In the volunteer spirit that defines Tennessee, libraries across the state have pledged funds for the past three years to support subscription access to Literature Resource Center (LRC) for the Tennessee Electronic Library (http://tntel.tnsos.org/). We applaud the generous commitment of libraries to ensure that all Tennessee citizens can benefit from these valuable resources.

The Tennessee State Library and Archives (TSLA) has entered into an agreement to purchase Literature Resource Center outright, ensuring that this resource will be available permanently. In order to accomplish this, TSLA has used the funds provided
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by libraries in FY 2006-07 toward that purchase. Continued participation in the form of pledges from Tennessee libraries for FY 2007-08 and FY 2008-09 at the same level will complete that purchase, with pledged funds providing half of the dollars required for the purchase of LRC.

Many libraries that benefit greatly from this resource have not yet aligned with those committed to making LRC available to all of Tennessee. At this writing, 23 academic, 8 public, and 16 school library systems have pledged funds toward the purchase of LRC for FY 2007-2008 and FY 2008-2009. Because some LRC-pledging libraries have been unable to fully meet their pledges due to budget cuts this year, TSLA is encouraging libraries that have not yet made pledges to step up and join this effort.

Please contact Pat Thompson Grossman at 615-532-4627, or at pat.grossman@state.tn.us to join this effort to keep LRC as a permanent resource for TEL.

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Editor’s Note

I welcome everyone to the Model City for this year’s TLA Annual Conference. I hope you enjoy the professional development, networking, and change of scenery that comes with attending. The ETSU and General Shale Brick Natural History Museum should be a treat for any first-time visitors. As spring has officially arrived and another academic year comes to a close, I hope that you enjoy the tulips, daffodils, apple blossoms and other blooms.

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

In February, several members of the TLA Executive Board (Annelle Huggins, Sue Szostak, Pat Grossman, and I) plus other TLA members attended the 2008 Library Continuing Education Summit. The Summit, convened by the Tennessee State Library and Archives, invited 42 library continuing education providers to help draft a Strategic Plan for the future of continuing education for library staff in our state. Summit participants agreed that Tennessee libraries should make more of an effort to share agency profiles and continuing education opportunities with each other and to partner wherever possible. Participants identified the Tennessee Library Association website (http://www.tnla.org/) as the best place to share information about CE opportunities. Over the next few months, TLA leadership will explore developing a CE Clearinghouse on the TLA website which will include a Speakers’ Bureau, links to agency profiles and CE plans, shared syllabi, and other information. A CE Calendar will include information about specific continuing education training opportunities.

Participants of the CE Summit also agreed to organize a Continuing Education Coordinating Committee, which will consist of interested representatives from all types of libraries and library advocacy groups in Tennessee. The Committee will convene each year at the annual Tennessee Library Association Conference and will meet several other times throughout the year for planning purposes. One of the duties of this group will be to select an annual statewide theme around which libraries can plan their CE opportunities. In FY2008-09, the theme will be “Customer Service in Tennessee Libraries.”

“Customer Service” means more than just a smile and welcoming demeanor! Training topics might include: hosting Focus Groups to determine needs of special groups; communicating with VIP’s in your community; learning new training techniques to use in computer classes for adults; developing Library 2.0 initiatives at your library; exploring business models of customer service e. g. Disney or Starbucks; using image evaluations or secret shoppers in your library; developing successful library services for the disabled and disadvantaged; offering library services to non-English speakers; implementing self service technology in libraries; etc.

I encourage each TLA member to take an active role in these new Continuing Education initiatives. Together, we can make a difference in Tennessee libraries!

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

By the time this column is printed, TLA will have invaded Kingsport for our Annual Conference. This year’s conference offered sessions on many varied topics, including a much-anticipated presentation at the General Session by Nancy Pearl – the model for the librarian action-figure! Also anticipated was the One Book-One Conference pre-conference featuring Masha Hamilton, author of Camel Bookmobile. TLA Conference Planning Committees are now striving to bring nationally acclaimed speakers to our annual conferences and the 2008 Committee is to be commended for their choices!

If you weren’t able to attend, you missed a grand-time in upper East Tennessee! Plan now to attend TLA Annual Conference 2009 at the Marriott Nashville Airport Hotel, April 9-10, 2009, with preconference on April 8, 2009.

