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Info-Locomotion Now Boarding!

Two months from now the train will be leaving for the hometown of the Moon Pie. This year's annual conference will be hosted by the Marriott Chattanooga at the Convention Center. Located in downtown, attendees will be just an electric shuttle away from the Tennessee Aquarium, IMAX 3-D Theatre and the Creative Discovery Museum as well as other attractions. For the low price of \$112 per night, members may rest their weary feet. There is a photo tour available at <http://marriott.com/property/viewallphotos/chadt>. Don't delay! Reserve now to be on your way to annual conference. Electronic reservations are accessible from <http://www.tnla.org/associations/5700/files/hotel.pdf>.

Latest Issue of *Tennessee Libraries*

The most recent issue of *Tennessee Libraries* is now available at <http://www.tnla.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=99>. This issue features an article by Chris Durman detailing the results of a statewide survey on library support staff compensation, advancement opportunities, and morale. Also in this issue is an interview with Friends of Tennessee Libraries member John Nye, book reviews, and a webliography of support staff resources.

As always, we are accepting submissions of articles relating to libraries in Tennessee. Everyone from librarians, to support staff, to students, is welcome to submit an article or book review. See contributors guidelines at <http://www.tnla.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=9>.

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Library Legislative Day

Tennessee Library Legislative Day* is fast approaching! This annual event is being held on **Tuesday, February 27th**, starting with the morning program at Nashville Public Library, moving to the Nashville Sheraton Downtown for the luncheon with legislators, and ending with the appointments you've scheduled in advance with your legislators.

All Tennessee Library Legislative Day registrants are also invited to a reception at Boulton, Cummings, Conners & Berry law firm on the evening of February 26th, so please plan to stop by if you're in Nashville the evening before for food, meeting and catching up with fellow library supporters, and previewing this year's slideshow of Tennessee's libraries in action. Your presence at Tennessee Library Legislative Day will show Tennessee legislators just how committed you are to supporting and promoting Tennessee's libraries—

How to Register

a) complete [online registration](#) at www.tnla.org if paying by credit card, or if an invoice is desired

OR

b) download a registration form in [PDF](#) or [DOC](#) (available at bottom of Event page on TLA website) to print, complete and mail with payment; these forms are great for distributing at meetings of library Friends and Trustees groups

--Julie Julian
Co-Chair

TLA Tennessee Library Legislative Day Subcommittee

The President's Point of View

With the New Year comes the promise of new beginnings, new friends, and greater challenges. For me, the New Year has brought me to Nashville, to a new position at the Tennessee State Library and Archives. The mantra I have used through this time of transition has been, "I'll know so much by this time next year."

It never ceases to amaze me that every day in this profession is such an adventure. We all rely on helpful hints, tips, skills, concepts, factoids, pathfinders, manuals, mentors, gossip, and—yes, even education. All converge to help us accomplish meaningful work that affects the success of our communities.

As I move through the days in my new surroundings, I am persistently reminded of a sense of history and our role in it. No one can walk the streets of Nashville and not connect with the responsibility each of us has to contribute to the cause of building community. Whether words are carved in granite, written in faded ink on a yellowing document, or posted to a favorite daily blog, they have the potential to transform even the most apathetic isolationist. We define ourselves by the words that move us. And, lately, I have been moved.

But in looking back on the road that brought me here, I see that taking responsibility for my own development was a key factor in moving down that road. I now look ahead with that same sense of identifying new sources of instruction, of seeking out people who can teach me things I

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need to know to get this work done. Through the years, my affiliation with TLA has fed me through its membership—those adept, candid, diverse, and caring folks that have created community for me. We're all on this rock together, and we have the means to edify our local communities through our collections, our skills, and our dedication.



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From the Executive Director's Desk

Tomorrow is Groundhog Day and our forecast is for partly sunny and cold. If I were the groundhog, I'd just stay in my hole and wait for warmer weather! I think that's what some of our TLA members are doing...waiting for warmer weather to renew TLA membership! As of today, we still have 346 persons who were members in 2006 who have not renewed for 2007. Are you one of those people. Well, you don't have to get out in the cold to renew your membership, just go to the TLA website – www.tnla.org – and renew online!

