Library Legislative Day

Tennessee Library Legislative Day 2008 is scheduled for Thursday, February 21. The Legislative Committee is proud to announce Stephanie Vance, The Advocacy Guru, will be the guest speaker.

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

9:20 - 11:25 - Program - Nashville Public Library Auditorium

11:30 - Noon - Meet your Legislator at Doubletree

Noon - 1:00 pm. - Legislative Luncheon - Doubletree Ballroom

1:00 - 5:00 - Meet with Legislators

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Reach for the Stars!

Kingsport will host this year’s annual conference from April 9-11 at the Meadowview Convention Center. Sessions scheduled for Wednesday are the Award Winning Public Libraries, with presentations by Larry Franks, Theresa McMahan, Laurel Best, Mary Serrat, and Susan Earl, Expanding Your Universe: Building a Support Network for your Rural or Small Library, and Creative, Unique Revolutionary ...Resource Rooms @ Your Library. Thursday's agenda hosts Hands-On Reinforcement for Tennessee and NACO Funnel Members, One Book/One Conference: the Camel BookMobile, and the All Conference Reception at the East Tennessee State University and General Shale Brick Natural History Museum (www.grayfossilmuseum.org).

Editor’s Note

National Public Radio's Morning Edition commentator and action figure model, Nancy Pearl will speak at the General Session of the annual conference in April at Meadowview Convention Center in Kingsport. Pearl's love of books manifests in her publications: Now Read This, Now Read This II, Book Lust, More Book Lust, Book Lust 2006: A Reader's Calendar, and Book Lust Journal.

Pearl initiated the “If All of Seattle Read the Same Book” program in 1998, which inspired similar efforts across the country. She has won numerous awards including: the Library Journal Fiction Reviewer, Allie Beth Martin Award from ALA, Washington Humanities Award, Ontario Library Association Media and Communication Award, Louis Shores Greenwood Publishing Award for Reviews, and the Women's National Book Association Award.

I will be thrilled to see her and my fellow librarians at the annual conference!

--Amy Arnold, TLANewsletter Editor
President’s Point of View

What does the Tennessee Library Association have to do with FBI agent Bassem Youssef?

Last August, the Tennessee Library Association Board of Directors unanimously endorsed ALA’s Resolution on the Use and Abuse of National Security Letters. To date, 43 state associations have joined the roster of support. Part of the resolution reads: “That the American Library Association urges Congress to pursue legislative reforms in order to provide adequate protection for each library user’s Constitutional right to be free from unwarranted and unjustified government surveillance, including... Judicial oversight of National Security Letters (NSLs) requiring a showing of individualized suspicion and demonstrating a factual connection between the individual whose records are sought by the FBI and an actual investigation...”

At the recent ALA Midwinter meeting in Philadelphia, I attended a riveting question and answer session with special guest Bassem Youssef. Mr. Youssef is the FBI agent “whistle-blower” who was the first insider to complain that the first amendment rights of many U. S. citizens were routinely being violated as the FBI conducted warrantless searches without court approval through the use of National Security Letters. Mr. Youssef claims that while supervising the FBI’s communications-analysis unit in the counterterrorism division, he became aware that “a staggering number” of National Security Letters had been issued by FBI agents without any basic understanding of terrorism or the Middle East and by agents with no Middle East language skills. They were in effect “fishing” for information with no probable cause or court oversight.

The irony of it all is that Mr. Youssef was recruited by the FBI twenty years ago because he was an Arab-American who had lived in and understood the Middle East and could speak fluent Arabic. He earned a distinguished-service medal from the CIA in 1994 after infiltrating the Islamic group led by Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman, the mastermind of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing. Following 9/11, he volunteered to use his skills to help infiltrate Al-Qaida. The FBI ignored his request in what he now contends was an act of discrimination stemming from the hysteria connecting Arab-Americans with the terrorist enemy. He made his “mistake” within the FBI when he told the agency’s director and a member of Congress of his concerns about abuse of the National Security Letters and of his own ostracism within the agency.

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In July 2006, the Justice Department’s Office of Professional Responsibility concluded that the FBI had indeed retaliated against Youssef because of the disclosures he had made. He has a lawsuit pending concerning the discrimination charges. Youssef canceled plans to deliver prepared remarks at the ALA Midwinter meeting after receiving a twelve page stop-action letter from the FBI which included threats of disciplinary action. He instead answered random questions from the audience, with legal counsel whispering in his ear throughout. He continues to work for the FBI, but his work days must be very lonely and often frightening in a closed society where he has acknowledged receiving death threats. He told a rapt audience of librarians that his strong Christian faith sees him through each day.

--Jane Pinkston, President, Tennessee Library Association

From the Executive Director’s Desk

One day it is spring (warm) and I want to be outside playing with the dogs. The next day it is Winter (cold) and all I want to do is wrap-up in my blanket and hibernate! It’s my observation that members of TLA fall into similar categories. Those who are “warm” are active participants in TLA governance and programs, while those who are “cold” are inactive names on the membership roll. TLA strives to be a vibrant “Spring/Summer” organization and that takes “warm” members. Won’t you join those who are already “warm and heading toward hot” as we support Tennessee libraries and the people who make those libraries “warm.”

--Annelle R. Huggins, TLA Executive Director

ALA Councilor’s Report

Upon the resignation of elected TN Chapter Councilor, Chrissie Anderson-Peters, the TLA Executive Committee appointed me to serve as Interim TN Chapter Councilor for the Midwinter 2008 ALA meeting. During TLA’s February/March election, nominees will be presented to complete Chrissie’s term, which will end at the close of ALA 2009 Annual Conference.

I present the following highlights of the ALA Council meetings which were held January 13 – 16, 2008:

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- Report of the Presidential Task Force on the Graduated Dues Structure:
  
  - This Task Force was charged to identify the necessary components of a comprehensive study of the feasibility of a totally graduated dues structure in place of the current dues structure; to identify other dues structures that should be explored; and to identify costs to the Association of undertaking the comprehensive study.
  
  - The Task Force recommended:
    
    ♦ A membership survey focusing on various demographic items including age; geographic location; employment status; type of library; and anticipated date of retirement;
    
    ♦ A research strategy to identify trends in the library profession;
    
    ♦ Identification and evaluation of possible dues models;
    
    ♦ Projection of the revenue impact on various dues models;
    
    ♦ A stakeholder review;
    
    ♦ A decision-making process to include discussion by ALA Council, and if approved, a vote by the membership, with subsequent administrative process changes.
  
  - The projected costs (from two research consultants) for the Task Force’s recommendations were $624,351.
  
