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Member-Get-A-Member
Campaign

HELP BUILD OUR FUTURE ONE MEMBER AT A TIME

The 2007-08 TLA Member-Get-A-Member Campaign is in full swing (November 1, 2007 – January 31, 2008) and several new members have been recruited as a result. Don’t miss the opportunity to participate…….

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1. Recruit a new member between the dates of November 1, 2007 and January 31, 2008.
   All members should have received a campaign mailing that includes “Tips for Recruiting New TLA Members”, a TLA informational brochure, and a membership application. Visit the TLA website membership page for additional copies of the membership application: [http://www.tnla.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=3](http://www.tnla.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=3) Make sure new members include your name and E-mail address as their “Recruiter”.

2. Receive a $10 TLA discount for every new member you recruit.
   When a new member joins, the recruiter receives an e-mail confirmation that includes a $10 TLA discount control number. Redeem the discount when paying for any future TLA expense (i.e. membership dues, conference registration, etc.) by simply including the control number with the discounted payment.

3. Win the “Top Recruiter” prize by recruiting the most new members.
   The person who recruits the most new members during the campaign receives the following:
   - Free registration to the 2008 TLA Annual Conference
   - One free ticket to the 2008 All-Conference Reception
   - $100 stipend to be used as desired by the “Top Recruiter”

4. Renew your own membership for a chance to win a free 2009 individual membership.
   All renewing and new memberships received during the Member-Get-A-Member Campaign (November 1, 2007 – January 31, 2008) are automatically entered into a Grand Prize drawing to receive a free 2009 individual membership.

--TLA Membership Committee Co-Chairs
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Editor’s Note

Borrowing from Sandra Denny, I must ask myself, “Where does the time go?” Projects, performances, and semesters come to a close. It’s a time when relatives reunite and eternal wanderers return to the fold. My wish for all of you this holiday season is the discovery of a new favorite read as well as the time to enjoy it. You have supplied the masses with the most basic of needs, the proverbial good book; the least you can do is reward yourself in a similar fashion. Happy Holidays!  ~Amy Arnold. TLANewsletter Editor
President’s Point of View

With recent emphasis on pro-literacy efforts such as the Big Read in communities across the nation and Tennessee’s own Governor’s Books from Birth Foundation, reading books is suddenly popular again.

I have a bumper sticker hanging in my office which reads: “You can have my book when you pry it from my cold, dead fingers.” The slogan was developed by the Wyoming State Library as part of its marketing campaign to bring the world to Wyoming through its libraries. This bumper sticker and the by-now famous curvaceous silhouette of a woman reading a book with the slogan “We’re shifting gears!” attempt to bring an element of humor to libraries and make them more interesting to users and non-users alike.

I don’t know about you, but for the past fifteen years, my 9 to 5 working world has been consumed with keeping up with library technology rather than reading or even discussing books. Many librarians live and breathe technology on a 24/7 basis. We compare and contrast library information systems, master the art of the blog, contribute to wikis, keep our RSS feeds current, develop websites, calculate resource sharing opportunities, evaluate new online databases, etc. etc. We are mirroring the social networking world around us, and it is definitely exciting to be a part of it. On the other hand, I for one have a deep appreciation for what I still believe to be one of the most civilized things we humans can do – develop a theme in a powerful work of fiction or detail some small part of the history of our planet through research and evocative writing. Reading a book is a deeply personal experience that opens the world to us through our imagination.

The other day at the TLA Board Meeting, the topic of books and reading came up. I discovered that the Chattanooga Area Library Association sponsors an annual program called Librarian’s Picks – Open Mike Night, a night for sharing favorite titles. I was impressed that CALA members have dinner, then gather around a fire to discuss books which they have recently read. It is their most popular gathering of the year by far, resulting in a significant list of “must read” titles of fiction and nonfiction. Is there anything more civilized?

