

# The TLA Newsletter

SPRING 2009

WWW.TNLA.ORG

VOLUME 15 ISSUE 2

## SAVE THE DATE!

Montgomery Bell State Park will once again host the TLA Annual Leadership Conference. The dates are May 29-30. Please watch your email and the TLA web for more information.

## TLA Election Results

Kevin Reynolds,  
President

Susan Earl,  
Vice-President,  
President-Elect

James Staub,  
Recording Secretary

Sue Alexander,  
SELA Representative

Kevin Reynolds,  
ALA Councilor



Left to right, TLA Executive Director, Annelle Huggins; State Librarian, Jeanne Sugg; Secretary of State, Tre Hargett; TLA President, Sue Szostak.

## Tennessee Library Legislative Day Held March 3 in Nashville

Tennessee Library Legislative Day was held on March 3, 2009, at the Nashville Public Library. There were 164 attendees at the breakfast which was sponsored by Gale/Cengage. Judith Gibbons spoke at the morning session. Winners of the "TEL Stories!" contest were announced.

Two of the submitters told their story. The meal followed at the Doubletree Hotel. There were sixty-six legislators in attendance.

—Dinah Harris  
Legislative Committee Co-Chair

*President's Point of View, page 2*  
*2009 TLA Conference, page 2*

*Honors and Awards, page 3*  
*Studentopia Pre-Conference, page 3*

*Friends of Tennessee Libraries*  
*Winning Story, page 4*

## President's Point of View

Good day to all of our library friends.

I would be remiss if I did not first thank all who worked on, presented at, and attended the 2009 Conference. Every one of you did a wonderful job. Thank you, Thank you!!! It was well attended and the theme of the conference was underscored by everyone.

It is hard to believe a year has almost come and gone. In the 2008-2009 year, much has been accomplished by the membership and the TLA Board. Here are some of the highlights:

- TLA Scholarship Committee—posters and brochures to recruit applicants and increase donations
- Publications—a new web site, a new newsletter for all members, a peer reviewed journal with an upcoming issue devoted to the history of TLA, and a listserv for communication
- Archives—Policies and procedures developed with documents assorting

- Professional Development—Staff development workshops and a great conference
- Legislative Day—A success in so many ways
- Friends and Trustees—A re-enfolding and new beginning for our partnerships
- CULS—A change in venue for the annual meeting with the Pre-Conferences and better attendance
- By-Laws—Changes to bring the association up to date
- Public Relations—Use of Web 2.0 to promote Association events, especially the conference

There's so much more and I know I will hear from some of you saying, "Why didn't you tell about....?" More will be at the TLA Board Leadership Conference May 29-30 at Montgomery Bell State Park.

My good wishes to all of you.  
Help me to support Kevin Reynolds

as he begins his term of service. I wish him all the good I have received from each and every one of you.

—*Sue Szostak*  
*TLA President*

\*My English instructors are appalled with the dangling prepositions but my verbs are parallel.

P.S. The rumors are true; I am retiring this summer after 30 years of service in Tennessee Community College libraries. I have been so fortunate for all the experiences and knowledge I have gained. All of this is due to the collegiality and support I receive from librarians and the strength of my family. I will still be around—who knows, second life may exist outside cyber world!

## Highlights from the 2009 TLA Conference, Held April 8 - 10 at Nashville Airport Marriott



*Left:* Conference attendees take shelter in the basement of the Nashville Airport Marriott as a result of the numerous tornados in the area on Friday. *Right:* Michael Bradley fulfills his obligation as guest speaker of the Friends' and Trustees' Luncheon by telling Civil War Stories during the tornado warning.



***TLA Honor Award***

**Scott Cohen,**  
Director of Jackson State  
Community College

***TLA Honorary  
Membership Award***

**Jeanne Sugg,**  
State Librarian and Archivist

***TLA Library Support Staff Award***

**Sue Knoche,**  
Library Assistant in Cataloging/  
Serials/Acquisitions at the James H.  
Quillen College of Medicine Library,  
East Tennessee State University

***Tennessee History Book Award***

**Walter R. Bornerman,**  
*Polk: The Man Who Transformed the  
Presidency and America.*

## Annual Conference Honors and Awards

***TLA Public Library Section/  
Tennsco Annual Conference  
Scholarship Award***  
**Mary Robbins,**  
Director of Magness Library

***Frances Neal Cheney Award***  
**Eloise R. Hitchcock,**  
Director of the Doris and Harry Vise  
Library at Cumberland University