  - The recommendations were reviewed by ALA’s Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC), who subsequently made a recommendation during another session at 2008 Council.
    
    ♦ BARC recommended that the membership survey be funded and conducted by ALA Staff
    
    ♦ BARC recommended that ALA await the final results of an already funded IMLS grant research project being led by J. M. Griffiths which is addressing future trends in the library profession.

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❖ BARC recommended that the remainder of the Task Force’s recommendations be reviewed, again, once the survey and the research project have been completed and reviewed.

❖ ALA Council accepted BARC’s recommendations.

• The ALA Endowment Trustees reported the total endowment assets increased to $31.2 million.

• The following Tennessee librarians have been nominated for Councilor-at-Large positions and will appear on the 2008 ALA ballot:
  o Tiffani Conner, University of TN, Knoxville
  o Dale Poulter, Vanderbilt University
  o Former TLA member, Aaron Dobbs (now in Pennsylvania) was also nominated

• Diane Chen, Metro Nashville Schools Librarian and ALA Councilor-at-Large, was elected to serve on the ALA Council Executive Board. Her term will be 2008 – 2011. We will then have two Tennessee librarians on the ALA Executive Board, as Larry Roman, Vanderbilt University, continues to serve on the Board through 2009.

• Jim Rettig, ALA President-Elect, announced his Presidential Initiatives:
  o The development of an advocacy kit for use by state and local library advocates;
  o The establishment of “un-conference” sessions at ALA Annual, which will allow ALA members to propose sessions not directly connected to various ALA units.

• Kieth Michael Fields, ALA Executive Director, announced:
  o ALA Website redesign;
  o Purchase of office space for CHOICE magazine in Connecticut;
  o Receipt of a grant from Verizon to study literacy and gaming.

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• ALA Honorary Membership were approved for:
  o Peggy Sullivan
  o Effie Le Morris
  o Pat Mora

• The Task Force on Electronic Member Participation, which was approved at ALA 2007 Annual has begun its work in response to the following charge:
  o To examine existing documents and develop recommendations to adapt ALA policies to help the Association move forward with effective e-participation practices; to survey current and planned e-participation throughout the ALA and its units; to explore, in consultation with BARC, the financial implications of expanded e-participation; and to report its findings to the ALA Council at the 2009 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Denver, CO.

• The Council approved the following Programmatic Priorities for FY 2009:
  o Diversity
  o Equitable Access to Information and Library Services
  o Education and Lifelong Learning
  o Intellectual Freedom
  o Advocacy for Libraries and the Profession
  o Literacy
  o Organizational Excellence

• The Council approved the establishment of a Council Committee—Advocacy Committee to work closely with the newly established ALA Office of Library Advocacy.

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• The Council approved several resolutions. Three of note were:

  o Resolved, that the American Library Association recognizes the responsibility of libraries to help all employees that are family caregivers; and, be it further resolved, that the American Library Association will form a task force to study and recommend to the Council of the American Library Association specific programs that libraries can use to support their employees who are family caregivers.

  o Resolved, that the American Library Association calls for an end to the violence in Kenya, a return to press and broadcasting freedom, and the right to peacefully assemble for the people of Kenya.

  o Resolved, that the American Library Association condemns the confiscation of documents from the Iraq National Library and Archive by the United States and British forces and strongly advocates the immediate return of all documents, and, be it further resolved, that the American Library Association calls for the United State Government to honor the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and its Second Protocol.

• Attendance at ALA 2008 Midwinter surpassed the previous two Midwinter conferences with a total of 13,601 members and vendors present in Philadelphia.

The TN Chapter Councilor also serves on the ALA-APA Council which met on January 14, 2008. I present the following items of interest:

• The ALA-APA Certified Public Library Administrator Program Certification has one graduate and 96 candidates who are in varying stages of program completion. Total course enrollment is 326 students, some of whom are not candidates for the certification program, but are taking the courses to improve their skill sets.

• National Library Workers Day is April 15, 2008.

  o Persons may nominate Library Stars – outstanding library workers – on the ALA-APA website

--Annelle R. Huggins
Interim ALA Councilor
I am pleased to announce that we are moving ahead with the OCLC WorldCat purchase! Please see below for all the details.

The deadline has been extended for the WorldBook Complete Suite for school libraries as we haven’t met the minimum number of subscribers. You can also compare WorldBook with a new Encyclopaedia Britannica offer for all types of libraries.

The discount off the one-time fee for Historical Statistics of the United States is still available. Please see below for more information on this important resource for academic and public libraries.

We also have a new discount offer for Psychoanalytic Electronic Publishing (PEP) Archive, and news on TEL training for the new databases. Our free databases this week focus on African-American History Month. For more information, please visit http://www.tenn-share.org/

--DeAnne Luck
TENN-SHARE Database Coordinator
LuckDL@wildblue.net

Call for TENN-SHARE Board Applicants

TENN-SHARE is seeking applications and nominations for the following Board positions for 2008-2010: Secretary; Treasurer; One (1) Academic Library Representative; One (1) Public Library Representative; Two (2) School Library Representatives; and One (1) Special Library Representative. Terms will begin on July 1, 2008 and end June 30, 2010. All members of the TENN-SHARE Board represent a library or information provider that is a member of TENN-SHARE. Term of service is two years. The Board consists of a President, Vice President/President-Elect, Past-President, Secretary and Treasurer; three representatives each from Academic, Public and School Libraries; two representatives from Special Libraries; one from an Affiliate member organization; and three Ex Officio members: a representative from the Tennessee State Library and Archives; the TENN-SHARE webmaster; and the Representative of the Tennessee Union List of Serials. For a list of the current members of the TENN-SHARE Board go to www.tenn-share.org. For an application form or to nominate someone please contact Judy Drescher, judydrescher@comcast.net, Chair of the TENN-SHARE Nominating Committee. Deadline for nominations is Friday, February 15. Please don’t hesitate to contact Judy or me should you have questions.