At the TLA Conference in April, our keynote speaker will be Nancy Pearl, National Public Radio’s book reviewer and best-selling author of Book Lust. Nancy Pearl – a librarian just like us! – has achieved rock star status in many circles for her love of books and reading. At the conference, TLA will take the One Book/One Community concept which Ms. Pearl originated and sponsor a One Book/One Conference title – The Camel Bookmobile by Masha Hamilton. The idea is that everyone coming to the conference will read the book before arriving and discuss it with colleagues either in the preconference where the author will be speaking or just in the hallways of the conference center. The theme of the novel is literacy and its dramatic consequences upon a remote nomadic tribe in Kenya. The ending will surprise you.

The October, 2007 issue of American Libraries features an article entitled “It’s All About Books – NOT!” Maybe not, but every now and again, many of us would like for it to be.

—Jane Pinkston, President, Tennessee Library Association
From the Executive Director’s Desk

Somehow, not only for Christmas,
But all the long year through,
The joy that you give to others,
Is the joy that comes back to you.

And the more you spend in blessing,
The poor and lonely and sad,
The more of your heart’s possessing
Returns to you glad.

--John Greenleaf Whittier

What a blessing to be a librarian and “give to others” daily!

Best wishes for the holidays,

--Annelle R. Huggins,
TLA Executive Director

TENN SHARE NEWS

Happy Holidays, everyone!

Momentum is building for a group purchase of OCLC’s WorldCat. The group is open to all types of libraries. Please see below for more information on how to contribute.

New databases have been added to TEL, if you haven’t heard. Please contact the State Library for more information on the new databases. We also have a new offer from NetLibrary for Nursing & Allied Health ebooks.

Don’t forget the free trial of ProQuest Civil War Era, and follow-ups to our mini-DataFest demonstrations: offers from TeachingBooks.net and Teen Health & Wellness
It's your last chance to order Oxford University Press databases at a 20% discount. The discount expires Dec 21st!

For more in-depth descriptions of the following databases visit http://www.tenn-share.org/?p=7

OCLC WorldCat
Nursing and Allied Health
Oxford University Press

STAT!Ref
TeachingBooks.net

ProQuest Civil War EraNet
library

Teen Health and Wellness

Balcony Archive (free database)

It looks like this is coming together, so please join the discussion on our TENN-SHARE wiki: http://tennshare2007.pbwiki.com/Coordinated+database+purchases

--DeAnne Luck
TENN-SHARE Database Coordinator
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TEL News

As of Monday, December 3rd, the Tennessee Newspaper Collection from Newsbank, inc. will be available to Tennesseans through TEL. Included in this offering are the Memphis Commercial Appeal, Nashville Tennessean, Knoxville News-Sentinel, and Chattanooga Times.

Newsbank, inc. is uniquely qualified to deliver these products to the Tennessee Electronic Library as the exclusive education market vendor for schools, academic institutions, and public libraries for these four newspapers. We welcome Newsbank, inc. to our TEL family.

Kudos go to the TEL Database Selection Committee for their considerable time, insight and analysis provided in the prioritization of purchase preferences and final selections. My thanks to Pat Thompson, Jack Stacy and Jane Pinkston for their persistence in working through the RFP process to bring us this success! We have finally been able to fulfill the number one request of libraries across the state!

Congratulations to all of you who have had a part in this process. There is more to come very soon. Pat Thompson is available to answer your inquiries at pat.thompson@state.tn.us or at 615-532-4627. Pat will be posting access information for the new databases soon.

--Jeanne Sugg
State Librarian and Archivist.
TLA News

TLA Support Staff Award

The TLA Support Staff Award committee is now accepting nominations. Go to http://www.tnla.org/displayemailforms.cfm?emailformnbr=46341 to submit your nomination, which is due on or before January 14, 2008.