—Annelle Huggins, TLA Executive Director

We have two new databases in this issue – a free trial to TheStreet.com, a financial database, and we’re forming a group of academic libraries to purchase ATLA Religion Database. We also have a new package of titles for MyiLibrary, and the continuing free trial to CQ Press products.

Please note below the new surcharge structure for database purchases through TENN-SHARE. The new amounts were approved by the TENN-SHARE Board, and are effective immediately.

I am currently “crunching the numbers” for our group OCLC WorldCat purchase. I’ll be sending out tentative pricing to all you interested libraries by Friday (4/4). I know many of you are facing budget deadlines, so this will give you a reasonable idea of the cost for your institution.

ResearchChannel, the free database for this week, contains over 3,500 streaming videos on a wide variety of subjects. I think every type of library could find something worthwhile here!

—DeAnne Luck,
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• Mutual Funds (covering stock and fixed income funds as well as exchange traded funds)
• Stocks (covering every stock on the NYSE, NASDAQ, and AMEX)

Subscriptions include remote access for your patrons.
If your library is interested in subscribing, please contact me at LuckDL@wildblue.net. Pricing and discounts will be worked out when we see how many libraries are interested.

ATLA Religion Database with ATLA Serials

Some of our members have expressed interest in a group subscription to the American Theological Library Association’s Religion Database. We are working with ATLA and EBSCO to get a quote for interested academic libraries. We can get a quote for 1 simultaneous user per library or for unlimited access. Please contact me (LuckDL@wildblue.net) if you are interested, and note if you prefer 1 user or unlimited access.

ATLA would not allow us to create a “mixed” group of different types of libraries (I hoped we could include church libraries). However, ATLA would still like to accommodate potential subscribers, such as church libraries, so we encourage them to check this website to see if they qualify for free ATLAS for ALUM access through their alma mater’s subscription: http://www.atla.com/products/catalogs/atlasalum.htm. If they do not qualify, they can contact sales@atla.com for licensing and pricing details for a subscription directly from ATLA.
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MyiLibrary is Ingram’s eBook platform, providing access to 600,000 eBooks from over 4,000 publishers. Titles and packages on a wide variety of subjects are available. A special package of Britannica reference titles has been developed for TENN-SHARE members. See more information and the full title list here: http://www.tenn-share.org/newsletter/MyiLibrary_EB.doc
http://www.tenn-share.org/newsletter/MyiLibrary_EB.xls

Free Trial (expires Thursday, April 17) – this trial is currently inactive due to some distribution issues, but will be re-activated in the next day or two.

http://www.myilibrary.com, click “login” in the upper right
Please contact me (LuckDL@wildblue.net) for the username and password.
Our MyiLibrary sales representative is Debbie Burleson, debbie.burleson@ingramdigital.com.

CQ Press databases

CQ is offering discounts to TENN-SHARE members on all CQ products, including CQ Researcher, CQ Researcher Plus Archive, CQ Global Researcher, CQ Almanac, CQ Weekly, CQ Collection Databases, and CQ Online Editions.

CQ Researcher Plus Archive includes all of the reports in the CQ Researcher subscription plus an additional back file of 3,600 reports dating to the first report published in 1923. This model is a perpetual ownership model, where the library pays a one-time fee with lower annual renewal fees. In the event the library elects to discontinue annual updates, the library retains access to the reports in perpetuity. Selected as an “Outstanding Academic Title for 2006” by CHOICE. See brochure: http://www.tenn-share.org/newsletter/CQ Researcher Plus Archive.pdf

CQ Global Researcher uses the same in-depth, single-topic structure that the CQ Researcher uses and includes monthly reports on newsworthy global affairs written by veteran journalists with years of international reporting experience. Other features include “Voices from Abroad” in each report. It is available by annual subscription only. See brochure: http://www.tenn-share.org/newsletter/CQ Global Researcher.pdf

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**Revised TENN-SHARE Surcharge**

As many of you are aware, when libraries participate in a group purchase of a database through TENN-SHARE, a small surcharge is added. This surcharge, currently 1% of the amount collected from each library, helps defray the costs of conducting the group purchase -- negotiation, coordination, invoicing, and collections. SOLINET and other consortia charge similar fees.