--Penny Frere, Executive Director
PennyFrere@bellsouth.net
PFrere@hotmail.com
Vice President/President-Elect: 
STEPHEN PATRICK

EDUCATION: 
MSLS, University of Tennessee – Knoxville, School of Library & Information Science  
August 1976  
BA in Art, Southwestern at Memphis (now Rhodes College), June 1973

POSITIONS: 
Professor and Head, Documents/Law/Maps, 1996 – present

Associate Professor, 1980-96  
Assistant Professor, 1982-89  
Sherrod Library, East Tennessee State University

Government Documents Librarian  
Business, Science and Local History Section  
Greenville County (SC) Library, 1978-82

Library Assistant, Arts and Audiovisual Section  
Greenville County (SC) Library, 1976-78

TLA ACTIVITIES: 
Member, Tennessee Library Association (TLA), 1976, 1982-2007  
Life Member, 2007-present

TLA Representative to SELA, 1999-2006

Co-chair, Advisory Committee on State Documents, 2006-08

Chair, Advisory Committee on State Documents, 1984-86, 1992-96, 2003-05

Member, Conference Planning Committee, 2000 Kingsport Conference, 1999-2000


Member, Long Range Planning Committee, 1985-87

Member, Nominating Committee, 1994-95

Member, GODORT, 1982-present

Chair, GODORT, 1983-84, 1988-89, 2005-06

Member, Library Instruction Round Table, 1984-90

Member, Reference Round Table, 1985-90

Member, Resource Sharing Round Table, 1984-91

Member, Boone Tree Library Association, 2003-present

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES:  
Member, American Library Association (ALA), 1982-present

Member, ALA/ACRL ARTS, 1987-present

Secretary, ALA/ACRL ARTS, 1987-89

Co-Chair, ALA/ACRL ARTS Program Planning Committee, 1991 Atlanta Conference, 1990-91

Member, ALA/GODORT, 1982-present

Liaison to GODORT Affiliates, 1988-89

Chair, ALA/GODORT 20th Anniversary Committee, 1991-92

Member, ALA/GODORT Program Planning Committee, 1991 Atlanta Conference, 1990-91
STEPHEN PATRICK
REGIONAL AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES
con't:
Member, ALA/GODORT/State & Local Documents Task Force (SLDTF), 1982-present
Secretary, ALA/GODORT/SLDTF, 1987-88
Vice-Coordinator, ALA/GODORT/SLDTF, 1989-90
Coordinator, ALA/GODORT/SLDTF, 1990-91
Coordinator, ALA/GODORT/SLDTF, Notable State Documents Panel, 1991-95
Member, ARLIS/KY-TN, 1976
Charter member, ARLIS/KY-TN, 1984-86
Chair, ARLIS/KY-TN, 1987-89
Member, ARLIS/Southeast Chapter, 1977-present
Awarded Life Membership (following my 25th year of continuous attendance), ARLIS/SE, 2001
Chapter Historian/Archivist, 1993-present
Chapter Chair, LoPresti Art Publishing Award, 1986-87, 1990-91, 2003-04
Chair, LoPresti Art Publishing Award, 1990, 2004
Coordinator, Mary Ellen LoPresti Southeastern Art Publishing Award, 2004-08
Member, South Carolina Library Association (SCLA), 1976-82
Member, SCLA/SLA, 1978-82
Chair, SCLA/SLA, 1980-81
Member, Joint NC/SCLA Conference Committee, 1981 Charlotte Conference, 1980-81
Member, Southeastern Library Association (SELA), 1976-present
SELA – TLA Representative, 1999-2006
Chair, Mary Utopia Rothrock Award Committee, 2004-06
Co-Chair, Planning Committee, 2004-08
Member, SELA/GODORT, 1982-present
Chair, SELA/GODORT, 1984-86
Chair, Mary Utopia Rothrock Award Committee, 1981 Charlotte Conference, 1980-81
Member, Southeastern Library Association (SELA), 1976-present
SELA – TLA Representative, 1999-2006
Chair, Mary Utopia Rothrock Award Committee, 2004-06
Co-Chair, Planning Committee, 2004-08
Member, SELA/GODORT, 1982-present
Chair, SELA/GODORT, 1984-86
Member, Architecture Section, 1982-present
Member, Reference & Information Services Section, 1991-95
Member, Visual Resources Division, 1976-91
Member, ARLIS/Kentucky-Tennessee-West Virginia Chapter, 1982-95 [disbanded]
Member, Architecture Section of North America (ARLIS/NA), 1976-present
Member, Conference Planning Committee, 24th Annual Conference 1996, Miami Beach, 1993-96
Program Chair, 24th Annual Conference 1996, Miami Beach, 1993-96
Member, International Relations Committee, 1981-85
Member, Membership Committee, 1987-90
Member, Professional Development Committee, 1994-98
Member, Wittenborn Award Committee, 1983-84
Member, Conference Planning Committee, 24th Annual Conference 1996, Miami Beach, 1993-96
Program Chair, 24th Annual Conference 1996, Miami Beach, 1993-96
Member, International Relations Committee, 1981-85
Member, Membership Committee, 1987-90
Member, Professional Development Committee, 1994-98
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Program Chair, 24th Annual Conference 1996, Miami Beach, 1993-96
Member, International Relations Committee, 1981-85
Member, Membership Committee, 1987-90
Member, Professional Development Committee, 1994-98
Member, Wittenborn Award Committee, 1983-84
PRESENTATIONS:


“Librarians as Campus Leaders,” Co-presenter with Doug Raber, TLA Conference, Kingsport, April 2000


“Election Year 2004: Political Science Resources,” Co-Presenter with Kevin Reynolds and Jane Rowe, Co-sponsored by GODORT and Reference Roundtable, TLA Conference Knoxville, April 2004


“Legal Information 101,” Co-Presenter with Charlene Cunniffe, Sponsored by the Reference Roundtable, TLA Conference, Chattanooga, April 2007


MAJOR PUBLICATIONS:

DVD Reviewer, Library Journal, 2004-present

Article, “Government Documents and the Art Librarian: a selected annotated bibliography of art and art-related documents...”, ARLIS/NA Newsletter, vol. 9, no. 1:1-7 (December 1980)

Column Editor, “New Docs in SuDocs – Artistically Speaking,” ARLIS/NA Newsletter, 9(2) 1981 through Art Documentation v.2 - 1995


Article, “Legal Resources in Art: a bibliographic search strategy,” Art Reference Services Quarterly (ARSQ), 1 (1) 1993: 63-83 (charter issue)

Article, “Priceless Resources for Treasure Hunters: library resources on valuing antiques and other valuables,” Library Journal 126 (6): 69+ (April 1, 2001)

OTHER NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS:
ETSU Distinguished Faculty Award for Service, 1994

President, ETSU Faculty Senate, 1999-2000

Member, ETSU Faculty Senate, 1994-2006

ETSU Liaison to TBR Faculty Sub-Council, 1999-2000, 2002-08

Chair, TBR Faculty Sub-Council, 2007-08

Inducted ETSU Chapter, Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, 1990

Life Member, Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, 1993-present
STEPHEN PATRICK
OTHER NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS con’t:
Outstanding Young Men of America (National Junior Chamber of Commerce) 1982 edition; 1986 edition


POSITION STATEMENT:
There is a strong tradition of TLA Presidents developing goals or initiatives that help guide the association in the upcoming years. These concepts serve as a road map for strengthening TLA bonds between libraries and their communities, whether they are schools or campuses, neighborhoods or cities. Each of us, as members of TLA, have a vested interest in raising the level of our visibility and influence to provide better access and services to our primary constituents.