Eligibility: Requires 5 years of current experience as a full-time support staff member in any library located in the State of Tennessee. Individuals who are classified as a Professional Librarian are not eligible. Eligibility includes, but is not limited to:

a) Ability to demonstrate superior and/or creative knowledge and skills in a staff support position.

b) May have assumed duties formerly performed by a Librarian.

c) Promotes the Library with a positive attitude.

d) Performs above and beyond the call of duty in the role of support staff when assisting a Librarian in serving the needs of the Library.

The winner will receive a plaque and be recognized at the TLA Annual Conference in 2008.

--LouAnn Blocker

TLA Support Staff committee

James E. Ward Library Instruction Award

The holidays are fast approaching. What can you possibly give to appropriately thank a wonderful, innovative, and hard working library instruction professional at your library? Why not take the time to nominate your favorite instruction librarian for the James E. Ward Library Instruction Award which will be presented at the 2008 Annual Conference. The award, sponsored by the Tennessee Library Instruction Round Table (TLIRT), recognizes any member of TLA who participates in the planning, execution, or evaluation of a continuing program or special project of library instruction for an academic, school, public, or special library. Where the significant contributions of more than one person are involved, the award may be shared.
Instruction Award Continued

The criteria:

a. Outstanding and sustained work on continuing programs or projects concerned with library instruction;
b. innovative and creative achievement in the development of library instruction programs or projects;
c. promotion of a positive image of libraries in the minds of library users;
d. leadership in the promotion of library instruction on the local, state, regional, or national level;
e. contributions to the knowledge of instructional librarianship through publications, lectures, etc.;
f. participation in TLIRT activities.

Hurry! The deadline for nominations is January 14, 2008. All you have to do is go to the Tennessee Library Association webpage at http://www.tnla.org, and select the Honors and Awards tab, click on James E. Ward Library Instruction Award, and fill out the form. Many thanks for your help in seeing that a deserving person gets nominated.

--Sharon Parente
TLIRT

Trustee Award

Take time now to honor your hard-working trustees by nominating one for the 2007 TLA Trustee Award! It’s a snap--and you’ll be glad you did. A TLA member may make a nomination at the TLA website:

http://www.tnla.org/displayemailforms.cfm?emailformnbr=46343

The deadline for nominations is January 14, 2008. Sooner than we think! This award recognizes a trustee who has made a significant contribution to library and information services in the State of Tennessee and will be presented at the TLA Conference in April, 2008.
Trustee Award Continued

Take a look at past recipients at the “Honors and Awards” button at the TLA website. If you have questions, please contact Susan Rogers Blakely at Susan.Rogers@state.tn.us. I look forward to seeing your nominations!

—Susan Rogers Blakely
Director
Reelfoot Regional Library
Susan.Rogers@state.tn.us

In Memoriam

We are saddened to report the sudden death of John Woodard, our colleague and former employee of the State Library and Archives. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

WOODARD, JOHN H., JR. - age 50 of Knoxville, native of Nashville, passed away suddenly Tuesday, November 6, 2007 at his home. John was a graduate of David Lipscomb University, Nashville and attended The University of Tennessee Graduate School, Knoxville. He was with the Knox County Records Department for 18 years. John was an active member of the Navy League, Society of Tennessee Archivists and the ARMA. He is survived by his loving parents, John and Willena Wilson Woodard of Nashville; several aunts, uncles and cousins. Following a visitation in Knoxville, Mr. Woodard will be moved to Harpeth Hills Funeral Home, Nashville where the family will receive friends from 12:00-2:00 P.M. CST Saturday followed by a 2:00 P.M. graveside service at Harpeth Hills Cemetery, Nashville. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Knoxville Navy League, 327 Suburban Road, Knoxville, TN 37923. The family will receive friends 5-7:00 P.M. Thursday at Rose Mortuary Mann Heritage Chapel. www.rosemortuary.com


This is sad news indeed. I remember John well from his years of the Tennessee State Library and Archives and how we hated to lose him to Knoxville. But he did well for himself in Knoxville and as an active member of STA. He will be well remembered both in Nashville and Knoxville—a productive life cut short.

