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Mark Your Calendars!

April 24 – 26, 2013
TLA Annual Conference,
Chattanooga Convention
Center and Marriott Hotel

May 6 – 7, 2013
National Library
Legislation Day (NLLD).
Briefing Day will be held
at the Liason Hotel
in Washington, D.C.

Oct. 15 – 19, 2012
Teen Read Week

Oct. 25 – 27, 2012
TN Association of School
Libraries 2012 Conference

Thank You For Your Service to TLA!

The TLA Membership Committee would like to thank the 395 respondents to the 2012 TLA Member/Non-member survey. WOW!

Nominations Currently Being Accepted

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for TLA Vice President/President Elect and Recording Secretary. Duties and responsibilities may be found in the TLA Manual of Procedures found on TLA's web site at <http://www.tnla.org> under the heading "About TLA." Please send your nominations (and yes, you may nominate yourself), to one of the Committee members listed below:

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Member Spotlight

Have you noticed how active our members have been? Let's celebrate them! Join me in congratulating the following TLA members for their new positions, publications, awards and community service!

- Martha Hendricks, director of the Clarksville/Montgomery County Public Library was selected to be a member of the Leadership Clarksville Class of 2013.

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Thank you for your help. All nominations must be received by October 14, 2012, so the Nominating Committee can finalize the ballot by November 30, 2012.

—Pam Dennis
TLA Nominating Committee Chair

- Susan Jennings has been named the new Dean of Library Services at Chattanooga State Community College. She was also recently published in the Reference Services Review.

To share your member updates, email me at Meredith.Goins@gmail.com.

—Meredith P. Goins
TLA Membership Committee Member

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President's Point of View

Our theme for the coming year is "Libraries Out of the Box." The focus is on what libraries are doing to stay relevant to their service populations. It is time to look at the traditional materials and services libraries offer and determine which are still relevant. Which new materials and services should libraries be working toward? Let's talk about e-books, mobile technology, and services to Wi-Fi users.

What about libraries' policies and procedures? Are they based on library staff convenience or library users' needs? Are librarians practicing "knock-their-socks-off" customer service? A happy user is our best advocate.

If libraries are to remain relevant, we must address these issues. Our survival is dependent on it. As we progress through the year, I would like for us to share ideas and opinions. Discussion topics will be posted on the TLA President's Blog at www.tlaprez.blogspot.com. Please join the conversation!

—*Dinah Harris*
TLA President



Let's Talk!

The current discussion question on the TLA President's Blog (www.tlaprez.blogspot.com) is "Why are you a member of TLA? What else could we do to add value to your membership?" Weigh in today!

Updates from the Tennessee State Library and Archives

New Regional Library System

The regional system now consists of nine offices, each with a new name. They are as follows:

- **Athens – Ocoee River Regional Library,**
Beth Mercer, Director
- **Clarksville – Red River Regional Library,**
Becky Bailey, Director
- **Clinton – Clinch River Regional Library,**
Susan Simmons Byrne, Director
- **Columbia – Buffalo River Regional Library,**
Marion Bryant, Director

- **Cookeville – Falling Water River Regional Library,**
Faith Holdredge, Director
- **Jackson – Hatchie River Regional Library,**
Carla Jacobs, Director
- **Johnson City – Holston River Regional Library,**
Nancy Renfro, Director
- **Martin – Obion River Regional Library**
- **Murfreesboro – Stones River Regional Library,**
Betty Jo Jarvis, Director

Staff Changes

Susan Rogers Blakely, Regional Library Director in Martin, resigned her position after 32 years of service to the regional system. Friends and colleagues gathered for a festive send-off in June.

Gordon Belt, formerly librarian for the First Amendment Center, joined TSLA in July as the Director of Public Services. Gordon is also the current president of the Society of Tennessee Archivists, and is known for The Posterity Project, his history-themed blog.

—*Chuck Sherrill*
State Librarian and Archivist

Tennessee Libraries Seeks Editorial Board Members

Tennessee Libraries, the journal of the Tennessee Library Association, is seeking experienced library professionals to serve as members of the journal's editorial board. Editorial board members act as the journal's referees within their areas of expertise. If you are interested in serving on the TL editorial board, please fill out this form: <http://tnla.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=500>.

A copy of your CV or resume and a list of areas that you would be willing to review will help us to send you appropriate articles. We are currently seeking referees in all aspects of librarianship.

See our Call for Papers (<http://tnla.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=33>) to view the types of articles accepted in *Tennessee Libraries*. Please note that authors are now requested to submit

an article to one of several categories through our online submission manager (<http://tennesseelibrary.submit-table.com/submit>). Referees review articles submitted to the Scholarly Articles category.

If you have questions, please contact me at amy.york@mtsu.edu.

—Amy York
Tennessee Libraries Editor

Jenifer Grady Named Tenn-Share Executive Director



Jenifer Grady, MSLS, MBA, CAE, was recently Director of the American Library Association – Allied Professional Association for more than seven years. ALA-APA was established to fulfill two missions: supporting salary and status improvement initiatives and certifying library workers in specializations beyond their initial degree, whether it is an MSLS or a high school diploma. She managed certification programs for public library managers and public and academic support staff, conducted salary surveys, delivered conference programs in areas such as negotiation and affordable healthcare, and edited a monthly newsletter called *Library Worklife*.

Jenifer took her MSLS from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and her MBA from the Weatherhead School of Case Western Reserve University. She has been on staff and as a manager at academic, medical, nonprofit, government and public libraries. In her personal life, Jenifer is always on the lookout for great bread pudding and a nearby trail to walk or bike off the calories.

Penny Frere, Tenn-Share's first Executive Director, retired at the end of November 2011 after many years of dedicated service to the consortium and to Tennessee libraries. She was instrumental in the formation and expansion of the Tennessee Electronic Library, for which Secretary of State Riley Darnell called her "the Mother of TEL." We owe her a deep debt of gratitude for her leadership in bringing Tenn-Share to its strong position today. DeAnne Luck is resigning as Database Coordinator at the end of June to begin her new job as the librarian at Burt Elementary School in Clarksville. Her duties are combined into the new full time Executive Director position.

—Michele Brenneman
Tenn-Share President

Intellectual Freedom Update

A quick bit of trivia: the IF Committee has already responded twice to local issues regarding the *Fifty Shades of Grey* trilogy. We recommend that interested/concerned parties consult the statement released by the ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom regarding these controversial books, which can be found here <http://www.oif.ala.org/oif/?p=3775>.

—Sarah Copeland
Intellectual Freedom Committee Chair

Call for Tennessee History Book Award Nominations

Nominations for the 2012 Tennessee History Book Award are now being accepted. Watch the TLA listserv for the nominating form to be sent out soon.

—Genny Carter and Philenese Slaughter
History Book Award Committee Chairs

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Volunteer State Book Awards Announces Winners

The winners in the 2011-2012 voting for the Volunteer State Book Awards were:

- Primary – Grades K-3
1st Place – *Tarra and Bella: The Elephant and the Dog Who Became Best Friends*,
by Carol Buckley
(4,318 votes)
- Intermediate – Grades 4-6
1st Place – *11 Birthdays*,
by Wendy Mass
(379 votes)
- YA – Grades 7-12
1st Place – *The Maze Runner*,
by James Dashner
(179 votes)

All VSBA information—including annotated PowerPoint presentations of this year’s nominees—can be found on the new TASL website at: <http://www.tasln.org/>. Ballots for the coming year will be available soon. The Volunteer State Book Award Banquet will be held at the upcoming TASL 2012 conference.

—Missy Dillingham and Holly Matthews
Volunteer State Book Award Chairs



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