The digital sphere of influence will continue to be ever present in our lives, but we should not forget the tradition of the printed word that is still near and dear to many of us. There will always be the challenges to balance the electronic and those tangible objects of desire – books.

If elected as President, I would like the Tennessee Library Association to strive together to build new coalitions with groups and organizations that will help promote Tennessee heritage and culture to its citizens, as well as improve their information access to the world beyond the borders of our walls and communities.

TLA has incredible potential and if we continue to work together for a common good we should be able to increase our effectiveness and push the boundaries to include new audiences and awareness for cultural and informational literacy, as well as the role libraries can play in lifelong learning for all Tennesseans.

Therefore the theme of my presidency will be “Promoting Tennessee for Tennesseans and Beyond through Heritage and Culture, Libraries and Literacy.”

To accomplish these objectives, we need to:

* Promote and highlight Tennessee authors and writers through displays and websites, book clubs and the “Big Read.”

* Partner with organizations including the UT Tennessee Authors Project, the Tennessee Writers Alliance, the Appalachian Writers Association, Humanities Tennessee (Tennessee Humanities Council) and others.

* Enhance the visibility of the Tennessee Center for the Book by strengthening ties between TLA, the Tennessee State Library and Archives, and Humanities Tennessee.

* Partner with the Tennessee Literacy Coalition, the UT Center for Literacy Studies, and Lifelong Literacy with the Library of Congress to provide new avenues of cooperation.

* Expand and enhance TEL into a web portal to all levels of Tennessee information and resources by creating a gateway for students and teachers, businesses and nonprofits, citizens and visitors.

NANCY RENFRO
EDUCATION:
MLIS: University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (1993)
BA (English): Meredith College (1991)

POSITIONS:
Watauga Regional Library Director, 2004-Present
Milligan College Reference/Collection Development Librarian, 1999-2004
Moore County (NC) Library Director, 1997-1999
NANCY RENFRO

POSITIONS con’t:
San Antonio Public Library Bibliographic Services Manager, 1995-1997

Harlingen (TX) Public Library, 1993-1995:
- Assistant Director
- Acting Director
- Head of Technical Services

TLA ACTIVITIES:
TLA Annual Conference Programs Co-Chair, 2007-2008
Tennessee Library Association Member, 2002-Present

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES:
Tenn-Share Strategic Planning Committee Co-Chair, 2007

Tenn-Share Special Libraries Representative, 2006-Present

Tenn-Share Member, 2006-Present

Boone Tree Library Association Member, 2004-Present

NCLA Publications and Marketing Committee Member, 1998-1999

North Carolina Library Association Member, 1997-1999

Texas Library Association Member, 1993-1997
1993-1999

American Library Association Member, 2004-Present:

MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND LEARNED SOCIETIES:
University School Advisory Committee Member, 2006-Present

Carter County Imagination Library Board, 2005-2006

Milligan College Strategic Planning Committee, 2002-2004
Delta Kappa Gamma Member, 1998-2005; (Treasurer 2003-2005)

Moore County Literacy Council Board, 1998-1999

Moore County Partners for Children & Families Board, 1997-1999; (Secretary)

1993-1994: United Way Harlingen Committee Member

HONORS, AWARDS, PRIZES, MEDALS, CITATIONS
Department of the Year, Moore County, 1998

SALSA Award for chairing Children’s Spanish Language Catalog Committee, 1997

BRIEF STATEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL CONCERNS:
I am thrilled at the possibility of serving as the Vice President/President Elect of the Tennessee Library Association. I believe there is much potential in this organization, and would like to have the opportunity to work with library staff from all manners and types of libraries.

I bring a unique perspective to this position, having worked in public, academic, and special libraries, from small to extremely large. I am aware of the challenges faced by each type of library, but am convinced that we all share common goals for our users and the services we want to provide them.

I am a proponent of resource sharing of all kinds, and would like to begin to dialogue with other organizations to enable us all to provide the best, most cost effective services for our patrons. But patrons are only part of the picture. We also must find ways to grow new librarians and keep those of us who have been in the profession for many years excited and fresh.
NANCY RENFRO  
BRIEF STATEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL CONCERNS  
I am extremely proud to be a librarian, and want to ensure that libraries and librarians continue to be vibrant and vital in our twenty first century world. I would use this platform to find ways for all of us to speak together with one voice on issues important to libraries.

JANICE KECK  
EDUCATION:  
BA, Oakland University  
UTK  
MSLIS, UTK  
MPA (Public Admin)  
TSU  
ABD (Public Admin.)  

EXPERIENCE:  
Williamson C. PL:  
Director, 1979 – present  

TTU:  Acquisitions  
Dept. Head, 1977-79  

TLA ACTIVITIES:  
Intellectual Freedom  
Comm.Member,1981-1983  

Chair, 1987-1988  

Literacy Roundtable,  
Vice-Chair, 1987-89  

Public Library Section,  
Chair, 1987-88  

REGIONAL AND OTHER ASSOCIATIONS ACTIVITIES:  
Member:  
ALA  
PLA  
TLA  
FOTL  
Williamson Co. Literary Council  
Amer. Soc. of Publ. Admin., 1980-82  

HONORS/AWARDS:  
Sequoia Award medal  

TN General Assembly Resolution of Appreciation, 2005  

Jane Langston Service Award  

Williamson Co. Council for the Written Word, 2004  

Outstanding Partner, Williamson Co. Clean Air Partnership  

PROFESSIONAL CONCERNS:  
My driving interest lies in the areas of intellectual freedom and free access to information. I believe that each library worker should be knowledgeable about the law and its interpretations. Library workers should strive to improve access to information and library resources in every aspect of the library. These are areas in which I have worked during my career and continue to pursue at work and through workshops and training.

