President Pinkston Announces Goals for 2007-2008

- Support advocacy efforts to promote and "build" the library profession
  - Better salaries for degreed and non-degreed library staff
  - Recruitment and retention of new librarians and staff
- Promote TLA as a principle player in staff development and continuing education efforts
  - Participation in statewide Continuing Education Forum sponsored by TSLA
  - Development of TLA website as centralized library training calendar
  - Leadership training for TLA section, roundtable, committee, etc.

Annual Conference Call for Submissions

The next Tennessee Library Association Annual Conference is scheduled for April 9-11, 2008 in Kingsport. If you are interested in presenting a program, pre-conference, or other special event, please submit your proposal [http://www.tnla.org/displayemailforms.cfm?emailformnbr=70276&convnbr=3506](http://www.tnla.org/displayemailforms.cfm?emailformnbr=70276&convnbr=3506). The Conference Planning Committee is interested in programs that provide professional development opportunities to members of the library community on a wide variety of topics. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to share creative and cutting-edge ideas behind extraordinary library service to all population groups. The deadline for submissions is Friday, October 19, 2007. If you have questions, please contact one of the following Program Sub-Committee co-chairs: Chris Marszalek at marszalekc@memphislibrary.org or Nancy Renfro at nrenfro@wrlibrary.org. Thank you for your interest in presenting a program at the 2008 Tennessee Library Association Annual Conference.

--Chris Marszalek
South Region Manager
Memphis Public Library & Information Center
The TENN-SHARE DataFest is a FREE vendor showcase arranged by subject so that you, the librarians, can easily view and compare products in the areas where you have an interest or need. This year we are spotlighting virtual reference software.

DataFest vendors and the products they will demo include so far:


This year the TENN-SHARE Fall Conference will begin with a recognition of those who made TEL possible: Secretary of State Riley Darnell, State Librarian Jeanne Sugg, and key legislators who sponsored the necessary appropriations amendments. Then we will present and discuss the TENN-SHARE 2008-2010 Strategic Plan. During lunch are Table talks on Electronic Resources Management Systems and Federated Search in a Statewide Network. The afternoon sessions will be devoted to a discussion of what a true statewide virtual network and library in Tennessee might include. In addition to the TEL databases and Volunteer Voices, perhaps Chat Reference; Inter-library loan: easy discovery, easy ordering, equitable loan and distribution, rapid delivery; Coordinated database purchases; Digital archives and ongoing digitization support; OCLC group access; A single, central search box. Conference attendees will contribute ideas and suggestions at all sessions and have the opportunity to sign on to contribute toward making it all a reality! Registration for the Fall Conference is $30 and includes aonderful boxed lunch from Provence.

**Metro Nashville Public Schools Collection Development Fair** is set up for school librarians at all levels and from all districts to see what’s new in materials for the K-12 market, but librarians from all types of libraries will enjoy browsing among the booths of the dozen or so participating vendors, including Baker & Taylor, Bound to Stay Bound, Davidson Titles, Follett, Raintree and Permabound. A complete list of vendors will be on the TENN-SHARE website at [www.tenn-share.org](http://www.tenn-share.org) as it becomes available. Check the TENN-SHARE website frequently, [www.tenn-share.org](http://www.tenn-share.org) for updated information about these events.

--Penny Frere  
Executive Director, TENN-SHARE
From the Executive Director's Desk

Greetings from the TLA Office where Oscar and Hershey are keeping me company. Actually, Oscar is in my lap trying to help me type this message! I know that each of you is helpful, because it is a prime trait of library personnel, library trustees, and friends of libraries. Each day you help others to find information. BUT have you offered to help TLA lately? As a volunteer organization, TLA relies upon its members to develop and present the programs and conferences that are offered each year. As we begin TLA’s new year, I want you to offer your help to President Jane Pinkston and the newly appointed/elected Board of Directors as they strive to make 2007/08 an active and vital year for TLA. Looking forward to working with each of you in support of TLA and the libraries across the State of Tennessee.