The status of the 1% fee was discussed at the February TENN-SHARE Board meeting. The problem is that for the majority of our purchases, each individual library pays only a small amount (and this is a good thing -- that’s why we do this, so your library’s prices are low!). But we end up with only eight, five, or even two dollars in surcharge fees, which is just not doing much to defray our administrative costs. We also looked at the amount of money each library saves through these purchases. In the case of the larger purchases, the savings amount to thousands of dollars. The result of the discussion was the approval of a new fee structure at the April 1st Board meeting, effective immediately.

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Thank you for supporting resource sharing through TENN-SHARE. If you have any questions about these new surcharges, please contact me at LuckDL@wildblue.net, or Chuck Sherrill, TENN-SHARE Vice President, at sherrill@brentwood-tn.org.

Free Database: ResearchChannel

ResearchChannel was founded by a consortium of leading research and academic institutions to share the valuable work of their researchers with the public. A library of over 3,500 streaming video programs are available for free, including everything from a speech by author R.L. Stine to a talk on 2D, 3D, and Surface Texture Analysis and Synthesis by Yizhou Yu, Dept of computer Science, UIUC. The subjects covered are Arts & Humanities, Business & Economics, Computer Science & Engineering, Health & Medicine, K-12 & Education, Sciences, and Social Sciences.

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SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Materials have been distributed – workshops have happened – and plans moving along for “Starship Adventure@Your Library”. 270 librarians attended the three Summer Reading Program Workshops. The Argie Cooper Public Library in Bedford County won a drawing for a weeklong space camp for a participating child, donated by The United States Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville Alabama. It is going to be an exciting summer for kids around the state and many libraries plan to bring in special entertainers for events at their libraries. The materials are available at our website: http://www.tn.gov/tsla/lps/srp/index.htm.

PUBLIC SERVICES

The Public Services staff has been extra busy the past few months! In addition to their usual stellar work assisting patrons, they have appeared on television, hosted school field trips, and conducted workshops, such as a recent one for the Blue Grass Regional Library. At TSLA, Tom Kanon presented a seminar entitled “Finding Your Soldier in the War of 1812” on April 5th. Jimmy Worley of WCTV in Cookeville interviewed Darla Brock for a Focus on – Genealogy segment. Among the students visiting TSLA were 150 5th graders from Madison Creek Elementary School.
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Five new brochures are available:
TSLA - Public Services
Civil War Soldiers and Citizens: Tracking Your Ancestors @ TSLA
Architectural Resources at the Tennessee State Library and Archives
Legal & Legislative Materials Available at TSLA
Materials at TSLA Pertaining to the War of 1812

Contact Laine Sutherland to obtain copies of the brochures at Laine.Sutherland@state.tn.us.

TENNESSEE ELECTRONIC LIBRARY

Pat Grossman received enthusiastic responses from several county school systems when she offered to conduct in-service workshops for their teachers. To date, she has done 8 county teacher in-service training workshops and has 10 others in the planning stages. With over 150 TEL trainers statewide, we hope that every teacher in the state will soon be aware of the fantastic resources available to them through TEL.

LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

Please make your patrons aware of this wonderful resource our state provides free of charge for our citizens! The LBPH's collection currently houses 224,072 audio cassette books; 26,399 Braille volumes; 10,905 large print volumes; 1,002 descriptive videos; 7,490 cassette players; and 566 record players. As of February 29th, in Federal FY 07-08, they have circulated 87,983 audio, 1,306 Braille, 2,370 large print titles, as well as 444 descriptive videos.

The LBPH is disappointed to report that, due to funding cuts and delays at the federal level, the digital book players will NOT become available in the spring of 2008, as previously announced. Downloading of digital books from the National Library CONTINUES ON PAGE 10
Service for the Blind & Physically Handicapped (NLS), however, is very popular with those patrons who have been fortunate enough to purchase (or received as a gift) the Victor Reader Stream from HumanWare. Contact the LBPH at (800) 342-3308 for a copy of the descriptive brochure or go to www.humanware.com.

GOOD NEWS FROM THE ARCHIVES

The archivists at TSLA, together with your local archivists, are also a wonderful resource for libraries in Tennessee. The Tennessee Historical Records Advisory Board will conduct a free workshop for non-archivists, “The Basics of Archives,” in Jackson on April 14th. Participants learned about practices and policies to follow to collect, protect, and help people use the historical treasures in their care. Future workshops will be July 9th in Chattanooga, followed by one in the fall in Clarksville. For more information, contact Jami Awalt at Jami.Awalt@state.tn.us.