Stay warm and, remember, it will be warmer in Chattanooga in April, so join us there for the Annual Conference (again, you can now register online)!

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School of Information Sciences News Professor Honored by ALISE

Dania Bilal, an associate professor in UT's School of Information Sciences, has been honored by the national Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE).

Bilal, who was nominated by UT Assistant Professor Susie Allard, received the ALISE Award for Teaching Excellence in the Field of Library and Information Science Education on Jan. 17 at the organization's annual conference in Seattle.

During her nine years at UT, Bilal has taught 21 courses, including information systems planning and evaluation, information access and retrieval, management of school media centers, mining the Web, electronic information and communications, information organization and representation, user instruction and information network applications.

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"Dania sets high standards for herself and her students. She pursues excellence in teaching and expects her student to perform at the highest level possible and to the best of their abilities. She strives to bring the best out of her students because she believes that they are capable individuals with great potential," Allard wrote in her nomination.

Bilal's research interests include children's information seeking, system design, digital libraries, human-computer interaction, usability testing and international students' information seeking.

Last year, an article authored by Bilal and a former graduate student in information sciences was ranked No. 1 on the Top 10 list of the 80,000 most frequently downloaded articles from the Web site of the leading refereed information science journal, *Information Processing & Management (IPM)*. The article compared and measured children's and adults' Web searching behaviors.

"Dania has been a committed mentor to students, alumni and practicing professionals," Allard wrote in her nomination. "She demonstrates this through her support of student chapters for professional associations such as the American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T) Student Chapter and she has been hard at work to help alums by reviving the East Tennessee ASIS&T Chapter."

Bilal has served as a mentor for doctoral students in ASIS&T's Doctoral Seminar on Research and Career Development. She is also a mentor for two assistant professors in information sciences.

Bilal has a bachelor's degree from the Lebanese University in Beirut and a master's degree and doctorate from Florida State University. Prior to coming to UT, Bilal taught at the University of South Florida, the University of Virginia and Valdosta State University.

Alumni and Friends Day Announced

The School of Information Sciences Alumni Board invites you to join former classmates, see your favorite faculty members, and meet new graduate students and new faculty at the SIS Alumni & Friends Day 2007.

This year's program is titled "SIS Faculty Leading the Way," and is designed for you to get reacquainted with the SIS faculty. A poster session during the afternoon reception will be an ideal way for guests to mingle with their former professors and new faculty members.

The March 3rd event will be held from 1-3 in the McClung Museum auditorium. A reception and faculty poster session will follow. Please contact Joel Southern at 865-974-6727 to RSVP.

--Joel Southern
Communications Specialist
School of Information Studies

Johnson City Public Library Events

The Johnson City Public Library is please to announce two free performances by the Barter Theatre in February sponsored by the Friends of the Library. The Barter Players perform all over the East Coast from Maryland to Florida. Children in Johnson City and the surrounding area will have the pleasure of seeing the Barter Players perform "American Tall Tales" written by John Hardy on Saturday, February 24th at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm. From the backwoods of North Carolina to the Wild West, early settlers gathered around campfires, telling stories of great feats and American dreams. "American Tall Tales" presents wonderfully "embellished" stories cooked up for fun and learning. Children will delight in these lively legends that include a spooky Jack O'Lantern yarn and the fable of Purvis Wesley, the "King of Rock & Roll." These four rollicking tales from America's past and present combine to create the most popular show ever performed by Barter Theatre for children. "American Tall Tales" is recommended for children in kindergarten through sixth grade.

Both presentations will be help in the Jones Meeting Room at the Johnson City Public Library. The doors will open fifteen minutes prior to each performance of "American Tall Tales." The first two hundred people will be admitted.

Lexington-Henry Library Events

The Everett Horn Public Library in Lexington, TN, will hosts it annual "Local African-Americans of Achievement" display during the entire month of February. Each year the display honors 15-20 local African-Americans. Author Robert Dalby will appear Feb. 15 at Noon to discuss his book *Waltzing at the Piggly Wiggly*.