-- Annelle R. Huggins, Executive Director

Public Library Certificate Courses

Library certificate courses will be offered through Jackson State Community College this fall for library support staff. Classes start August 27. The courses will be part of a Public Library Education program, approved by the Tennessee Board of Regents. The certificate will be awarded upon completion of six courses. However, you don’t have to seek the certification to take the courses. Courses will be offered completely online asynchronously (at a student’s own schedule). Three semester hours of college credit will be awarded for each course. The cost for each course will be $300. The courses have been or are being developed by Tennessee librarians and are designed for Library Support staff, but could be taken by support staff in other types of libraries.

Courses which will be offered this Fall are: Introduction to Libraries (developed by Thomas Aud, Library Director at Jackson-Madison County Library from 1975-2006). This course provides an introduction to libraries in general with emphasis on assessment, customer service, funding, governance, marketing, grants, outreach and policy making. Current trends affecting libraries will also be discussed. Children and Young Adult Services (developed by Bonnie Kunzel, Library Consultant at Germantown Tennessee with many years of experience at the New Jersey State Library.) This course provides an introduction to services and resources needed for children and young adults in libraries, including programming, marketing and acquisition of materials.

To be admitted to the college and take the courses, go to: www.jscc.edu/admissions. There are no prerequisites to taking the courses except a high school diploma or GED. Once you are admitted, you can enroll online and pay your fees online. Please contact me for further information. I will be glad to discuss the program with you.

--Scott Cohen, Library Director

scohen@jscc.edu

Jackson State Community College
E-Rate Workshops Scheduled

Looking for a way to stretch your budget? Need a little extra money for your library? Then come to one of the three statewide workshops in October to learn about how e-rate can help!

Benefits of utilizing E-Rate

* Receive from 20% to up to 90% back from your phone and Internet bills!
* Why not? If you apply for phone service only, you don't even have to filter.
* You can request reimbursements whenever you want, or ask for a discounted bill.
* The forms get easier as you continue with the program.

There are three workshops across the state, in order to be as convenient as possible for you:
Maryville, at the Blount County Public Library, on Thursday, October 4th
Franklin, at the Williamson County Public Library, on Thursday, October 11th
Jackson, at the Jackson - Madison County Public Library, on Thursday, October 25th

These workshops are open to anyone who works with e-rate, or who would like more information on the e-rate process. Any and all regional, metro, county, city, branch, community, and independent libraries are encouraged to attend!

Registration forms will be coming out in August - there will be charge to attend, to pay for lunch and refreshments. So make your plans, and I'll see you there!

Jennifer
State E-Rate Coordinator for Public Libraries in Tennessee
e-rate.tsla@state.tn.us

Volunteer State Book Award

Let the Reading Begin!

Fall signals the start of reading for the 2008 VSBA winners! The lists are posted on the website http://www.mtsu.edu/~kpatten/vsba.html Patty Williams and Kathy Patten would appreciate the promotion of these titles in all libraries. Let's see if we can get as many kids as possible reading.

Fall also means that the committees start to work reading and nominating books for the 2009-2010 lists. If you have a title to nominate, just send it to Kathy (kpatten@mtsu.edu) and she will pass it on to the committee chairs. The committee members will read and nominate until they meet to approve the vote on the final lists in late April.

When you look at 2008's lists, I think you will agree that the committees immensely value quality children's literature!

--Kathy Patten
MTSU
Co-Chair, VSBA
Linebaugh Library Friends Host Author Paul Rusesabagina

Linebaugh Public Library Friends will host Paul Rusesabagina, author of *An Ordinary Man: An Autobiography*, on Saturday, August 25 at 7:00 pm at Linebaugh Library. Paul Rusesabagina inspired the Oscar-nominated film *HOTEL RWANDA*.

*An Ordinary Man* is the 2007 selected book for Middle Tennessee State University’s Summer Reading Program and Rutherford Reads. Paul Rusesabagina will be at Linebaugh for a lecture and book signing. Reservations for the event are $10 per person and will be available at Linebaugh Library on August 1, 2007. Light refreshments will be served. Paul Rusesabagina will be the Guest Speaker at the University Convocation at the Murphy Center on Sunday, August 26, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

As *Publishers Weekly* says in their review.-For former hotel manager Paul Rusesabagina, words are the most powerful weapon in the human arsenal. For good and for evil, as was the case in the spring of 1994 in Rwanda. Over 100 days, some 800,000 people were slaughtered, most hacked to death by machete. Rusesabagina, inspiration for the movie *Hotel Rwanda*, used his facility with words and persuasion to save 1,268 of his fellow countrymen, turning the Belgian luxury hotel under his charge into a sanctuary from madness. Through negotiation, favor, flattery and deception, Rusesabagina managed to keep his "guests" alive another day despite the homicidal gangs just beyond the fence and the world's failure to act.