Tennessee Archives Week is November 2-8, 2008. Copies of the Society of Tennessee Archivists’ Action guide can be requested from their newsletter editor Jay Richiuso at Jay.Richiuso@state.tn.us. The Society of Tennessee Archivists Annual Meeting will be held November 5-8, 2008 at the Dubose Conference Center in Monteagle, with the theme “Extending our Reach: Renovating and Innovating.”

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TLA STUDENT
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On Thursday February 21, 2008 the University of Tennessee’s School of Information Sciences student chapter of TLA took part, for the first time, in Tennessee Library Legislative Day. Eighteen individuals comprised of faculty, staff and students represented SIS and TLA. Two weeks prior to attending Library Legislative Day, students took part in a legislative and advocacy forum presented by Cathy Farley and Vandy Owen, chairs of the TLA Legislative Committee. Both of these events helped motivate the participants to become involved and active in the Tennessee Library Association, as well as, librarianship on a state level. Going forward SIS hopes to make this a yearly event for students.

--Jamie Osborn
President, TLA Student Chapter

Academic Library News

WEST TENNESSEE ACADEMIC LIBRARY CONSORTIUM

The West Tennessee Academic Library Consortium will meet on Saturday, April 26, 2008 at Lemoyne Owen College in Memphis for its regular meeting.

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UTM CREATES CALDECOTT AND NEWBERY PODCASTS

The Paul Meek Library systems people along with assistance from cataloging have developed individual podcasts that will introduce readers to a bit of information regarding all of the Newbery Award winning books as well as the Caldecott Award winners. Each of the podcasts are between one and two minutes in length and not only provides the listener an introduction to the works but also list year, author and call number where the item may be found. John Britton, a student worker on the library systems team, created web pages that allow access by year, title or author. Sandy Orr, media cataloger, and Cindy Gaylord, catalog assistant, along with student worker, Christa Cordrey, assisted in recording the numerous short narratives.

Caldecott Awards -

Newbery Awards -

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Public Library News

Heralding the arrival of spring, Grace Notes Flute Choir will perform a concert during the month of April, and teens will have the opportunity to explore their inner Goth by creating a “gock” (Goth sock) for Gock Week during National Library Week (April 13-19).

If you’ve never considered the question of “Who will make your medical decisions?” should a health crisis occur, you’re invited to a program on advance directives by Michelle Evans of the Blount Memorial Hospital Palliative Care Program. Then, in honor of Earth Day—but on Saturday, April 19—the children’s library will host “Children’s Earth Day and Ecology Program.” Once again, Blount County community members have a wonderful opportunity to peruse and purchase selections from the 40,000 used books for sale during the fundraiser by the Friends of the Library during the three days of April 17-19.

Then, next month, on May 12, author, Jack B. Carman, will show slides and talk about the beautiful photographs in his book, Wildflowers of Tennessee, which is carried at Visitors’ Centers in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. As usual, there’s something for everyone at the library. We hope to see you there! For further information about other library programs or services, call the library at 982-0981 or visit the Web site at www.blountlibrary.org.

BCPL Gala Slated

Celebrating the beginning of the 50th National Library Week and announcing the winner of the 2008 Champion of the Library Award, the Foundation for the Blount County Public Library is hosting a Spring Gala fundraiser on Saturday evening, April 12.

The library’s highest honor, the Champion of the Library Award, is given in recognition “. . . of an individual or group with extraordinary contributions to the library, library services, or the cause of literacy and to the perpetuation of the library as a distinctive educational, community, and cultural asset.” A committee made up of representatives from the three library boards (the Trustees, the Foundation, and the Friends of the Library) will select the 2008 recipient(s) of the award.

Last year’s winner, the first one given, was the Kiwanis Club of Maryville for their outstanding contributions to Imagination Library. Cost per person for the Gala fundraiser dinner at the library is $75.00. Before April 4, please RSVP by calling 983-5896 for reservation information.

--Joan VanSickle Sloan, Community Outreach Coordinator
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Fill Your Belly, Feed Your Brain

Linebaugh Public Library System is encouraging area residents to Fill Your Belly, Feed Your Brain during National Library Week, April 13-19. During that week, several area restaurants in Murfreesboro and Smyrna will be donating a portion of their sales to the library to raise money for its children’s book fund.