Recording Secretary  

DINAH HARRIS  
EDUCATION:  
Cert. Public Library Manager, State of TN, 2005  
BS, Bethel College, 2006  
MLIS, Univ. of Alabama, expected August 2008  

EXPERIENCE:  
Everett Horn Library, Lexington-Henderson Co:  
Director, Dec. 2000 – present  

Ass’t. Director and various positions, 1994-2000  

TLA ACTIVITIES:  
Member, 2001 – present  

Committees:  
Public Relations  
Member, 2005-07  
Co-Chair, 2007-08  
Nominating:  
Chair, 2006-07
DINAH HARRIS
TLA ACTIVITIES:
Section:
Public Library Chair, 2006-07
Vice-Chair, 2005-06
REGIONAL & OTHER ASSOCIATIONS ACTIVITIES:
Golden Key Int’l Honor Society, Univ. Alabama, 2007-present
Southeastern Library Association Member, 2006 – present
Gamma Beta Phi, Bethel College, Member, 2005-06
American Library Association, Member, 2002 - present
President, 2000
HONORS & AWARDS:
Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers, 1996; 2003-04; 2004-05
Civic League Scholarship, 1996
Business & Prof. Women’s Club:
Woman of the Year, 1997 Scholarship, 2000
Nat’l Dean’s List, 1999-2000; 2004-05
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:
I consider it a privilege to be a part of the awesome group of Librarians that make up the TLA constituency, and I would be honored to serve as Recording Secretary of TLA if elected.

BESS ROBINSON
EDUCATION:
BA, Centenary College of LA, 1983
MLS, Indiana University, 1992
MA, University of Memphis, 2001
EXPERIENCE:
University of Memphis, Reference Lib./Assoc. Prof., 2000 – present
Ass’t Prof. 1998-2000
Instructor, 1994-1998
TLA ACTIVITIES:
Offices:
Recording Secretary, 2006-07
Assoc. Editor, Tennessee Librarian, 1995-1998
Committees:
Program Planning, 1995
Public Relations, 1996-99
Centennial Comm.Chair, Co-Chair, 1999-2004
Honors & Award, Co-Chair, 1999-2002
Public Relations, Co-Chair, 1997-99; 2002-03
Sections:
College & Univ. Libraries Member, 1995- present
Roundtables:
TN Library Instruction, Member, 1995 – present Secretary, 2003-04 Chair-Elect, 2004-05 Chair, 2005-06
Reference and Info. Serv., Member, 1995 – present
REGIONAL & OTHER ASSOCIATIONS ACTIVITIES:
DRAGONS, Secretary, 2001-2004
Memphis Area Library Council, Member, 2001 – present
American Library Association, Member, 1991 – present
New Members Roundtable, Member, 1995
ACRL Member, 1996-present;
English & Amer. Lit. Sect.Member, 1996-98
Instruction Sect. Member, 1996-present
Univ. Libs. Section, Member, 1996-present
HONORS & AWARDS:
Outstanding Service as Recording Secretary, TLA, 2007
BESS ROBINSON
HONORS & AWARDS:
2002 James E. Ward Library Instruction Award
Phi Kappa Phi Membership; conferred, 1999
Friends of the Alexander M. Bracken Lib. Scholarship, 1992
Nat’l Basic Reading Tutor of the Year, 1987

PROFESSIONAL CONCERNS:
As Recording Secretary, I would do my best to contribute to the continuing success of the Tennessee Library Association by facilitating clear, concise, and timely communication among the members of the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, and the general membership, and in doing so, help preserve the written history of the organization.

Working with TLA has been rewarding to me since I became a member in 1995. I would welcome the opportunity to continue my commitment to the Association in the role of Recording Secretary.

ALA Chapter Councilor
CATHY M. FARLEY
EDUCATION:
BS in Sec. Education, TTU, 1994
Certified PL Manager, TN Dept. of State/ UT, 2000
MA in Lib. Sci., TTU, 2004

 EXPERIENCE:
White County Public Library Director, 1997 – present

TLA ACTIVITIES:
Member, 1998 - present

Offices:
Vice President/Pres.Elect, 2004-05
President, 2005-06
Past President, 2006-07

Committees:
Staff Development
Strategic Planning, Co-Chair, 2006-07
Executive, 2004-07
Legislative, Co-Chair, 2007-08

Roundtable:
CYA, Chair, 2002-04

REGIONAL AND OTHER ASSOCIATIONS ACTIVITIES:
American Library Association, Member, 2000 – present

PROFESSIONAL CONCERNS:
As a candidate for TN’s ALA Chapter Councilor, I promise to do my best to represent the Tennessee Library Association, its members and its libraries on a national level. I will faithfully attend meetings and give a quarterly report to the TLA Board and to the membership as needed.

I have attended several ALA Conferences and look forward to learning more about the workings of the Association. Thank you for considering me as a candidate.

KEVIN REYNOLDS
EDUCATION:
BA, Western KY University, 1992
Graduate studies in Hebrew Bible, Vanderbilt Univ., 1993-94
MSIS, UT, expected May 2008

 EXPERIENCE:
Sewanee: The University of the South, Ass’t University Librarian for Learning & Access Services, 2004 – present
Head, Reference, 2002-04
Head, Gov’t. Docs, 1995-2001
Smyrna PL, Branch Manager, 2001-02

TLA ACTIVITIES:
Committees:
Conference Planning, 2007/08
Sponsorships, Co-Chair
Advisory Comm. on State Docs., Co-Chair, 2007-08
Chair, 2006-07
Legislation, Member, 2000-01

Roundtable:
GODORT, Chair, 2004,05; 1997-98

REGIONAL AND OTHER ASSOCIATIONS ACTIVITIES:
Chair, 2005-07
GODORT Bylaws Committee, Member, 2007-09
KEVIN REYNOLDS
REGIONAL AND OTHER ASSOCIATIONS ACTIVITIES:
ALA CONT’
Comm. on Membership Meetings, Member, 2003-05

GODORT Legislation Comm.,
Member, 1999-2001
Chair, 1999-2000

GODORT Federal Docs. Task Force,
Secretary, 1997-98

ACRL, Member
LAMA, Member
GODORT, Member
SRRT, Member

HONORS / AWARDS:
ALA’s GODORT’s W. David Rozkuszka Scholarship, 2005

PROFESSIONAL CONCERNS:
Libraries are fundamental to our society. They provide services and resources that facilitate literacy, life-long learning, and the basic ability to function in a rapidly changing world. All types of Tennessee libraries face increasing demands that underscore our need to collaborate at the local, state and national levels. We need to make the most of limited resources and to capitalize on the expertise and knowledge that such cooperation can provide. One aspect of this collaboration is the Tennessee Library Association’s (TLA) involvement in the American Library Association (ALA), and that begins with an effective TLA Representative to ALA Council (called a Chapter Councilor).

As Tennessee’s Chapter Councilor, I will work to provide a Tennessee perspective on ALA Council as policies and other initiatives are created and carried out at the national level. I will strive to keep Tennesseans well informed of ALA activities – in part to gain feedback to represent you better and in part to keep you abreast of what is going on in ALA.