Readers will also have an opportunity to join in the Afternoon Book Discussion Group on Thursday, August 2, 2007 at 2:00 at Linebaugh Library. This discussion will take place in the 2nd Floor Board Room.

For more information on Paul Rusesabagina’s visit to Linebaugh Library, visit [www.Linebaugh.org](http://www.Linebaugh.org) or contact Laurel Best at Linebaugh Public Library, 615-893-4131. Linebaugh Library is located at 105 W. Vine Street, Murfreesboro, TN, 37130.

**TEL News & Updates**

Recently the Tennessee State Library and Archives signed a new contract with Thomson Gale for resources available through Tennessee Electronic Library (TEL). The contract spans five years from October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2012.

TEL is collection of subscription data-bases made up of over 100 million print sources that gives Tennesseans an easy path to reliable information from encyclopedias, reference books, magazines, journals, and much more. In most cases, TEL provides
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full-text articles, with full citation information. Tennesseans can log on to TEL from any internet-accessible computer—24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Go to the TEL portal at www.tennessee.gov/tsla and click “TEL” under the “Catalogs” heading. (Call your local library for the off-site password.)

New features will be added to TEL beginning October 1, 2007. InfoTrac Science, a subset of InfoTrac OneFile, will contain science-related titles that will make searching for science articles easier for students. Also, InfoTrac Custom Newspapers will provide full-text newspaper articles from more than 140 newspapers, including selected articles from The Chattanooga Times-Free Press, The Commercial Appeal, and The Knoxville News-Sentinel.

Other recent upgrades to TEL were rolled out earlier this year. Academic OneFile, a database of over 11,000 scholarly journal and magazine titles, provides Tennesseans with academic articles from peer-reviewed publications. Full-text coverage of the New York Times newspaper is now available from 1995 to the present, with one-day delay for uploading. Multimedia content from news sources and information services are now available in audio and podcast format.

And there’s more to come. On Thursday, June 28, 2007, Governor Bredesen signed into law the appropriations bill that included an additional $1 million in recurring funding for expansion of the Tennessee Electronic Library (TEL). Previously, TEL was purchased through federal funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and through pledges from Tennessee libraries.

Jeanne Sugg, State Librarian and Archivist, has appointed a TEL Database Selection Committee comprised of librarians from academic, public, school, and special libraries. This committee will elicit suggestions for database purchase from libraries across Tennessee and will make recommendations to the State Library based on those suggestions.

For more information about how to use TEL, or to request TEL training for a library, school, or civic group, contact Pat Thompson, Special Projects Coordinator at the Tennessee State Library and Archives at 615-532-4627 or pat.thompson@state.tn.us
Summer Reading Roundup

Lexington- Henderson Library Hosts Skidboot’s Friends

David Hartwig’s program entitled Skidboot's Friends made the library the “talk of the town” by having a horse in the library.

He was fed a light diet the night before and there were no accidents!

--Dinah Harris, Director
Lexington-Henderson County PL

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2007 Teen Tech Camp

Sixteen students from the Memphis Area's private and public schools participated in the 2007 Teen Tech Camp sponsored by the Society of Information Management. The camp was a feature in the July CIO (Chief Information Officer) Publication http://www.cio.com/article/123759/SIM_Sponsored_Summer_Camp_Teaches_Kids_about_Technology_/1

Ten Years Celebrated with a New Look

Memphis Public Library's site officially debuted in January 2007. The site was rated a "Top Local/State Pick" by BellSouth. In addition, Lycos, one of the premier early search engines, gave the Library the "Top 5%" designation that same year. Many of the site's original features are still present, including:

* Web access to the library's catalog, the LINC Community Information database, and magazine and journal articles synopsis for the Library's TV
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*Library events calendar

*Information on library branches and departments

*Programming schedules and synopsis for the Library's TV and radio stations

*Collections of librarian-selected links to reliable information on the Internet such as the First Tennessee Small Business Center, Job and Career Center

*Links to other area libraries

*Memes and Shelby County Death Records

Fast forward ten years, and thanks to the generous support of the City of Memphis, the site has a fresh new look and enhanced features:

*An online card catalog providing an enhanced customer experience - with book cover art, descriptive summaries, and reviews for many titles.

