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Editor's Note



MoonPies, Bessie Smith, and Altoids. . .what more could one ask from a major metropolitan area? What about Rock City and Ruby Falls just over the state line? Oh, a conference. You wanted a conference with professional development, poster sessions, and vendors, too? Find all this and more in Chattanooga at the annual conference. I'll be heading south of Knoxville come Wednesday, April 17th and hope to see you there!

--Amy Arnold
TLAN Editor

Sirsi-Dynix Awarded in Tennessee

ALA-APA has announced the winners of the third annual Sirsi-Dynix Award for Outstanding Achievement in Promoting Salaries and Status for Library Workers. Theresa McMahan, Director of Sullivan County Public Library, Blountville, TN and also the Vice President of Boone Tree Library Association, is one of the three chosen to win this award. Connie Vinita Dowell of San Diego State, and the Alachua County Library District of Florida were the other winners.

The award is given to an individual, group of individuals or institution that have made an outstanding contribution to improving the salary and status of library workers in a local, regional or national setting. Alachua County will receive \$2500, Dowell \$1500 and McMahan \$1000 in appreciation of their work on improving salaries in their libraries.

--Sue Knoche
ETSU Quillen College of Medicine Library

Library Legislative Day



L to R: Advocates prepare to welcome Legislators to the Tennessee Library Legislative Day luncheon. Secretary of State Riley Darnell speaks to the Advocates during Tennessee Library Legislative Day, February 27, 2007



L to R: TLA congratulates Larry Romans upon his election to serve as a member of the Executive Board of the ALA. Larry is the Government Information Librarian at Vanderbilt University. 2007 Conference Planning Committee meets to put final touches on the Chattanooga Conference.

The President's Point of View

New Yorker magazine's February 6, 2007 issue presented an article describing a recent event that was held at the New York Public Library and hosted by Google. This event attracted over 400 people involved in the publishing business—the movers and shakers of the print world. A quotation by Charles Darwin appeared on a screen behind the podium: “It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the ones most responsive to change.”

We all need to learn more about how to respond to the changes around us. As library workers, we must learn more about available resources—emerging technologies—so that we may be better able to organize, deliver, and to preserve information for individuals in our communities. For library trustees and Friends of Libraries, we need to learn to better articulate the issues that relate to assuring continued community support for libraries.

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And we must do it together. The Tennessee Library Association continues to provide informative workshops, insightful conferences, and ample opportunities for networking. We have learned so much about the power of collaboration—just from the existence of the Tennessee Electronic Library, INFOTOGO, Project Athena, Volunteer Voices—the list goes on. This is only the beginning. Learning to “play well with others” in collaborative efforts such as these will assure the Darwinian survival of our libraries for future citizens of our communities. Don’t forget! The 2007 TLA Annual Conference is in Chattanooga this year, April 18-20, 2007. Mark your calendars. I’ll see you there!

--Pat Thompson
TLA President, 2006-2007

From the Executive Director's Desk



Spring has arrived in Memphis ! The redbuds and dogwoods are in full bloom and the azaleas are bursting with color. The open French doors let in the warm air, the chirping of the birds and the barking of the dogs. As I process Conference registrations I hope that our days in Chattanooga will be just a beautiful ! We are approaching the 400-mark in registrations and more come in the mail and online every day. The 2007 Conference Planning Committee has worked for two years to present a wonderful program and worthwhile exhibits. I know you will want to thank each and everyone of these TLA members who have volunteered many hours to this project, as you see them during the course of the Conference. Looking forward to seeing you in ‘choo-choo’ town....

--Annelle R. Huggins
TLA Executive Director

Peabody Public Library to Host Rich Michelson

RICHARD MICHELSON is a prize-winning poet and book author. Michelson's numerous books for children have received a New Yorker Best Book Award, a Children’s Book Committee Book of the Year and a Jewish Book Council Book of the Month. The Detroit Jewish News cited *Too Young for Yiddish*, as “one of the best Jewish children’s books published in recent memory, and one of the top 25 ever published.” *Across the Alley*, illustrated by Caldecott Honor artist E.B. Lewis, has just been honored as a finalist for the 2006 National Jewish Book Award for Children's Illustrated Books.

On April 5th in the Fireside Reading Room at Vanderbilt University, the lecture will begin at 4:30 p.m. following refreshments at 4:00 p.m. For Questions and information, please call 322-8226 or email, Lara Beth Lehman: lb.lehman@vanderbilt.edu. For Directions: <http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/peabody/about/directions.html>

UT School of Information Sciences News

The School of Information Sciences has honored John P. Wilkin as the Distinguished Alumnus for 2007. Alumni Board President Roger Myers announced the award at the school's annual Alumni & Friends Day on March 3. The award honors graduates who have demonstrated professional achievement or leadership attributable to their education at the School through publications, teaching record, and service to the profession.