For ten years I have been an active member of TLA, serving twice as chair of the Government Documents Round Table and serving on the TLA Board of Directors. I also generally host the annual day-long fall meeting of the GODORT members and other Tennessee government information specialists. Additionally, I have given presentations at TLA annual conferences.

I also know a good bit about the ins and outs of working in ALA at the national level. I am familiar with the policy-making process in ALA thanks to several years of service on the Committee on Legislation’s Government Information Subcommittee, on the Government Documents Round Table, and on other ALA groups.

I have broad experience so that I can represent the diversity of Tennessee libraries and library staff. I have worked in both public and academic libraries, and I have held jobs in Tennessee ranging from library student assistant to Assistant University Librarian. This makes me well-equipped to serve as an effective member of ALA Council and advocate for Tennessee libraries and library workers.

I am committed to promoting advocacy efforts for libraries as well as policies and programs that support free, open access to libraries and the essential information and services they provide to all users. Among the issues with which I am most concerned include funding for staffing and resources for school and public libraries; unfettered, permanent public access to government information; First Amendment and intellectual freedom issues; ample opportunities for library workers to continue to develop their knowledge and skills in a rapidly-changing world; the digital divide and equity of access to needed resources by all persons; information literacy and lifelong learning; scholarly communication issues; and more. Thanks to my involvement in both TLA and ALA, I have had the opportunity to work in various ways on initiatives directed towards most of these concerns.

With your vote I will work to make the Tennessee library community well-represented in ALA. I will strive to contribute to ALA policies and other efforts that support the mission of the Tennessee Library Association and all libraries and
library workers in the state. Together, we can help ensure that libraries remain pillars of our communities and a resource on which all can rely now and into the future.

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IMLS CONNECTING TO COLLECTIONS GRANT AWARD

The Institute of Museum and Library Services has awarded the Tennessee State Library and Archives and Tennessee State Museum a $40,000 grant for a project entitled "Preserving Tennessee's Cultural Heritage: A Statewide Conservation Initiative." Carol Roberts, Director of Preservation Services at TSLA, will work the state museum to identify the preservation needs of Tennessee’s cultural heritage collections. The two agencies will survey and identify urgent conservation needs, assess environmental conditions of storage sites, and provide educational resources for conservation of collections. Project activities include: a statewide survey of museums, archives, libraries, and historic sites; on-site consultation with staff to consider specific improvements; and educational workshops on proper environmental conditions and disaster preparedness. View the winners of this year's grants at http://www.imls.gov/news/2008/012308_list.shtm. For more information, contact Carol Roberts at (615) 253-6446.

STIRRING UP THE PAST: REVOLUTIONS IN TENNESSEE COOKING

TSLA proudly presents a tempting exhibit, Stirring Up the Past: Revolutions in Tennessee Cooking, from January 17 – June 13, 2008. An old Spanish Proverb declares, “The belly rules the mind.” You are warmly invited to an exhibit that will make your stomach rumble and spark your thought. Tennesseans believe our home-cooking is the most tantalizing food in the South, and we are going to take you on a journey to see just how we have earned our indisputable reputation. The exhibit delves into Native American cooking, Pioneer/Civil War cooking, Victorian cooking and cooking in the Modern Age. The collection of recipes from 1767 to 1985 is worth the trip! For more information, call Lori Lockhart at (615) 253-8713.

NEWLY AVAILABLE ONLINE RESOURCES FROM TSLA!

The TSLA Photograph/Image Collection, 2) The Tennessee Historical Society Picture Collection, 3) Tennessee Department of Conservation Photograph Collection, 4) Looking Back at Tennessee Photograph Collection, and 5) the TSLA Portrait Collection. The link is available from the TSLA homepage or at http://tnsos.org/tsla/imagesearch/index.php. If you have additional questions regarding the Photograph and Image Search, please email us at reference.tsla@state.tn.us or call (615) 741-2764.

The Nashville City Directory of 1853-1854 is now digital and accessible through ArchiveIt from our home page http://state.tn.us/tsla/ or www.tennessee.gov/tsla. Contents of this directory include references to businesses outside of the city of Nashville and the state of Tennessee. TSLA staff created JPEG digital images in this collection from microfilm copies of print versions of the city directory, which were digitized using a microfilm scanner. They also created PDF files of the images for ease in printing.

We have recently added a collection on the Tennessee Centennial Exposition of 1896 to TeVA, the Tennessee Virtual Archive (http://tsla-teva.state.tn.us/).
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NEWLY AVAILABLE ONLINE RESOURCES FROM TSLA!

Other collections include Arts, Crafts and Folklife Photographs, a Fisk University scrapbook, the Rose Music Collection, Tennessee Postcards, and Tennessee in World War I.

The Index to Tennessee Death Records for 1923 was posted on the TSLA web site in mid-December. The listings for 1924 will be added to the web site in early February. Patrons can view these death indexes (starting with 1914) at http://www.tennessee.gov/tsla/history/vital/tndeath.htm.

UPCOMING EVENT: FINDING YOUR SOLDIER IN THE WAR OF 1812

TSLA Public Services will host a seminar entitled “Finding Your Soldier in the War of 1812” April 5, 2008 presented by Tom Kanon, TSLA historian/archivist. The goal is to aid researchers seeking to discover information about ancestors who participated in the War of 1812. For more information: Email tsla.workshops@state.tn.us or call (615)741-2764.

TENNESSEE ELECTRONIC LIBRARY UPDATES

The new TEL web page is located at www.tntel.info. Please publicize it widely to library staff and patrons. While the page is still under development, it serves as an entry portal to the three vendors who provide resources to the Tennessee Electronic Library. New resources such as tutorials, training and marketing materials, and links to news articles about TEL are coming soon!

GALE Live Meeting for added features to Gale databases February 25 and 27, 2008, at 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. (CST)

--Genny Carter
Public Relations & Data Coordinator
Tennessee State Library and Archives

from the HBCU Library Alliance

Founding of Historically Black Colleges and Universities Celebrated Online collection includes more than 1,000 scanned items from HBCU institutions The first digital collection of documents and materials chronicling the founding of America’s historically black colleges and universities is now available online at contentdm.auctr.edu. “A Digital Collection Celebrating the Founding of the Historically Black College and University” includes more than 1,000 scanned photographs, manuscripts, letters and publications from 10 institutions designated as Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU).

The project, which was funded by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, represents the first collaborative effort by HBCU libraries to make a historical collection digitally available. The online collection, which is hosted by the Robert W. Woodruff Library of the Atlanta University Center, is the product of a partnership between the HBCU Library Alliance, HBCU institutions, the Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET) and Cornell University.