*The ability to reserve items by placing "holds" in the catalog from any computer connected to the Web.

*One-stop searching of the catalog, the library databases, and the World Wide Web through a single interface.

*Lots of new, regularly-updated content on a variety of subjects, organized in topic-specific virtual "rooms."

*e-Audio Books are available from the site. Visitors can download books for leisurely reading wherever they desire.

The web address remains the same: www.memphislibrary.org.

--Lillian Johnson
PR Supervisor
Memphis Public Library

Eat A Book
Blount County PL hosts Edible Book Contest

Leah Finger won first place in the young adult category for her edible book, Ballerina Dreams
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For the third year, “gourmet” book lovers enjoyed viewing entries for the Edible Book Contest at the Blount County Public Library on Thursday, July 19 through Saturday, July 21. With the contest held in conjunction with the Friends of the Library Used Book Sale, visitors enjoyed viewing entries from the Edible Book Contest in the library’s main gallery and browsing the 40,000 books that were for sale as a fundraiser in the library’s lower level.

On Saturday, July 21, at 3:00 p.m., judges presented awards for the winning Edible Book entries. A total of 12 cash prizes were awarded this year, with three prizes ($100, $50 & $25) in each of the age divisions plus three additional prizes of $100 each for Creativity, Humor and Judges’ Choice. Friends of the Blount County Public Library supplied the funds for prizes.

Each edible creation had to depict a fictional or non-fictional literary work in the permanent collection of the Blount County Public Library.

Each food creation had to be at least 95% edible (meaning made of food or foodstuffs). It could not be larger than 18x24x24 inches. The creation could not require refrigeration as it would be on display for three to four days. Contestants were required to submit a list of ingredients used in each creation. The entry then became the property of the Blount County Public Library.

The judges used the following criteria:
(a) Originality and Creativity
(b) Skill and Construction
(c) Visual Appeal
(d) Tie-In with the Literary Work being depicted

A first, second and third prize were given in each of the following categories:
(a) Juvenile (8-12 years old)
(b) Young Adult / Teens (13 – 19 years old)
(c) Adult (20+ years old)

Special prizes were awarded for Creativity, Humor and Judges’ Choice. The decision of the judges is final. Entries in a fourth category, Professional, were not eligible for cash awards but gained publicity through the display of business cards or names with the entry.

--Joan Van Sickle Sloan
Community Outreach Coordinator
TLA Calendar of Events

Events are divided up into the following categories: state and national events, online courses, West Tennessee events, Middle Tennessee events, and East Tennessee events.

Please be sure to visit the links at the end for more library events around Tennessee.

FREE ONLINE SEMINARS

August 7, 2007, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Eastern. Free your content! RSS for Libraries. 

August 14, 2007, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Eastern. Creating a 2.0 Library. 

EAST TENNESSEE EVENTS

August 4 ”Find your space @ the library” Teen Summer Reading Program Wrap Party at the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Bicentennial Library. Call 423-757-5320 for more information.

August 6-10 at various branches of the Sevier County Public Library System. Final Summer Reading Program Round-Up: Dollywood Eagle Foundation Bird Show. Call (865) 774-3246 for more information.

August 10- Knox County Public Library is proud to present Every Child Ready to Read @ your library training at the East Tennessee History Center in downtown Knoxville, Tennessee. There is a $25 registration fee for all attending Deadline to register is August 1, 2007. 865-215-8784

Thursdays in August, 7:00 pm, “Hot Summer Nights Concert Series.” Blount County Public Library. All concerts will be indoors in the Reading Rotunda of the Blount County library except for the final concert:
  o August 2, The Mountain Folk Reunion
  o August 9, Smoky Mountain Harmony
  o August 16, Patrick Lee Hebert
  o August 23, Robinella

August 20, 7:00 p.m., “Holocaust Survivor Shares Story” by Sonja Dubois, in the Sharon Lawson Room of the Blount County Public Library. Call (865) 982-0981
For more information.