“People can help us purchase books for the children of Rutherford County, just by eating at one of their favorite restaurants,” said Heather Lanier, Circulation Supervisor for Linebaugh Public Library. “It’s an easy way to make a difference in our community, while enjoying some great food.”

So far, more than 20 restaurants have pledged to donate 5% to 20% of their sales from a specific night during that week, including Chuck E. Cheese, Arby’s, Maggie Moo’s Ice Cream, Bellacino’s, and Bangkok Thai Cuisine. Other restaurants, including Bluesboro, will make a one-time donation.

LPLS is looking for more restaurants to join the project. To participate, call Linebaugh Public Library at 615-893-4131.

Linebaugh Public Library System seeks to serve all the citizens of Rutherford County for free with resources for information, learning and fun. For more information, call 615-893-4131 or visit www.linebaugh.org.

--Laurel Best, 615-893-4131, laurelbest@linebaugh.org

The Library
A Place to Learn, Explore, and Be Entertained

What does the public library mean to residents of Rutherford County? “When my granddaughter was first approached about drugs and alcohol, when she was a fifth grade student, I took her to the library, and together we check out books about peer pressure and the effects of drugs and alcohol on the body.”

“After the last bell of the school year has rung, I drive home knowing where many of my free hours of summer will be spent: the library. Many summer mornings, I wake up early and drive straight to the library, hoping to not waste one minute that could be spent reading.”

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“I believe knowledge is power, and I love learning and increasing my knowledge daily. My library gives me power to decorate and organize my home, increase love in my marriage, raise my child successfully, maintain a healthy lifestyle, manage and invest my money, and most of all power to be myself. Whatever I need and when I need it, my library is there for me.”

These are a few of the sentiments expressed in Linebaugh Public Library System’s recent essay contest, in which library patrons were asked What Does My Public Library Mean to Me? LPLS is pleased to announce the 20 finalists in its essay contest. The finalists range in age from 9 to 75 and include students, adult learners, and stay-at-home moms.

The finalists’ essays are available to read at the LPLS website, www.linebaugh.org. A first-place winner has been selected from each category and will be announced at a reception as part of National Library Week. The reception will be held at 4:30 p.m. on April 17.

“I was overwhelmed by the response we received in the essay contest. Both the quantity and the quality of the essays far exceeded my expectations. Linebaugh Library System is very important to the people of this community, and they were willing to take the time to write about their feelings. It’s been a very affirming experience for all of us who work here,” said LPLS Director Laurel Best.

LPLS received a total of 209 essays for the contest; of those, 184 were eligible, according to the contest rules & guidelines. Five finalists were selected for each of the four age categories by a panel of LPLS staff. These essays were then judged by a panel of elected officials to select the first-place winners.

LPLS seeks to serve the public for free with resources for information, learning, and fun. For more information, call 615-893-4131 or visit www.linebaugh.org. Linebaugh Public Library is located at 105 W. Vine St. in Murfreesboro.
Seek and Ye Shall Find

Geocaching experts Brad and Laura Simmons will be at Linebaugh Public Library on Saturday, March 8, 2008 at 2:30pm. Geocaching is an outdoor scavenger hunt in which the participants use navigational techniques (including GPS) to hide and seek containers, called geocaches. A geocache contains a logbook, which features information about the hider of the cache, as well as information about those who have located the cache. Sometimes there is even a prize inside and the finder is allowed to take something from the cache. But, a cacher is obligated to leave something of equal value for the next cacher to take.

“Often the prize lies in the location of the cache,” explains Brad Simmons, former President of the Middle Tennessee Geocachers Club. “For example, the cache may be hidden just inside the edge of a beautiful waterfall. Your prize for finding that cache would be that you now know the location of this lovely geographical feature that was unknown to you before.”

Brad and Laura Simmons are no strangers to Linebaugh Public Library System. They previously hosted an informal talk introducing the sport to our community at the Library in April 2004. “This time,” says Laura Simmons, “we want to go further. We will still be happy to explain the basics, but we are very excited to talk about some of the new technologies that make geocaching more enjoyable, especially, the new Geocaching Swiss Army Knife Program (GSAK).” GSAK is an all in one geocaching and waypoint management tool. This program is free and open to the public.