—Ed Gleaves
Former State Librarian

Newcomers and Names to Know

Eloise Hitchcock is now the Director of the Doris and Harry Vise Library at Cumberland University in Lebanon, TN. Her appointment began in August and she and her husband John are happy to be back in Tennessee.
Tennessee Library Legislative Day February 21, 2008

Winning Tactics for Advocacy @ your Library

9:00 – 9:20 a.m.  Registration & Continental Breakfast – Nashville Public Library Conference Center (Library doors open at 9:00 a.m.)


11:30 – Noon  Meet your Legislator at Doubletree

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.  Legislative Luncheon – Doubletree Downtown Ballroom

1:00 – 5:00  Meet with Legislators  *(Schedule appointments in advance.)*

Sponsored by the Tennessee Library Association in cooperation with the Friends of Tennessee Libraries, TENN-SHARE, and the Tennessee Association of School Librarians and with support of the Nashville Public Library.

Registration  *(Please complete a separate form for each attendee.)*

Name: ______________________________________________________________

Home Address: ____________________________________________________________

City:______________________ County_________________  Zip code: ____________

Telephone: (        ) __________________  E-Mail _____________________________

Library I will represent: ____________________________________________ County:_______________

I am attending as a:  (Please circle one category only)

Library Friend       Library Trustee      Library User        Librarian       Library Staff     Other (specify)____________

Help us match you with your Legislators:

I live/vote in TN Senate District #__________ and TN House District # __________

*(You can identify your District numbers by consulting your voter registration card, calling your County Election Commission, or visiting the Advocacy/Legislation page at www.tnla.org.)*

Registration fee: $25 per person. If paying by check, make check payable to Tennessee Library Association and mail with completed registration form to: TLA, PO Box 241074, Memphis Tennessee 38124-1074. If paying by credit or debit card, register online at www.tnla.org. Registration deadline: February 8, 2008. No refunds will be given, but participant substitutions will be accepted.

For additional registration information contact TLA at arhuggins1@comcast.net or (901) 485-6952. For additional program information go www.tnla.org
Professor Robinson to Retire

Associate Professor Bill Robinson will retire at the end of spring term 2008. Dr. Robinson was recruited to the University of Tennessee in 1972 by founding director of the Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences Gary Purcell. He has served as assistant director since 2005 and has also served as acting director of the School of Information Sciences.

Over his 35 year tenure at SIS, Dr. Robinson has taught hundreds of students and some 10 courses, including required courses in Research Methods and the Development and Management of Collections. He has authored some 45 articles with an emphasis on Tennessee librarianship, book publishing, and government publications.

His subject specialties lie in social sciences and reference services, although, over the years, Dr. Robinson has become a “gap filler,” teaching a broad variety of courses. Dr. Purcell asked him to be the school’s “book person,” and so to this end, he developed and taught classes in the history of the book, book publishing, collection development—and later, academic libraries, government information, and reader’s guidance.

Dr. Robinson was awarded the Tennessee Library Association’s Frances Neel Cheney Award for “contributions to the world of librarianship and books through the encouragement of the love of books and reading” in 1999. He received UT Libraries’ Outstanding Service Award in 2001, and the College of Communication and Information Outstanding Teaching Award in 2005–2006.

Dr. Robinson graduated Magna Cum Laude from Claremont Men’s College in 1961, and then attended the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, jointly administered by Tufts and Harvard Universities, where he received a master’s degree in international relations in 1962. He received his M.S.L.S. at the University of Southern California in 1965.

Dr. Robinson was awarded a Ph.D. at the University of Illinois in 1973. His dissertation was on “Subject Dispersion in Political Science: An analysis of references appearing in the journal literature, 1910-1960” for which he was awarded the Berner-Nash Award for the outstanding doctoral thesis of the year. Dr. Robinson originally planned to become a Foreign Service Officer.