Myers noted that the Alumni Board had an impressive slate of nine nominations, but that Wilkin's nomination stood out. Since graduating from the School in 1986, Wilkin has spent the majority of his professional life at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. He was awarded a high-profile internship there immediately after graduating from SIS. His accomplishments are many and impressive; highlights of his professional service include:

Since 2003, Wilkin has served as Associate University Librarian for Library Information Technology at the University of Michigan and presently, is serving as co-interim University Librarian. In 1996, Wilkin served as the Head of the Digital Library Production Service at the University of Michigan and is responsible for campus- and Internet-wide public information services, focusing primarily on full-text resources, continuous tone and bitonal images.

As Head of the Humanities Text Initiative, Wilkin created and coordinated the Humanities Text Initiative. This initiative included text creation, systems development, education, technical direction of campus SGML initiatives, as well as consultation for scholarly electronic projects involving the humanities.

Wilkin has authored and organized many successful grant projects including Making of America IV, The American Voice (a \$420,000 grant to the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation for conversion of approximately 7,500 19th century U.S. imprint monographs) and Middle English Compendium (a \$325,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to convert the *Middle English Dictionary* and mount it online)

Most recently, and one of the outstanding highlights of his nomination, Mr. Wilkin has been involved with Michigan Digitization Project: A Partnership with Google, Inc. Here, he has coordinated all phases of Michigan's large-scale digitization effort with Google, including negotiation of contract terms, and Michigan's portion of implementation. The resulting effort is intended to convert the entire 7 million volume collection at Michigan's University Library, and provide Google and Michigan with a copy of the results of that work! This project is "critically transformative, enabling the University Library to build on a reconceived vital library services for the new millennium." Wilkin, who graduated in 1986, could not attend the event due to a prior engagement.

--Joel Southern
Communications Specialist
School of Information Studies

Learning Across the State Workshops Slated

Save the date for the 2007 Learning Across the State TLA Staff Development Workshops!

Registration will be on the TLA website soon.

May 15 - Nashville Public Library, Nashville
May 16 - University of Tennessee, Knoxville
May 17 - Jackson State Community College, Jackson

Some of the Topics on the agenda:

- Current trends in Technology
- Collection Development
- Providing Services for the Blind and those with Low Vision
- Stress Management
- Collection Development
- Writing for the Web
- Podcasting
- Emotional Intelligence
- Consumer Health Reference

Please contact Caroline, Thura or Tricia with any questions you may have.

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Newcomers and Names to Know

Fagdeba Bakoyema was been appointed to the position of Web Services Librarian at the Walker Library. He holds the MLS from Indiana University and graduate degrees in French Literature (Indiana University) and English Literature (West Virginia University). His BA is in American Literature from Universite' de Lome'.

His experience includes serving as a regional consultant for the Pilot East Africa Digital Library of the Commons and as the Newspapers Indexing Coordinator with the Liberian Archive Collection Project at Indiana University. He begins in April.

Kristen West has accepted the position of Instruction/Reference Librarian at Walker Library. Kristen holds the MS in Library Science from the University of North Texas and a BA in Art History. She recently served as a graduate library assistant in reference and information services at the University of North Texas.

Prior to that she was a contract administrator for the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport. She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi. Kristen will begin work in April.

Welcome Fagbede and Kristen!

**Celebrate
Library Worker's Day
April 17th!**

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Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes

The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes, founded by young adult author T.A. Barron, seeks nominations for its 2007 awards. The Barron Prize honors Young people ages 8 to 18 who have shown leadership and courage in public service to people and our planet.

Each year, ten national winners each receive \$2,000 to support their service work or higher education. Nomination deadline is April 30. For more information -- and to request our packet of free heroes educational materials -- visit <http://www.barronprize.org/>

--Barbara Ann Richman
Executive Director

Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes

Nashville Teens Win ULC Award

The Nashville Public Library T.O.T.A.L. (Totally Outstanding Teen Advocates for the Library) has won the Urban Libraries Council /Highsmith Award of Excellence for 2007.

The program employs teen library advocates who promote literacy, learning, and the library to their peers and the community at large. Established in 2005, T.O.T.A.L. has developed and presented more than 40 public programs to date, including spoken-word and poetry evenings and issues-based workshops.

