Reminder!

The next TLA Board Meeting will be held in conjunction with the upcoming Leadership Conference. Once again, Montgomery Bell State Park in Burns, TN will host TLA officers. The meeting will be Saturday, May 22 at 10:15 a.m. Please submit all reports by Tuesday, May 18. The conference runs from Friday, May 21 at 1:00 p.m. until Saturday, May 22 at noon. Each Board member is reminded that there will be NO printed copies of the reports provided by TLA. You should each print a copy of each report as it appears on the listserv and bring the copies to the meeting with you.

Tennessee Library Legislative Day Held February 24 in Nashville

Sponsored by the Tennessee Library Association, Friends of Tennessee Libraries, the Tennessee Association of School Librarians and Tennessee, this year’s Legislative Day occurred on February 24, 2010 in Nashville. Gale Cengage sponsored the continental breakfast prior to the day’s events. Nashville Public Library hosted the morning program and the Doubletree Downtown hosted the Legislative Luncheon.

189 library supporters met with 60 state legislators in order to communicate the needs of all libraries and to highlight services to constituents throughout the state. Marci Merola, Director of the American Library Association’s Office for Library Advocacy spoke. Many thanks to Larry Romans and Vandy Owen, Co-Chairs as well as Penny Frere, Leah Allison, Jason Vance, Martha Gill, and Vivian Wynn, for their time and preparation while serving on the Legislative Committee.

—Amy Arnold
TLA Newsletter Editor

TLA Election Results

Congratulations to incoming officers:

Susan Earl, President;
Wendy Cornelisen, Vice-President / President Elect;
Genny Carter, Recording Secretary

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**President’s Point of View**

It is hard to believe that my term as president is nearly over! As I have mentioned to countless people, serving as president is not nearly as daunting as it may seem thanks to such a dedicated and talented group of TLA members. In this, my last column as president, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who has contributed their time, energy, and expertise to TLA this year. Your contributions, no matter how great or small, truly make a difference in the association.

I would also like to recognize certain individuals and groups for especially noteworthy contributions this year. I have to begin with our Conference Committee. We had what I believe was one of the best TLA conferences I have ever attended. Memphis is a terrific location, but historically a tough draw for TLA because of its geographic location. Add to that the economic situation that many of us are facing, and it is downright phenomenal that we had such good attendance. I credit the committee for planning a very attractive conference and the presenters for delivering a wide array of thought-provoking, practical, and well-prepared programs.

I want to thank our Legislation Committee for planning and carrying out a successful Legislative Day. They worked hard to put together a great day for us. It was one of several events this year that have helped promote advocacy, which, as you know, is one of the major areas of focus I have had for TLA this year.

Additionally, I would like to recognize our award winners. This year’s award recipients are profound examples of dedication and service to the association and the profession. They deserve our appreciation and gratitude for all they have done. And speaking of service to the association, I want to thank the individuals who agreed to run for office this year. We had a remarkable slate of candidates, and I appreciate the fact that these folks were willing to make such significant sacrifices to serve TLA in elected offices. I thank also those of you who have volunteered or were elected to serve in section and round table offices, and those of you who accepted my appointment to serve on or chair committees this year.

Further, I want to thank Annelle Huggins for her tireless efforts as our Executive Director. I have relied on her sage advice and vast experience countless times this past year. Additionally, my friends on the Executive Committee, Susan Earl, Sue Szostak, and James Staub, all deserve my sincere thanks for their support this year.

Finally, I would like to recognize my mentor and friend, Larry Romans, who is perhaps more responsible than anyone for my entering the library profession. I am deeply indebted to Larry for over 15 years of professional advice and friendship.

Of course, I can’t possibly name everyone individually who deserves it, but I truly appreciate the contributions each of you have made this year. It is now time to begin to look forward to next year and support president-elect Susan Earl as she plans for an exciting year ahead.

Again, thank you very much!

—Kevin Reynolds
TLA President

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**TLA 2010 Annual Conference Honors and Awards**

**TLA Honor Award**
Jane Pinkston, Assistant State Library for Planning and Development

**TLA Honorary Membership Award**
Bill Robinson, retired professor from University of Tennessee’s School of Information Sciences

**Tennsco Annual Conference Scholarship Award**
Cynthia Scott, Director of Middleton Community Library

**TLA Library Support Staff Award**
Gwen Williams, MTSU Walker Library

Daniel A. Taylor Memorial Award
Jean Nichols, Clarksville-Montgomery County Public Library

**SIRS Intellectual Freedom Award**
Karyn Storts-Brinks, librarian with the Knox County Schools

**Trustee’s Award**
Don Farmer, Chair of the Reelfoot Regional Library

The 2010 Honors and Awards Committee voted *Founding of the Cumberland Settlements, The First Atlas, 1779-1804* by Doug Drake, Jack Masters, and Bill Puryear this year’s recipient of the *Tennessee History Book Award*

James E. Ward Library Instruction Award
Kristen West, MTSU Walker Library

For more information on the awards and recipients, please see ttnla.org.
Highlights from the 2010 TLA Annual Conference, March 17 - 19 in Memphis

Left: Bill Barnes, left, and Gene Ambaum, creators of the library comic *Unshelved*, address the general session at the TLA annual conference in Memphis, Tennessee. Right: Raffle prizes gather a swag-hungry crowd.

Left: Kevin Reynolds, Larry Romans, Diane Chen, Wendy Cornelisen, and Courtney Fuson present “ALA: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly.” Right: Kristin Pekoll, Young Adult Librarian at the West Bend Community Memorial Library, West Bend, IL, recounts the challenges her library faced when their collections were challenged.

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Do you work in a library responsible for serving students in the health sciences? Could your medical and health research skills use some sharpening? If so, please consider becoming a member of the Tennessee Health Science Library Association. Membership in THeSLA provides the opportunity to acquire skills and knowledge needed for the development, maintenance, and growth of health sciences libraries. It facilitates contact with others in the field and benefits and promotes the exchange of information. Resource sharing is a significant element of THeSLA’s program. Please contact J. Michael Lindsay, THeSLA Membership Chair at jmlindsay@utmck to find out more.

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