LPLS seeks to provide a lifelong love of learning and reading. This non-profit organization supports education for all the citizens of Rutherford County. For more information on this and other events, visit www.linebaugh.org.

—Heather Lanier
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Library Events

Zine Discussion & Documentary Screening:

Help us celebrate the first birthday of Linebaugh Public Library's zine collection! The library will host a special zine program at 2 p.m. on April 12. Local zine publishers will read from their zines and discuss zine making. The program will also include a screening of clips from $100 and a T-shirt, a documentary about zines, and a question-and-answer session. Join us to learn all about zines and to see what local zine publishers are creating. This all-ages program is free and open to the public.

Local Author Event:

Several local authors will be on hand at Linebaugh Library, 3-5 p.m. on April 13, to discuss and sign their books. Visit with the following published authors:

- Charles Byron Arnette, Wheels, Deals and Bridges
- Roy Beasley, Soapstone Saga: Growing Up in the "Greatest Generation"
- Becci Bookner, Patterns of the Heart: Gentle Thoughts on Aging
- Elder Raymond L-Shabazz, Peaches
- Randy O'Brien, Judge Fogg
- Margaret Ottley-Okubo, Everyday Miracles: Stories That Touch Your Heart
- Carl Patton, Fallen Letters: Mis-Education and Intellectual Confusion
- Mark Strength, Bonny Kate: Pioneer Lady

The authors will have copies of their books available for sale. This event is free and open to the public; refreshments will be served.

--Jerianne Thompson--
Collection Development Coordinator
Linebaugh Public Library System

615-893-4131, ext. 121
Extraordinary filmmaker, photographer, historian and author Willy Bearden presented the Memphis Public Library & Information Center with an expansive photo archive of the historic Victorian Village neighborhood district recently. Built on the outskirts of what was Memphis in the mid-1800’s, Victorian Village was Memphis’ first suburb—a Mecca for the prominent and wealthy. The collection contains 1,500 digital photographs that capture, with intricate detail, the architecture and design that categorizes an opulent era of Memphis’ history.

The collection was carefully catalogued and organized for immediate use and presented to the director of libraries, Keenon McCloy, acting history department manager, Thomas Jones and history archivist, Wayne Dowdy. Bearden is a regular customer of the Memphis & Shelby County Room and has used the library’s photo archive for his films. Bearden enthusiastically told a crowd gathered for the event how his experience at the library inspired him to donate the photos. “My hope is that one day—maybe 50 years from now—some filmmaker will find what they need.” The photo archive is available in the library’s Memphis & Shelby County Room.

Newcomers and Names to Know

Susan Simmons is the new Director of the Clinch-Powell Regional Library in Clinton, Tennessee. She was formerly the manager of reference services at the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library in Broomfield, Colorado. Her background includes working in microbiology in the pharmaceutical industry and hosting a television show, “Off the Page,” on which she interviewed Colorado authors.

Jan Orick of the Biomedical Library, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, Memphis won the coveted Lois Ann Colaianni Award for a hospital librarian who has really made an impact on the Profession.

Sandra Nelson was named the 2008 recipient of the Melvil Dewey Award. ALA will present her with the award at the Annual Conference in Anaheim. She founded Sandra Nelson Consulting to provide training programs and consulting services to public libraries. As such, she has presented programs in over 47 states with workshops that provide practical strategic planning for libraries and their communities.

Christy Groves has been placed in charge of User Services for the Walker Library at MTSU. She will oversee Reference & Instructional Services and Access Services. Her MLS is from the University of Tennessee and she currently serves as Head of Access Services at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. Prior to her appointment at Ball State she served as Science Librarian and Reference Services Librarian at that institution.

Jason Vance has been appointed Information Literacy Librarian. He will direct campus-wide literacy initiatives in support of student retention in addition to providing reference service and instruction in library resources. He comes to MTSU from Morehead State University in Morehead, Kentucky where he serves as Interlibrary Loan / Regional Campus Coordinator. His MLS is from Simmons College. He has also served as an adjunct instructor at Morehead State. Prior to his appointment at Morehead, he served as Chief Librarian for Public Services at Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia, Kentucky.

Both appointments will be effective May 1.
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.

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