The contents of the collection date back to the early 1800s and include campus charters, student yearbooks, early campus architectural drawings, and a rich assortment of photographs featuring first presidents, graduating classes, famous alumni and churches, which often served as the first classrooms at several of these institutions.

“This is an excellent resource for scholars and others interested in understanding the importance of institutions of higher learning founded by African-Americans. It offers direct access to original documents and images chronicling the story of these institutions,
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which are usually only available to researchers by travel to the institutions themselves,” said Dorothy Autrey, chair of the history and political science department at Alabama State University. “The HBCU digital library collection opens the door to an area of the African-American experience, which can now receive the study and attention it deserves — the amazing contributions of historically black colleges and universities in the general struggle of a people for freedom and equality.” The online collection features materials from Alabama State University, Atlanta University Center, Bennett College for Women, Fisk University, Grambling State University, Hampton University, Southern University, Tuskegee University, Tennessee State University and Virginia State University.

To view materials from the collection, go to contentdm.auctr.edu. For more information about the partnership and the HBCU Library Alliance digital library initiative, visit http://hbculibraries.org/html/programs.html. About HBCU Library Alliance The HBCU Library Alliance is a consortium that supports the collaboration of institutions dedicated to providing resources designed to strengthen the libraries of Historically Black Colleges and Universities and their constituents. The purpose of the HBCU Alliance is to ensure the excellence in HBCU Libraries and the development, coordination, and promotion of programs and activities to enhance member libraries.

--Fatima Hyder
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Public Library News

SELLING WHAT YOU WRITE: PUBLISHED AUTHOR SHARES TIPS FOR GETTING WORK IN PRINT

Writing a book or magazine article takes talent, time and research. Once a piece is written, however, publishing the work also requires talent, time and research of a different nature. For aspiring authors, published author, Shannon Cournoyer, will lead a one-hour workshop on “Selling What You Write,” at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 25, at the Blount County Public Library.

Providing tips on how to take your writing from the idea stage to sitting in front of agents and editors, this class will explain how to polish writing, how to write query letters, the complexities of manuscript formats and other information to help get prospective authors and their writing on the “write” track. Whether an author wants to write magazine articles, a romance novel or short stories, the selling process is similar, and Cournoyer will provide explanations along with a question and answer session following the presentation.

A fulltime freelance writer, Cournoyer has been especially successful having work published in various magazines, including an article in the February 13th issue of one of Maryville’s own local weekly newspapers, Blount Today. Written with Lance Coleman, the article’s title is, “Howard Greene’s Fiddles Can Make
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Musicians Forget Stradivarius.”

She currently writes articles on history, travel and other subjects for the local publications East Tennessee’s Mountain Views and Downtown Knoxville and Everything West. In addition, Cournoyer has an article in the current issue of Pilot Getaways magazine, has sold an article to the Elks Magazine and had articles published in Northwest Women magazine and the North Idaho Business Journal for Women.

Now actively seeking an agent for her mystery for girls and a nonfiction book, Cournoyer was born and raised in Alaska, earned a BA degree in Journalism/Public Communications as well as a secondary teaching certificate from the University of Alaska, Anchorage.

BILL LEA TO PRESENT:
CADES COVE: WINDOW TO A SECRET WORLD

Breath-taking scenic views. Animals with Personality-Plus, including a stag nick-named “Bob” because of a shorter-than-usual tail. Ice-frosted plants. Maple leaves clinging to a dewy spider web suspended between barbed fence wires. Sun-splashed fields, cloud-covered meadows, full-color palette sunrises, shadowy mountain crests, clutches of fog fingers hugging log cabins.

All of these images and more draw the reader to “Cades Cove: Window to a Secret World.”

Bill Lea, professional photographer, created a stunning photo album, assembled pages into a book, added tidbits of history and natural history commentary…and invites the reader to share views of Cades Cove through his camera lens. Capturing Albert Einstein’s concept of nature, Lea quotes Einstein on his web site: “Our task must be to free ourselves by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature and its beauty”.

On Tuesday, February 19, at 7:00 p.m., Lea will provide another opportunity for the public to experience his brilliant photography and delightful commentary during a presentation at the Blount County Public Library.

In his charming, low-key manner, Lea states on his web site, www.BillLea.com. “I believe the Lord has blessed us with so much beauty in the world. My photography focuses on the various components of His creation. He is the Master Artist; I am simply the student. Perhaps these images will help inspire a greater appreciation for our natural world and a deep reverence for all life…I hope so.”

While viewing Cades Cove through the “window” of the pages of Lea’s photography album-like book, Lea introduces the reader to Tony Hillerman’s observations in The Ghostway: “Feel it and smell it, walk on it, touch the stones, and it will be with you forever. When you are far away, you can call it back. When you need it, it is there in your mind” (from Tony Hillerman’s The Ghostway).

Drawing from several publications about Cades Cove and from personal interviews with several local Cades Cove authors and/or historians, Lea’s textual captions and historic comments reflect his almost-spiritual photographic images.

Thus, the Lea’s reader experiences a secret window to Cades Cove that depicts not only stunning visual images but also images with an almost-spiritual quality.

-- Joan VanSickle Sloan
Community Outreach Coordinator
Blount County Public Library
Carolyn Wilson Honored at Mentoring Luncheon

Ms. Wilson will be one of three leaders of the Nashville community to be honored on Friday, February 29 at A Celebration of Women Mentoring Women Luncheon, a fundraiser benefiting the Maternal Infant Health Outreach Worker (MIHOW) program of the Center for Health Services at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

The luncheon will take place from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 pm at the main branch of the Nashville Public Library (615 Church St.). Tickets are $60 apiece or $500 for a table of 10. They may be purchased by calling 615-297-2125. Diane Neighbors, Vice Mayor, is Honorary Chair of the Luncheon. Honorees are: Vali Forrister, Carolyn Wilson, and Kim Wyche-Etheridge.

Carolyn Wilson is director of the Beaman Library at Lipscomb University, and has served on the boards of numerous organizations in the community, including the Women’s National Book Association—Nashville chapter and the Tennessee Writer’s Alliance.

MIHOW is a non-profit organization that trains local women to serve as mentors to other women in their community. These mentors visit pregnant women and families with young children up to three years of age in their homes to promote healthy living and self-sufficiency. Leading by example, they listen to parents’ concerns, educate them about nutrition, health and children's development, model positive parenting practices, and provide links to medical and social services.

“MIHOW works from a strength-based approach, which means that every woman has strengths, regardless of her situation,” says Tonya Elkins, director of MIHOW. “We work on drawing out those strengths in each woman. The women that we train draw on their own experiences, and they form an important relationship with another mother.”