--Joel Southern
Communications Specialist
School of Information Sciences
College of Communication and Information
University of Tennessee
TENOPIR RECEIVES CONTRIBUTIONS TO INFORMATION SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AWARD

Dr. Carol Tenopir has been awarded the prestigious Contributions to Information Science and Technology Award by the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Society for Information Science and Technology.

She will accept the award in January 2008, at the UCLA Faculty Center in Los Angeles. The LACASIS presents its Contributions to Information Science and Technology Award annually to one or more individuals who have made a significant contribution to the field. Recipients have been recognized by their colleagues as exceptional leaders whose dedication, commitment and vision inspire others, or whose singular contribution to information science has been particularly significant. Carol Tenopir joins the company of such distinguished past award recipients such as Eugene Garfield, Tefko Saracevic, and Christine Borgman.

SIS Professor Carol Tenopir, who joined the faculty in 1994, is recognized as the most research productive library and information science faculty member in the United States. She is the Director of Research for the College of Communication and Information and Director of the Center for Information and Communication Studies at the University of Tennessee.

Dr. Tenopir has authored five books, has published more than 200 journal articles, and has written the “Online Databases” column for Library Journal since 1983. Among many other honors, she received the 1993 Outstanding Information Science Teacher Award from the American Society for Information Science/Institute for Scientific Information and the 2000 ALISE Award for Teaching Excellence. She also received the 2002 Research Award from the American Society for Information Science & Technology, the 2004 International Information Industry Lifetime Achievement Award, and the 2007 Distinguished Alumni Award from Whittier College.

The School of Information Sciences is one of four schools within the College of Communication and Information at the University of Tennessee.

--Joel Southern
Communications Specialist
School of Information Sciences
College of Communication and Information
University of Tennessee
Rissi Palmer and the Grinch visit Nashville’s downtown library to kick off the ICE! exhibit. Pictured left to right: Ryan, Sesley, Aubree, and Abree. Photo credit: Lacy Hart

Representative Steve McDaniel, a member of the House Finance Ways and Means Committee, receives a plaque in recognition for his efforts with TEL. Pictured are (left to right) Clint Stanfill (student of Freed-Hardeman University), Hope Shull (Librarian at Freed-Hardeman), Representative McDaniel, Dinah Harris (Director of Everett Horn Library in Lexington), and Penny Frere (Tenn-Share).

Memphis Public Library

Lily Bix Daw (center), submitted the winning entry at Idlewild Elementary School in Memphis. Lily was honored with a special ceremony at the Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library. Director of libraries, Judith Drescher presented her with a certificate and her favorite book.

I LOVE MY LIBRARY CARD CONTEST

The Memphis Public Library & Information Center recently announced the winners of its 2007 I Love My Library Card Contest. The contest, in its second year, is held during the National Library Card Sign-up Month in September and promotes library usage. Third graders in the Memphis Public Library’s service area were eligible for the contest. Students were asked to tell in 25 words or less why they love their library card. They also had to complete selected activities like getting a library card, attending a Memphis Public Library program or checking out a book at one of 19 locations. Winners receive a copy of their favorite book for themselves and their school.

There were a total of 150 public, private and home school entries in the contest and 22 winners.

The Memphis Public Library & Information Center includes the Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library at 3030 Poplar Avenue and 18 branch libraries located throughout the city and county. Mobile services include InfoBus, JobLINC and Training Wheels, a resource for child care centers. The library offers books, video and audio cassettes, DVDs, records, compact discs, educational and informational programs and community meeting rooms. Internet access is available on 517 public computers. Ready reference and information and referral services (I&R) are offered through LiNC/2-1-1, the library information center, with more in-depth reference available from the various subject departments at the central library. Customers can access many services through the library’s homepage (www.memphislibrary.org).
MEMPHIS PUBLIC LIBRARY WINS HIGHEST HONOR

The Memphis Public Library & Information Center has been selected as a 2007 recipient of the National Medal for Museum and Library Service. Presented by the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), this is the nation’s highest honor for museums and libraries. There were only five libraries selected this year. The distinction comes with a $10,000 monetary award and a presentation at a special ceremony held in Washington, D.C. (The date, time and location will be announced later.)