--Larry Romans
Government Information Librarian
Vanderbilt Central Library

Tennsco Scholarship Winner Announced

The Public Library Section would like to announce the winner of the Tennsco Scholarship: Brenda Pirtle from Lee Ola Roberts Public Library, Whiteville, TN.

Funding for the scholarship is provided by Tennsco Corporation, of Dickson, TN. Tennsco is the parent company of Estey shelving. The scholarship will secure full conference registration, tickets to all meals offered at the conference, the conference reception, and two nights stay at the conference hotel. Monies left over from the \$500 will help on travel expenses.

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

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TLA member and Knox County school librarian Ed Sullivan has published *The Ultimate Weapon: The Race to Develop the Atomic Bomb*, which chronicles the history of Manhattan Project. Sullivan was inspired to write the book when he moved to Oak Ridge seven years ago and discovered that there were no books for young people offering a comprehensive look at this remarkable episode from history.

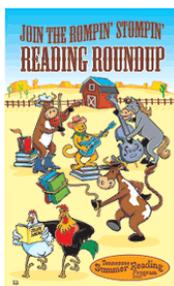
Sullivan made extensive use of special collection materials in the Oak Ridge Public Library for his research. Award-winning author Jack Gantos praised the book for its "impressive research, dramatic political and scientific insights, and thoughtful ethical reflections." If you are interested in having Sullivan appear at your library, please email him at sully@sully-writer.com.

State Library and Archives News

Tennessee Electronic Library: Academic OneFile has been added to the list of databases available on TEL, bringing the total number of databases to nineteen. Secretary of State Riley Darnell has asked for a \$1 million amendment to Governor Bredesen's budget to expand TEL with the addition of more databases. (The Senate has voted for the amendment, and the House is deliberating its approval.) The TEL service contract is up for bid this year, and requests for proposals have been posted in the Contracts office. Determination of the TEL vendor will be made in May 2007.

R.E.A.D.S.: R.E.A.D.S., the Regional eBook and Audiobook Download System, now provides 5,749 titles for checkout. Since its inception last January, R.E.A.D.S. has generated over 42,000 checkouts from its eBook and Audiobook collections.

Summer Reading Program:



The Children's 2007 Reading theme is:

Join the Rompin' Stompin' Reading Roundup

The Teen 2007 Summer Reading theme is:

Find Your Space @ The Library

Public Library Management Institute: The annual recertification classes for the 90+ graduates of the Public Library Management Institute will take place May 23-24, 2007, at Brentwood Public Library.

PACHUG Grants: Jack Stacy and Lisa Walker have been working with the Gates Foundation PACHUG (Public Access Computer Hardware Upgrade Grants), which provide qualifying libraries with replacement computers for the original ones received from the Gates Foundation a few years ago. Across Tennessee, 870 computers in public libraries are scheduled to be replaced this year through these grants.

Bibliostat: TSLA has purchased Bibliostat, a software program to be used by regional libraries to make it easier to compile statistics. Training for all libraries using this software is already underway.

ALA National Library Legislative Day: The Tennessee delegation of 14 attendees, organized by TN State Coordinator Judy Greeson, will travel to ALA National Library Legislative Day on May 1 and 2, 2007. This delegation is comprised of librarians and advocates from 6 regional libraries, Friends of Tennessee Libraries, Tennessee Association of School Librarians, Tennessee Library Association, and Tennessee State Library and Archives.

TeVA: TSLA recently launched a digitization initiative, the Tennessee Virtual Archive (TeVA). This online portal presents some of Tennessee's most historically significant materials so that citizens, especially teachers and students, will have better access to historical collections. To see the online collections, go to <http://tsla-teva.state.tn.us/>.

--Pat Thompson
Special Projects Coordinator
TN State Library and Archives



Happenings and Celebrations

Grace Notes Flute Ensemble to Present

Grace Notes Flute Choir performed a spring concert at the Blount County Public Library at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 31. Composed of professional, semi-professional and student musicians, Grace Notes has an ensemble of about 15 musicians who play a variety of instruments ranging from the tiny piccolo up to the large bass flute which stands about six feet tall.

This program was free and open to the public. The Blount County Public Library is located at 508 N. Cusick Street, Maryville.

Steve Cotham to Discuss *The Great Smoky Mountains National Park*

Local author, Steve Cotham, presented slides and discussed his new book, *The Great Smoky Mountains National Park*, at the Blount County Public Library on Monday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m. The library along with the Blount County Genealogical and Historical Society and Blount County Historic Trust sponsored the program.