***Trustee's Award 2009***  
**Bob Gregory,**  
Anderson County Libraries

***Trustee's Award 2008***  
(Presented posthumously at  
the Trustee Luncheon)  
**Carol Brown Darling,**  
Caney Fork Regional Library and  
Cumberland County Library

***James E. Ward Library  
Instruction Award***  
**Virginia Cairns,**  
Head of Reference and Instruction  
Services, Lupton Library at  
the University of Tennessee,  
Chattanooga

***TLA/SIRS Intellectual Freedom  
Award***  
**NashvilleForAllofUs,**  
Coalition which defeated the city  
amendment to make English the only  
language of Nashville government

***Louise Meredith School  
Media Award***  
**Margaret Hausauer,**  
Media Specialist, Northeast High  
School, Clarksville

***Daniel A. Taylor Memorial Award***  
**Susan Tyner,**  
Children's and Youth Services  
Librarian at Benton County  
Public Library

***Edwin S. Gleaves Scholarship***  
**Amber Metz Conger,**  
Graduate Student at the  
School of Information Sciences,  
University of Tennessee

***2009 Tennessee Library  
Association Conference  
Internship Winners***  
**Amber Conger**  
**Sarah Copeland**  
**Bethany Farmer**  
**Dana Finley**  
**David Green**  
**Michelle Nielsen Ott**

All the winners are graduate students pursuing degrees in the Information Sciences field. They were recognized at the General Session on Thursday of the TLA Conference. Winners volunteered at one of three locations: registration, the used book sale and the exhibits hall.

## College and University Libraries Sponsor Studentopia Pre-Conference

A total of 35 participants, including the keynote speaker Katie Clark, author of *Studying Students: The Undergraduate Research Project at the University of Rochester*, attended the CULS preconference on April 8. Librarians from the University of Tennessee—Chattanooga (Theresa Liedtka,

Valarie Adams and Virginia Cairns) presented Build the Students What they Want; Middle Tennessee State's Kristen West and Suzanne Mangrum presented Partnering with Student Researchers; and David Hajdik presented Using TEL and Online Resources to Improve Science/

Mathematics Learning: Initial Stages of a Research Project. Six presenters participated in the poster session—four of which were library science students at University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

—Nancy Gibson, Chair of CULS

P.O. Box 241074  
Memphis, TN  
38124-1074  
Phone: 901.485.6952

*Executive Committee:*

*Sue Szostak,*  
President  
sszostak@mscc.edu

*Kevin Reynolds,*  
Vice-President / President-Elect  
kreynolds@sewanee.edu

*Bess Robinson,*  
Recording Secretary  
merobnsn@memphis.edu

*Annelle R. Huggins,*  
Executive Director  
arhuggins1@comcast.net

## Susan McFarland's Friends of Tennessee Libraries Winning Story

Editor's note: The audience that heard Susan McFarland speak on Legislative Day on March 3 responded to it with a standing ovation. Here is her story:

"After being laid off from my office secretary job, I was distraught. With no college degree how could I get anyone to believe that I could do anything at my age? A friend suggested Certified Pharmacy Technician and it sounded great, but I had not studied or taken a test in 30 years! I went to my local library and researched the job. After ordering my textbooks online, I went to a website where I could take a practice exam. I studied hard and took the practice exam many times at my library.

"When it came time for the real test, I was calm and collected. I passed with flying colors, and I have

the paper to prove it. I have had the joy of a whole new career for the past six years. A big thank-you to my local library for helping me attain a whole new beginning!"

In an e-mail, Susan, a single parent, added that the library had also helped her raise her son. Without Internet at home, her son had to complete all projects at the library where "Never did we encounter a rude or mean librarian—quite the opposite. They were always so helpful and kind. Thanks to them, my son is in his second year of college. He is the first in our family to go."

Susan calls librarians "the silent heroes of education" who have changed her family tree forever.

—Amy Arnold  
TLA Newsletter Editor

## TENNESSEE LIBRARIES ANNOUNCES CALL FOR CONFERENCE ARTICLES

Did you present at this year's annual conference? If you are interested in turning your presentation into an article for the upcoming edition of *TL*, please contact Marie Jones at [jonesmf@etsu.edu](mailto:jonesmf@etsu.edu). Contributor's Guidelines are available at [www.tnla.org](http://www.tnla.org), click on News and Resources and follow the links for *TL*.