IMLS recognizes the vital role of museums and libraries in American society and presents the awards to institutions that exhibit outstanding service to their communities; honoring extraordinary civic, educational, economic, environmental, and social contributions.

According to Judith Drescher, director of libraries, the recognition is in part due to strategic partnerships. “Our selection for this award speaks volumes to the community collaborations that the library has cultivated over the years. Working within the Memphis infrastructure, we have proactively developed relationships that produce real solutions for community needs.”

U.S. Senator Bob Corker (R-TN) said, “This is a very prestigious, highly competitive national award and I’m so proud of the work the Memphis Public Library & Information Center put into receiving it. The Memphis library system has gone above and beyond, showing an extraordinary commitment and innovative approach to providing a broad range of valuable resources and services to benefit all ages and all walks of life. I congratulate them and thank them for bringing one of the 2007 National Medals for Museum and Library Service home to Tennessee.”

U.S. Representative Steve Cohen (D-TN), a longtime library supporter, nominated Memphis Public Library for the award. He said, “I take immense pride in the recognition of our own Memphis Public Library & Information Center for their outstanding service to the City of Memphis by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. IMLS ought to be commended for awarding their distinguished National Medal to our library system, and I offer my sincerest congratulations to the hardworking and dedicated staff of the Memphis Public Libraries. This honor is long overdue. The Memphis Public Library system has long been distinguished by the wide array of programs and services it offers to the community with extremely limited resources.”

Cohen added, “From the mobile InfoBUS and employment-finding services to its award-winning health information services and excellent broadcasting on television and radio, the Memphis Public Library system continually impacts the lives of the citizens of Shelby County in a positive way. For
Memphis Public Library Honored Con’t

nearly 115 years, Memphians’ thirst for knowledge has been quenched on South Front Street at the Cossitt-Goodwyn Institute, which still stands at the same location and serves as one of the 18 library branches. In 2001, the Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library opened its doors and brought the system into the 21st Century with a bang. I still get chills when I walk into that building – the beautiful architecture, the wealth of information at your fingertips and the helpful and friendly staff make us all proud to be Memphians.”

“The Institute of Museum and Library Services is pleased to recognize the community achievements of the Memphis Public Library & Information Center. The Library makes positive differences in their citizens’ lives and serves as a model for the nation’s libraries. I offer my heartfelt congratulations,” said Anne-Imelda Radice, PhD, director of IMLS.

—Lillian Johnson—
PR Supervisor
Memphis Public Library & Information Center

DECEMBER 2007 PROGRAMS
AT BLOUNT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

December holidays at the library promise a potpourri of events--combining the energy and vitality of young people from area schools with a dash of holiday spirit contributed by adult musical groups. In addition, Maryville High School’s drama department will be sharing a reader’s theatre presentation of “Men of Their Times” from Jo Carson’s book, Teller Tales.

Happy Holidays to you from the staff at the Blount County Public Library!

TEEN PROGRAMS:
• Please Note above musical programs & concerts performed by area middle school and high school students.

• Teen Central: Have you heard? Teen Central is the name of the new Teen area at the Library in the center stacks area past Biography and Reference. Check it out at your leisure.
Blount County Programs Continued

LIBRARY CLOSED FOR THESE HOLIDAYS:
• Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24, 25 & 26, the Library will be closed.

• Monday, December 31, the Library will close at 3:00 p.m. (open hours will be 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.) in observance of New Year’s Eve.

• Tuesday, January 1, the Library will be closed in observance of New Year 2008.