MIHOW has seen quantifiable improvements through its programs, including: earlier prenatal care, more prenatal care visits, more needed vitamin and iron supplements, less smoking and caffeine consumption, and better preparation for labor and delivery. In addition, the mentors themselves grow and improve as they develop skills and confidence in their own abilities.

A luncheon honoring women mentors in the community is a wonderful extension of the mentoring component of MIHOW, said Elkins.

“This is something that women do naturally in their lives,” she noted. Honoree Carolyn Wilson agreed.

“I think if you enjoy what you do and you feel it is useful to people, you want to share this and hope some will catch the enthusiasm,” she said. “I have tried to do this not just in my daily position but in organizational work, professional societies, and serving on charitable boards and offices.”

The organization’s website: www.mihow.org.

This article is an excerpt from an original press release by Barbie Chadwick. Serenity Gerbman, Director of Literature and Language Programs for Humanities Tennessee, presented the news lead.

LINEBAUGH LIBRARY ANNOUNCES 2008 WINTER READING PROGRAM:

Strengthening the Resolve to Read

Underwritten by the Friends of Linebaugh Library, the Resolve to Read Winter Reading Program encourages the patrons (16 years +) across Rutherford County to read five (5) books over the course of
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January and February 2008, at the rate of one book a week.

Beginning January 22, 2008, patrons may sign up for the program at Linebaugh Library and receive an information packet about the program. After that, it’s simple; patrons may follow their own interests and read five (5) selections over the course of five weeks (January 22-February 29 2008). That’s one book a week, on any topic that suits them—fiction, non-fiction, traditional print, large print, audiobooks, e-books, all count towards fulfilling the five book requirement.

To receive credit for completing each selection, participants then fill out a brief review form (included in the information packet or available at http://www.linebaugh.org/linebaugh/wrpform.htm), and return it to the circulation desk. Besides receiving credit, returning the review forms also makes each participant eligible for a prize drawing to be held weekly, culminating in a grand prize drawing to be held February 29.

While any title, on any subject or theme, counts towards the five (5) book goal, there will be book discussions for this year’s One Book selection, The Great Santini by Pat Conroy with the Afternoon Book Club discussion on February 7, 2 p.m. at Linebaugh Library. There will be another book discussion on Suite Francaise by Irene Nemirovsky with the Tuesday Evening Book Discussion Group on February 19, 6:30 p.m. at Linebaugh Library.

For further information, see http://www.linebaugh.org/linebaugh/wrp.htm or to schedule an interview, contact Joe Sauer at jsauer@linebaugh.org or David O’Flaherty at doflaherty@linebaugh.org.

—Shannon Messer
Linebaugh Public Library

FRIENDS OF THE
LIBRARY
DONATE BOOKS FOR A
GOOD CAUSE

Colorful READ Posters featuring teenage movie and music icons adorn the walls. New bookshelves and furniture punctuate the space set aside for this new library. The promise of self-discovery and inspiration abound on every shelf—on every page. It is cause for celebration! However, the reason to celebrate has more to do with the users than the library itself.

For the first time in its history, thanks in great part to the Friends of the Memphis Public Library & Information Center, the Memphis and Shelby County Juvenile Detention Center recently dedicated libraries for male and female youth. The Friends provided 600 books for the openings at the detention libraries. The books were given to the Friends and in turn, members sorted and selected quality, age-appropriate materials on a variety of topics and on all reading levels for the new libraries. According to Sherman Dixon, Friends book sale committee chair, the books will be replenished at the center as the need and donations permit.

“Anything we can do to enhance the lives of young people temporarily in detention is important,” said Rick Powell, administrator of juvenile detention services at Juvenile Court. “Reading encourages these kids to use their minds and improve their lives.”

New shelves and furniture are installed in the first ever Juvenile Detention Library for girls. The Friends of the Memphis Public Library & Information Center donated 600 books
for new libraries for male and female youth.

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The Friends were not alone in assisting in this worthwhile cause, new book shelves in the reading areas were provided by KENRICH Manufacturing. The furniture, including sofas, love seats, and chairs, was donated by Memphis Furniture Showroom.

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

Career News
LISJOBS.COM LAUNCHES ONLINE COMMUNITY

New discussion forums now open

LISjobs.com, the largest free library career portal on the Internet, is pleased to announce the launch of its new online community for librarians. Devoted entirely to career development and job hunting, these forums provide a space for librarians, LIS students, library workers, and information professionals to discuss professional development issues: http://lisjobs.com/forum/.

“I’m excited to be able to offer this space for collaboration and discussion,” says Rachel Singer Gordon, webmaster, LISjobs.com. “As librarians, we know that we work and learn best in community -- I look forward to watching the forums grow.” Current forum moderators include:

* Michael Stephens, LIS schools
* Jess Bruckner, Jumpstart your career
* Meredith Farkas, Professional development and participation
* Susanne Markgren, Talking tenure
* Kim Dority, Professional writing
* Sophie Brookover, Work/life balance

In recent related developments, Info Career Trends, LISjobs.com’s professional development newsletter, has moved to the Wordpress platform to better serve its subscribers. Its long-time career Q&A columnists, Tiffany Allen and Susanne Markgren, have moved to their own blog, and author/entrepreneur Kim Dority joins in with her new monthly column on “Rethinking Information Careers.” Info Career Trends continues to fill an underserved niche, devoted entirely to career and professional development issues for librarians and information professionals.

The newsletter and column content are accessible at: http://www.lisjobs.com/career_trends/. Rachel Singer Gordon shares: “I’m so pleased to bring Kim on board, and to watch the Library Career People column evolve in its new blog format. I look forward to hearing others’ opinions across the LISjobs.com online community.”

LISjobs.com, launched in 1996, provides free library-related job listings to both employers and job seekers, as well as related services from resume postings to career development blogs.

--Rachel Singer Gordon
Webmaster, LISjobs.com / Consulting Editor, ITI Books

Newcomers & Names to Know

Jamie Price joined the library at the Jefferson College of Health Sciences in Roanoke, VA, in December, 2007. He is a Reference Librarian and Assistant Professor. Jamie is a graduate of the University of Tennessee School of Information Sciences where he earned his Master of Science in Information Sciences in August of 2007. Jamie also earned a Master of Arts in Modern European History from East Tennessee State University in 2003 and a Graduate Certificate in Archival Studies in 2005.

Genny Carter recently joined the staff of the Tennessee State Library and Archives as the Public Relations and Data Coordinator. Her responsibilities include the Tennessee Public Library Statistics Report, LSTA Direct Service Grants, and public relations.
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 science 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.