--Dinah Harris, Director
Everett Horn Public Library

E.G. Fisher Public Library Events

Noon Book Discussion

Tuesday, February 20th, 2007

"Nineteen eighty-four : a novel" by George Orwell

Dr. Catherine Emanuel will be the discussion leader.

A light lunch will be provided.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

Location: Community Room

Time: 12:00pm

Children's Story Time

Tuesday, February 13th, 2007

The **StoryTime** program for children ages 4-6 will also begin again in February. Be sure to pack light as we span the globe in search of stories from around the world! Each week, we will visit a different country and learn about it through folktales, song, and more! Storytime will be held on Tuesdays at 10:45 am, beginning February 13th through March 20th. If you have any questions about this program, please call Miss Liz Thigpen, Children's Librarian at E.G. Fisher Public Library (423) 745-7782.

Location: Community Room

Time: 10:45am

--Anita L. Dotson
Reference / Interlibrary Loan
E.G. Fisher Public Library

Memphis Public Library Happenings and News

Tuesday, February 20

“How do you run a restaurant anyway?”

Panel discussion with Jeffrey Dunham, Chef/Owner The Grove Grill and President, Memphis Restaurant Association; Mac Edwards, Owner McEwen's on Monroe; Simone Wilson, *Memphis Flyer* Held at the Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library, 3030 Poplar, 6:30 p.m. Admittance is \$10.

Saturday, February 24

River City Romance Writers' Conference, Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library, 3030 Poplar, 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Free. Registration recommended, go to www.rivercityrw.net. Learn from local experts how to write your own romance novel. Speakers include: Debra Dixon, publisher and CEO of BelleBooks; bestselling, award winning author of 45 books Patricia Potter; author of 13 romance suspense novels Carolyn McSparren; writer, director, producer of Death DuJour Murder Mystery, Phyllis Appleby; co-authors of *Painting the Paper Canvas*: Barbara Christopher and Kenlyn Spence.

The Randolph Branch Celebrates

The Randolph Branch of the Memphis Public Library and Information Center celebrated 50 years of service to the community in January. The community was invited to attend a special program. Memphis Councilwoman Carol Chumney spoke and library personnel reflected on how the branch has progressed over the last half-century.

Opened in January of 1957, Randolph Branch was one of only three branch locations operated by the Memphis Public Library system at the time. The branch is named for William M. Randolph a member of the first Board of Directors to the Cossitt Library.

When the Branch opened IN 1957, Wassell Randolph, was president of the Library Board of Trustees. Most recently, a relative of William Randolph, Carl R. Olsen, served as a Trustee from 1974-980.

A thriving part of the Highland Heights community, the branch hosts after-school programs and has an impressive popular fiction collection. Recognizing and responding to the growing Hispanic demographic of the surrounding neighborhood, the branch expanded its Spanish language and English as a Second Language (ESL) collection.

After undergoing a massive renovation in 2004, the remodeled branch opened the following year, with new furnishings, 16 computers, wireless internet access, and better organized space for staff and customers. Annually, the branch has close to 100,000 visits.



The branch manager from fifty years ago, Lillian Gohson and the current branch manager, Maggie Butler share a moment at Randolph's Anniversary Celebration.

--Lilly Johnson
Public Relations Supervisor
Memphis Public Library &
Information Center

Jackson/Madison County Public Library Events

New Trends in Spring Fashion

Come to the Jackson/Madison County Library on Saturday, January 27, at 2:00 to find out how to update your spring wardrobe. Meg Montgomery, who has a love of hot fashion, will discuss the latest fashion trends for the coming season. This program will be a great chance to find out "what's hot and what's not." Meg, who owned Fetish, a shoe boutique at the Painted Lady, knows what styles, colors, and looks will be big in the fashion world in 2007, so bring your notebooks and questions and join us in the Library Program Center for a fun afternoon.