EXHIBITS:
• Maryville High School Student Art exhibit by students of Raquel Roy & Jeanie Parker on Art Panels at the Reading Rotunda of the Main Gallery.
• Oil Paintings by Beverly Gallow on Art Wall at library’s Bookmark Café.
• Photography by Beverly Gallow, six easel spaces in sitting areas of the Main Gallery.
• One-of-a-Kind Doll Collection by Milly van den Broek in one vertical case in the Entry Rotunda.
• Bead Jewelry by Beverly Gallow in one vertical case in the Entry Rotunda.
• American Sewing Guild coordinated by Sandy Goodson in three cubes in the Entry Rotunda.
• Vintage Holiday Ornaments display by the Reference Department in Genealogy Display Case at the Reference Desk.
• Beanie Baby Collection by Angela Self in two display cases in the Main Gallery.
• Blount County Arts & Crafts Guild Member Artwork on two easels in sitting areas of the Main Gallery.
• Display by Circulation Department on Circulation Desk Cabinets and New Books Shelves in the Main Gallery.

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS: December 2007 Phone: 273-1414
(Unless otherwise indicated, all children’s programs are in the children’s library)

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! The library will be closed on December 24, 25 & 26 as well as at 3:00 p.m. on New Year’s Eve and all day on January 1, New Year’s Day.

• Monthly Surprise Display will be showcased in the children’s library office window. The monthly topic will not be publicized, but children can guess the theme by reading clues on the library’s website. Visit the children’s library to see if you guessed the correct display topic.
Blount County Programs Continued

Elementary Age Activities:


• Sundays, Family Game Day. Families with children of all ages can enjoy a fun-filled afternoon of board games, puzzles, hopscotch, toddler bowling, play huts, and more.

• Tuesdays, 4:00 p.m., Serendipity Activities, Grades K-6, in Children’s Library. Sign up in Children’s Library to participate with new crafts.

• Colorful Thursdays offer fun and education for kids who love to color. Coloring pages with crayons, markers, and colored pencils are available at the children’s activity tables all day and evening (9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.) each Thursday.

Pre-School Story Hours & Crafts in Children’s Library Reading Pond

December Story Hour Theme: “Gifts of the Season”

• Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m., Story Bears #1, Ages 3-5 years

• Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., Pillows and PJs, Bedtime Pre-K

• Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m., Pooh Pals, Ages 2 and under

• Fridays, 10:00 a.m., Story Bears #2, Ages 3-5 years

Musical Story Hour:

• Quarterly Special: Musical Story Hour will be offered by professional presenter with stories, fun movement, and exploration of musical instruments for children ages birth to 5 years old. Our next Musical Story Hour will be January 13, 2008

All programs are free and open to the public. The Blount County Public Library is located at 508 N. Cusick Street, Maryville.
For further information about other 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 events at the library, 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 Van Sickle Sloan
Community Outreach coordinator
Blount County Public Library

MTSU’s James E. Walker Library partners with the art department to conserve paper.
MTSU INTRODUCES RECYCLING PROGRAM

The MTSU Student Art Alliance collected paper from within the library to form the streamers crossing the sixty foot atrium.

Although efforts have been undertaken to inform students about paper waste, the partnership with the SAA has introduced a new approach to this problem.

Students collected discarded paper from the printers and recycle bins in the Library over a two-week period. The paper was then translated into a visual and performance art project in the Library atrium. Paper was crumpled and hung on string across the 60 foot atrium. Paper was also collected in clear trash bags and placed in the atrium. Signage describes the project and offers advice for conserving resources. The display of thousands of sheets of paper has engendered lots of conversation in the campus community.

Did you know...

- 6.3 million pieces of paper = 755 trees
- Placed end-to-end, this paper would stretch 1100 miles
- Stacked on top of each other, the sheets would reach 2115 feet, the equivalent of three BellSouth Towers in downtown Nashville.

Students are being provided with tips for conserving paper...

1. Recycle unwanted paper
2. Print on both sides of the paper
3. Use Print Preview
4. Don’t print everything in the print queue
5. Email or save articles instead of printing

Think before you print...

Kristen Keene,
External Relations Specialist - James E. Walker Library
Middle Tennessee State University