes is the separation of the children's library from the adult area.

"Before, our small children's section was separated from the adult section only by shelving. Our new children's library is about four times the area, has an activity room, and is across the lobby from the adult area. Some of our adult computer users are going to be exceedingly happy," says Fulkerson. In addition to expanding the physical plant, the library has been able to increase staffing to keep up with the growth in patrons.

Spring Hill was a small village of 2,000 when Saturn Corporation opened their plant there in 1990. The 2000 census showed the population to have jumped to almost 7,000. A special census held in 2005 was certified at over 18,000, and the city government estimates, based on occupancy permits issued for new housing, that the population is currently at about 22,000. Statistics developed by the city, based on housing under development, indicates a growth to 35,000-40,000 within the next five years.

— David E. Fulkerson, Director,

Spring Hill Public Library, director.shlibrary@charter.net

Groundbreaking Set for Motlow College

A plan conceived in 1991 for a free-standing library on the Motlow College Moore County campus will come to fruition when ground is broken for the facility on May 22, said Dr. Art Walker, President of Motlow College. The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. on the building site, between the Marcum Technology Center and the Ingram Administration Building. The two-story, 31,000-square-foot facility will be constructed in keeping with the present campus architecture of red brick with horizontal stone bands. It is the first building to be added to the campus since the completion of the Marcum Technology Center in 2000.

"We are excited to break ground and begin the construction process for our new library," Walker said. "The building and its features will benefit the community and our students through enhanced technology and access to an impressive collection of 55,000 books on site, 50,000 e-books and 10,000 online periodicals. The new library is an example of outstanding design with service to our students as its main purpose."

Sue Szostak, director of libraries at the college, said the new library design is founded on the principle of collaborative learning through both virtual and traditional library services. "Students and patrons who walk into the facility will immediately recognize not only the technological capabilities, but will be greeted by library staff available in an environment that is both familiar and comfortable," Szostak said. "The architectural firm, Kline Swinney Associates, and librarians have designed a facility that marries all that is good about traditional and virtual libraries."

Seating in the new building will permit students to work individually or in groups, and will include a student lounge, study areas, and other places where students, faculty and staff will be able to meet for various purposes.

Szostak said the interior will be done in the arts and crafts style, with photography, paintings, pottery and sculpture as much a part of the décor as computer terminals and other technology.

The library will have two entrances and a two-story lobby for a display area and student gathering place. The first floor will encompass a reference area, computer and multimedia center, reading area, periodicals, circulation desk and offices for administrative support staff. The second floor will feature large windows with views of the campus and will house book stacks, a reading and study area, study rooms, archives, and a classroom.

— Sue Szostak, Director of Libraries, SSzostak@mscc.edu

Jennifer Jacobson's July Jaunts

July 10-13, 2006



TASL is very fortunate to have the opportunity to host Jennifer Jacobson the week of July 10-13, 2006. As a continuing author-in-residence and educational consultant, Jennifer has worked with thousands of teachers

and administrators to help students reach their highest potential. Her own development as a writer of children's fiction and nonfiction, and her expertise in the area of children's literature, provide her with an intimate understanding of the complex processes of learning to read and write. She is praised for her high energy, practical strategies, and educational wisdom while presenting (and modeling) exemplary teaching practices.

Jennifer is the author of ten books for teachers including *The Big Book of Reproducible Graphic Organizers* (Scholastic, 1999) (now in its eighteenth printing!), a parenting series: *How is My -Grader Doing in School: What to Expect and How to Help* (Simon & Schuster, 1998-2000) and many children's books including *Andy Shane and the Very Bossy Dolores Starbuckle* (Candlewick, 2005), *Winnie At Her Best* (Houghton, 2006) and *Stained* (Simon & Schuster, 2005).

Jennifer will be traveling across the state of Tennessee presenting two workshops each day. In the morning she will discuss "Making the Leap from Easy Readers to Chapter Books," and in the afternoon she will discuss "How to Teach Writing Mini-Lessons with Picture Books." Following is a description of each workshop.

"Making the Leap from Easy Readers to Chapter Books"

For some students, making the transition from beginning readers to chapter books is a big leap. Many children have success in the early stages of reading, only to falter as text becomes more sophisti-

cated. Focusing on specific obstacles growing readers encounter, Jennifer will demonstrate engaging, interactive lessons to provide students with the skills and support they need. If you've ever heard a student say, "I don't get what's happening," this workshop is for you. (Librarians of grades 1 - 5)

"Teach Writing Mini-Lessons with Picture Books"

Take advantage of the perfect literary example—picture books—to demonstrate writing technique. In this workshop you'll learn how to model literary elements of fiction, visual and structural features of non-fiction, as well as the commonly identified six-traits: ideas, organization, voice, sentence fluency, work choice and conventions—all in one reading with students! You'll gain a variety of mini-lessons to help students apply these to picture books published in the past five years. (Librarians of grades K -12. High school librarians, if you are considering building a picture book collection, this workshop is for you.)

If you would like to register for one or both of the following workshops, email Allison Roberts at allisonroberts814@comcast.net. Once you register you will be given detailed directions and information specific to each location. **TASL members can attend FREE. Non-TASL members will be charged \$20.00.** Breakfast refreshments will be provided and lunch will be catered at all workshops. Jennifer's books will be available for purchasing. (If you want to see the full list of books she has written you can go to her website at www.jenniferjacobson.com.)

July 10 - Washington Elementary School - Kingsport, TN
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

July 11 - Barger Academy of Fine Arts - Chattanooga, TN
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

July 12 - Westwood Elementary - Fairview, TN (near Nashville) 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

July 13 - Colliersville Public Library - Colliersville, TN (near Memphis) 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



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TENN-SHARE June 2006 Update**Membership**

TENN-SHARE membership reached the 550 mark this year! With this many libraries involved, expect great things from TENN-SHARE in 2006-2007. This year renewal invoices were sent out in electronic format. Please contact me if your library has not received yours. New member 2006-2007 applications/invoices are available on our website at <http://www.tenn-share.org/downloads/memberinvoice06-07.doc>.

DataFest – Thursday, September 14

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Fall Conference – Friday, September 15

The TENN-SHARE DataFest and Fall Conference will once again be held at the Nashville Public Library in conjunction with the Metro Nashville Public Schools Collection Development Fair.

Vendors who have accepted our invitation to participate in the DataFest and the products they will be demonstrating include some “regulars” like **EBSCO** (SocINDEX, Columbia Granger's Poetry Database, MagillOnLiterature Plus, Literary Reference Center, Marshall Cavendish Science Reference Center); **SOLINET/OCLC** (WorldCat Collection Analysis); **Thomson Gale** (Corbis Images for Education, Legal Forms, Testing & Education Reference Center); and **HW Wilson** (Art Museum Image Gallery, World Authors, Junior Authors & Illustrators, Play Index, Short Story Index).

Some first-timers to the DataFest include **GoAntiques.com** (PriceMiner); **Naxos** (Naxos Music Library); **Sirsi/Dynix** (Director's Station and Rooms); **Swets Information Services** (ScholarlyStats); **Taylor & Francis** (CRCnetBASE); **TDNet** (eResource Manager); and **TLC** (AquaBrowser).

On Friday, the Fall Conference will kick off with exciting news on the next steps for TEL. As always, the luncheon speaker and networking with colleagues are highlights. On these same days, book vendors at the Metro Nashville Public Schools Collection Development Fair will show their wares to all attendees. More information is at www.tenn-share.org. Look for registration information beginning in August.

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