What's Cooking at the Jackson/Madison County Library

Teresa Morgan, chef on the popular "What's Cooking in Jackson" EPlus Broadband show, will be cooking at the Jackson/Madison County Library on Thursday, February 15, at noon. Teresa's topic will be "Conscious Cuisine- Mindful Eating, Or Why the French Aren't Fat!" You may bring a sack lunch if you wish, but be sure to save room for sampling the

seasonal dishes prepared by Teresa. If you are suffering from the winter doldrums (and too much Valentine's Day candy), then you won't want to miss all the fun, fellowship and healthy food. This event is sponsored by Jackson Energy Authority. Reservations are not required. Questions? Call the library at (731) 425-8600

Tuesdays with a Gardener

On Tuesday, February 20, the Jackson/Madison County Library, UT Extension and the Madison County Master Gardeners will launch a nine month gardening seminar series called "Tuesdays with a Gardener." The programs will be held on the third Tuesday of each month from 11:30 till 1:00 in the Library Program Center. You are invited to bring a brown bag lunch to the program. The Master Gardeners and the library will provide a beverage. The first presentation in the series will be made by UT Extension Agent Bill Wyatt. Bill will present "Pruning Landscape Trees, Shrubs and Groundcovers." These programs are free and are open to all. No registration is required.

---Judy Penell
Jackson/Madison
Public Library

Gleaves Scholarship Accepting Applications

The TLA Scholarship Committee is proud to announce the arrival of the Gleaves Scholarship! This \$1,200 scholarship will be awarded to the individual who meets the following guidelines: 1.) Must be a member of good standing in TLA; 2.) Must be a Tennessee resident; 3.) Must hold an undergraduate degree 4.) Must be accepted or currently enrolled in a graduate program (master's level) which has ALA or NCATE accreditation. The deadline for the application is February 24, 2007.

--Debbie Stevens
Manager, East Shelby Branch Library
Memphis Public Library and Information Center

TLA Board Meeting at the White County Public Library



Director Cathy Farley hosts the November TLA Board Meeting at the White County Public Library.



The Board tours the library's new facility in Sparta.



D.W., Paddington and Strawberry Shortcake await the next children's storytime.



View of the storytime room's carousel.

Sevier County Public Library Announces 4th Annual Genealogy Conference

The Sevier County Public Library System and the Sevier County Office on Aging & Fort Sanders Sevier County Senior Center invite you to attend the 4th Annual Sevier County Genealogy Conference on March 9th and 10th at the Fort Sanders Sevier County Senior Center at 1220 West Main Street in Sevierville. The conference will begin at noon on Friday, March 9th and conclude at 4:30 pm the following day. Featured speakers include: Anita Finger, an experienced researcher for the Eastern Band of Cherokee; Cherel Henderson, Director of the East Tennessee Historical Society; J. Mark Lowe, CG, a full-time professional family history instructor; Annette Hartigan, Great Smoky Mountain National Park Librarian; and Dr. George Schweitzer, Alumni Distinguished Professor at the University of Tennessee.

Conference sessions include the following: The Territory South of the French Broad; Wonder What's Over the Mountain; Finding My Way Home Again; What the National Park Library Offers; Over the Mountain, Across the Plains; Balancing on North Carolina; Using that Brick Wall as a Foundation; and Cherokee Research. Also included in the conference fee is a storytelling dinner on the Friday evening of the conference. Dr. Schweitzer will be the featured presenter for the storytelling dinner which will begin at 6:00 pm. on Friday, March 9, 2007. Conference fees are \$45.00 per person for both days; early-bird registration, which runs through March 1st, is \$40.00. Registration forms and schedules for the conference are available at any of the Sevier County Public Library System facilities and online at <http://www.sevierlibrary.org>. For additional information, please call (865)908-7988 or email Theresa Williams, SCPLS Genealogy Manager, at twilliams@sevierlibrary or Tim Fisher, SCPLS Genealogist, at tfisher@sevierlibrary.org.

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The purpose of the Tennessee Library Association is to “promote the establishment, maintenance and support of adequate library services for all people of the state; to cooperate with public and private agencies with related interests 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, and 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 Library Association to be an organization that makes a difference for you, for Tennessee Librarians, for Tennessee Libraries, and for the citizens of Tennessee.

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