August -The Sevier County Public Library Genealogy & History Center is offering genealogy classes free of charge for the beginning genealogist during August. Three classes will be offered in August on the following dates and times:
  Thursday, August 2, 2007, starting at 6:00 p.m.
  Wednesday, August 8, 2007, starting at 6:00 p.m.
  Tuesday, August 21, 2007, starting at 6:00 p.m.

For more information regarding these classes, please contact Theresa Williams at (865)908-7988.
September-December - The ETSU Library Associates Book Discussion Group's reading selections and scheduled meetings for Fall 2007 are listed below. All meetings are at 5:30 pm in the Quillen Conference Room on the fourth floor of Sherrod Library, ETSU. Discussions are informal, and light refreshments are served. Membership in the organization is open to the general public. For more information, contact Dr. Jean Flanigan, 423-439-5620 or flanigan@etsu.edu.

Monday, September 10: *Anna Karenina* by Leo Tolstoy

Monday, October 8: *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls

Monday, November 12: *Uncle Tom’s Cabin* by Harriet Beecher Stowe

Monday, December 10: *The Great Fire* by Shirley Hazzard

MIDDLE TENNESSEE EVENTS

**August 7 and 14,** Bookends Summer Lecture Series at the Linebaugh Public Library, 105 W. Vine Street, Murfreesboro. Middle Tennessee.

**August 7:** Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close by Jonathan Safran Foer and The History of Love by Nicole Krauss, presented by Aaron Shapiro

**August 14:** Eva by Peter Dickinson and Rose Daughter by Robin McKinley, presented by Dr. Jenny Marchant. Call 615.893.4131, ext. 116 for more info.

**August 18,** from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. at Nashville Public Library. Translator Red Pine (Bill Porter) of Port Townsend, Washington, has translated many Chinese texts including the most revered of Chinese texts, the Tao Te Ching. Join Bill Porter as he discusses his experience studying and translating this ancient text.

**August 18,** from 9:30 a.m.- 1 p.m. at Nashville Public Library, “Fiction from a Photograph: A Writing Workshop with Darnell Arnoult.” Advance registration is suggested; call 615-862-5853.

**August 25,** at 7 PM at Linebaugh Library, 105 W. Vines Street, Murfreesboro, TN. Author Paul Rusesabagina will be lecturing and signing copies of his book *An Ordinary Man.* Reservations are $10. For information, call after August 1, 2007. No refunds. Call 615.893.4131, ext. 116.

WEST TENNESSEE EVENTS

**August 7,** Pajama Story Time on Tuesday, at 6:30 p.m. The fall kickoff for Tuesdays Together Family Reading Night held monthly at the library. Children kindergarten through 5th grade can come in their pajamas, hear stories, and have cookies and milk. Benton County Public Library, Camden, TN. 731-584-4772

**August 11** at 2:00 at the Jackson/Madison County Library. Mr. Randy Bishop signs copies of *Tennessee’s Civil War Battlefields: A Guide to Their History and Preservation.*

**August 14**-Harry Potter Party on Tuesday, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. Benton County Public Library, Camden, TN. 731-584-4772

**August 21** at 11:30-1:00 at the Jackson/Madison County Library. Tuesday with a Gardener. Master Gardener Ann Phillips presents a program on “Butterfly Gardening.” Bring a sack lunch if you wish.
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LOOKING AHEAD

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month - a time when the American Library Association and libraries across the country remind parents that the most important school supply of all is @ your library®--it's your library card.

September 13, TENN-SHARE DataFest at the Nashville Public Library. This is an all-day vendor showcase of the latest in electronic resources for libraries.

September 14, TENN-SHARE Fall Conference at the Nashville Public Library with speakers, TEL updates, networking, table talks, and breakout sessions.
More information coming soon at www.tenn-share.org

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www.tnla.org