The author draws from many sources, especially the photographs of early park supporter James E. (Jim) Thompson, to provide readers a first-hand look at the beauty of the mountains, early park promoters, the logging companies, and at the people who gave up their homes and way of life to make room for the park. In addition, the book contains several images from the W. O. Garner Collection owned by the Blount County Public Library. *The Great Smoky Mountains National Park* features the effects of logging in the forests of the Great Smoky Mountains before being dedicated in 1940.

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His work also explains how railroad and automobile played key roles in economic enlightenment of the mountains. The book highlights the growth of tourism in Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge following the park's creation. Steve Cotham, Manager of the McClung Historical Collection located in the East Tennessee History Center in downtown Knoxville, has deep maternal family roots in the three Tennessee counties from which the Great Smoky Mountains National Park was created. His ancestors moved into these counties in the early 19th century and have lived within sight of the Great Smoky Mountains for several generations.

International Festival a Huge Success!

A record number of people, 2,830, came to the library for Saturday's International Festival—"Come together @ your library®"—Blount County: Many Faces, One Community. On Friday, March 2, more than 600 fifth graders, teachers, aides and parents visited from Blount County Public Schools. Cooperative efforts from many different individuals and groups contributed to the success of the festival, including more than 90 people presenting programs as speakers, choirs, dancers, various demonstrations, puppets, folk tales, crafts, food and 19 exhibits.

--Joan VanSickle Sloan
Community Outreach Coordinator
Blount County Public Library

Washington County Public Library Upcoming Events

Closing for Renovation

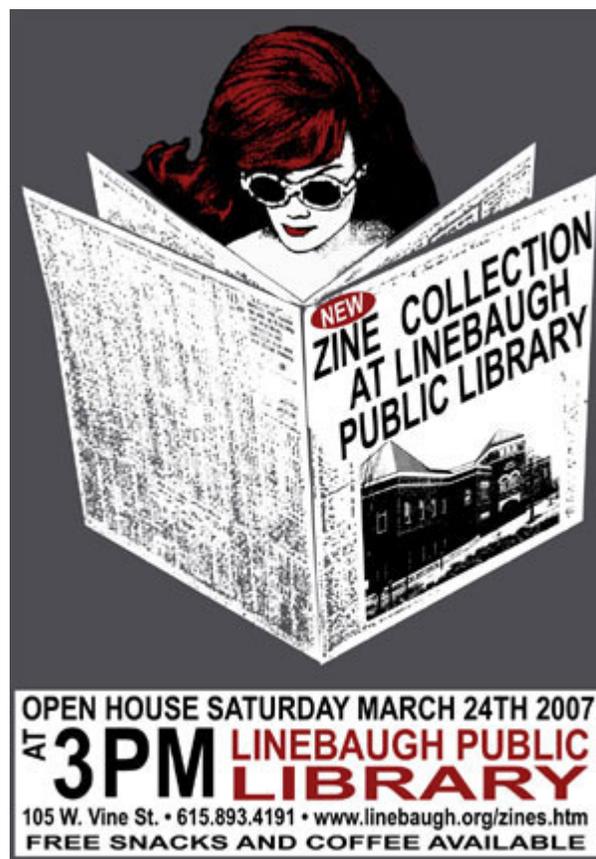
The Washington County - Jonesborough Library will be closed Thursday, April 5 through Monday, April 23, 2007 for renovations. They will open on Tuesday, April 24, 2007 with a new interior and a new automation system (Innovative's Millennium) hosted as a joint effort by Watauga Regional Library and East Tennessee State University. The grand re-opening celebration is scheduled for Saturday, May 5 at the library on 200 Sabin Drive, Jonesborough. For more information, contact Pat Beard or Dorothy Linton at 423-753-1800



Friends of the Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Washington County Public Libraries is holding a book sale on Friday and Saturday, May 11 & 12, 2007 at the Gray Branch Library, 5026 Bobby Hicks Highway, Gray. On Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon, there will be a preview sale for members of the Friends of the Washington County Public Libraries. Memberships are available the day of the book sale. From 12 Noon until 5:00 p.m. on Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon on Saturday the book sale will be open to the general public. For more information, contact Lusetta Slagle at 423-477-1550.

--Lusetta Slagle
Branch Manager
Gray Library
Washington county Public Library



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Zines Debut at Linebaugh Library

This month, Linebaugh Public Library will debut its new collection of zines; the first collection of its kind within the state of Tennessee. The library will celebrate with an open house at 3 p.m. March 24 in the Second Floor Reading Room.

At the open house, local zine publisher Jerianne Thompson will present an introduction to zines and the library's zine collection, and she will lead a Q&A discussion about zines. Coffee and snacks will be provided. This program is free and open to the public. The library plans to offer other zine-related programs later this year, including a workshop on how to make a zine.

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A zine (pronounced like “magazine”) is a self-published, small circulation booklet or magazine, usually produced by one person or a few individuals. Zines vary in size and format and can include a wide variety of topics, such as personal essays, commentary, do-it-yourself advice, articles about music or movies, and comics.

The idea to start a collection at Linebaugh Library came from Thompson, who works at another branch within the Linebaugh Public Library System. Thompson has been involved in the zine scene for more than 10 years and is the editor and publisher of *Zine World: A Reader's Guide to the Underground Press*, a zine that reviews zines and other independent media.



A sampling of the zines available at Linebaugh Public Library in Murfreesboro.

“It frustrated me that there are so few places in Middle Tennessee to find zines,” Thompson said. “No Murfreesboro or Nashville bookstores carry them. If you’re lucky, you may be able to find a handful of zines at a couple of local independent music stores.”

Thompson was inspired to create a collection at Linebaugh after seeing the success of other public library zine collections.

including at the Salt Lake City Public Library and the Cockeysville Branch of the Baltimore County Public Library System.

“We’re excited about offering this new collection. We hope this collection will demonstrate the library’s support for independent media within our community, as well as our dedication to serving the interests of young adults,” said LPLS director Laurel Best.

Linebaugh’s zine collection is starting small – with about 100 zines available – but the library will be adding to the collection on an ongoing basis. The collection has zines about a vast range of topics, including making crafts, bicycle repair, health issues, depression, parenting, activism, recipes, relationships, life in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, travel, and punk music. The collection will also include *Fifth Estate*, an anti-authoritarian zine whose editor lives in Liberty, Tenn.; comics by Ryan Lewis, who lives in Nashville; *Fertile Ground*, a parenting zine published in Memphis; zines produced at Murfreesboro’s Southern Girls Rock and Roll camp; and *Radical South*, which includes information on activist organizations and projects in the South.

For more information, call 893-4131, email zines@linebaugh.org or visit www.linebaugh.org/zines.htm. Linebaugh Library is located at 105 W. Vine St. in Murfreesboro.

--Jerianne Thompson

Supervisor
MGL at Patterson Park

Memphis Public Library Events

Libraries We Love in Bookstores Now

There are approximately 117,000 libraries in the United States . Only 80 were selected for Berkshire Publishing's *Heart of the Community: Libraries We Love* and the Memphis Public Library & Information Center is among the chosen few.

Libraries We Love is a wonderful collection of stories and photographs selected from hundreds of nominations from the United States and Canada. Included in the volume are also reflections from favorite authors about their passion for libraries.

Mid-southerners will appreciate the public art and architectural pictures of Memphis Central Library. The book retails for \$49.95 and is available in book stores.

Making Cities Stronger: Public Libraries Contributions to Local Economic Development

The Memphis Public Library & Information Center is prominently featured in a newly released report which studies the economic impact of public libraries in their communities. Funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, the Urban Library Council selected the Memphis Public Library because of novel solutions to two very important factors that influence community vitality: Early Literacy and Workforce Development.

Making Cities Stronger: Public Libraries Contributions to Local Economic Development www.urbanlibraries.org/files/making_cities_stronger.pdf highlights how Training Wheels, a mobile service that goes to day care centers throughout Memphis, provides early literacy training for the staff on-site. The community benefit is two-fold: early literacy programming contributes to

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elevating young children's levels of literacy and engagement—contributing to school readiness and success. Secondly, the free training reduces training costs to the day care centers and often helps workers meet certification requirements.

In addition, JobLINC, the Library's mobile job and career center, was singled-out in the report for its targeted employment outreach. The results are easy to quantify. Reduced barriers to employment with one-on-one services, such as helping job seekers research career options and opportunities. Resume development and the ability to use the library computers to complete online job applications were also strong outcomes that were cited in the report. Residual benefits include reduced recruitment costs to employers via contributions to technology and literacy training, and facilitating connections between potential workers and employers.

--Lillian Johnson

Memphis Public Library and Information Center
PR Supervisor

Overton Public Library Announces Re-opening

The Overton County Public Library (Livingston, TN) is very pleased to announce that the staff will begin moving all books, movies, audios and stuff to our new Millard Oakley Public Library -- Monday, March 19th. Anticipated re-opening date is Monday, April 9th. Everyone is cordially invited to our Open House on Saturday, May 19, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

--Janet Gann
Director
Overton Public Library

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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.