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Memphis Hilton to Host 2018 TLA Conference “All in for Tennessee” (April 4-6, 2018)

We are once again thrilled to partner with the Memphis Hilton for our 2018 annual conference. If you have never been to Memphis for a TLA conference or have been several times in the past, you will certainly not want to miss the 2018 conference.

Conference goers should take note that addition to a wide range of programs and speakers, the 2018



Conference will coincide with the 50th Anniversary of the Martin Luther King Assassination in Memphis TN (MLK50). This historically relevant and somber event will give

conference goers the opportunity to partake in civil rights events throughout the city.

You do not want to miss out on either event!

It's Red Carpet Time in Tennessee!

Time to take a few minutes to remember and honor our colleagues and friends in the business who have gone above and beyond to make our libraries better, and—often—our lives and our jobs better, too!

The Honors & Awards Committee of the Tennessee Library Association is soliciting nominations for the following awards. Don't wait—click on the link and give credit where credit is due. If you're a TLA member and you log onto the TLA web site first, it will automatically populate your personal info, so it takes even less time to honor a worthy individual or group.

TLA Honor Award:

Significant contribution to librarianship on state- or national level <http://www.tnla.org/?honoraward>

Frances Neel Cheney Award:

Significant contribution to the world of books and librarianship through love of books and reading <http://www.tnla.org/?cheneyaward>

Library Support Staff Award:

You know they do it all; requires 5 years' experience, full-time <http://www.tnla.org/?supportstaffaward>

Trustee Award:

Your favorite trustee in the state <http://www.tnla.org/?trusteeaward>

TLA Honorary Membership:

Significant sustained contributions to librarianship <http://www.tnla.org/?honorarymembaward>

Making a Difference Award:

Outstanding and continued support of a specific program or service <http://www.tnla.org/?differenceaward>

There will be other committees of TLA soliciting awards nominations, too, so don't be stingy...more is always better. If you have any questions about anything, please contact Cindy Welch (cwelch11@utk.edu) or Jill Rael (Jill.Rael@tn.gov), this year's Honors & Awards Committee co-chairs.

The nomination deadline for the Honors & Awards Committee awards is November 15, 2017.

President's Corner

I confess that Autumn is my favorite time of year. I love the shifting seasons and the trend toward the holidays. It's a fun library time as school starts and different initiatives ranging from National Library Card Month, Banned Book Week, Teen Read Week, National Gaming Day, and many more are celebrated. The opportunities to highlight the many ways librarians go "All In" for service to our communities abound.

Knoxville is lovely in the Fall and I had the pleasure of visiting the University of Tennessee to represent TLA at a quarterly Tennessee Advisory Council on Libraries meeting. The Council was given tours of Hodges Library and it was exciting to see all the innovation and service opportunities being created by the staff. Their enthusiasm for adapting to and anticipating the needs of students is inspiring.

Some of the UT librarians were fellow members of TLA. I am so lucky to work in an organization of wonderful professionals who have

committed to going "All In" and volunteering their time to keep TLA moving forward. Numerous members work towards hosting an annual conference, offer webinars, planning the Tennessee Library Legislative Day, and do so much more. As we approach the end of the year, I hope everyone will renew, rejoin, and commit to participation in TLA so we can maintain these connections and initiatives across our state.

One of our connections is with the Friends of Tennessee Libraries, which is committed to being "All In" for libraries and Friends groups across the state. While the seasons change, their dedication has been unwavering and their recognition by Governor Haslam within the Friends of the Libraries Week proclamation is well deserved.

Speaking of dedication, I would like to thank everyone who advocated for the preservation of the IMLS/IAL/LSTA funding that benefits so many of our Tennessee library communities. ALA is still working



toward the goal of #saveIMLS. Funding has been approved by the House and Senate and moved to the next stage. We've got a respite but additional calls to action are anticipated.

Meanwhile, enjoy your pumpkin spice, count your blessings, and remember our colleagues in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico, and California as they recover and assist their communities' efforts.

—*Jeffie Nicholson*
TLA President

We Need Champions, We Need You

Every year a few good men (and women, too) gather in Washington, DC to share the experience of meeting our federal representatives and reminding them how essential libraries are and how legislation impacts libraries in our state. The next National Library Legislation Days (NLLD) are Monday, May 7 and Tuesday, May 8, 2018.

So what really happens? First, you spend a day being briefed on the legislation that affects libraries. At the end of the day, the Tennessee team huddles to create a game plan. We decide who will be responsible for key points. Each person volunteers for

the legislation that has significance to them and will see the representatives they have a connection with or are interested in meeting.

The next day, Tennessee Tuesday, the team starts their day with donuts and coffee with our senators. Then we put our strategy in action to fit in as many of our legislators as possible. We travel through the historic halls of the federal buildings with other library advocates while vying for the elected officials' attention. With our carefully-prepared plans, we meet each official with targeted information and the strengths of our best advocates: you.

So join our Tennessee Team and be a part of history. Every elected official we reach with our message is a victory in itself. And if you think that the trip is too expensive, ask your institution or your Friends or Foundation for funding. The Friends may even come with you! For more information about the National Library Legislation Day, contact Vivian Wynn at vwynn91@bellsouth.net or Susan Earl at susan.earl@brentwoodtn.gov

2017 TLA Award Winners

TLA Honor Award:

Susan Jennings

Frances Neel Cheney Award:

Kathy Boudreau-Henry

Tennessee History Book Award:

Grand Invades Tennessee: The 1862 Battles for Forts Henry and Donelson

Dr. Edwin Gleaves Scholarship:

Kimberlee Byrge

TENNSCO Scholarship:

Nikki Cunningham

Library Support Staff Award:

Allen Wurtzinger

Louise Meredith School Library Media Award:

Amanda Mason

Daniel Taylor Memorial Award:

Erin Savage

Trustee Award:

Susan Ross-Miceli

TLA Honorary Membership:

Felicia Harris Felder Hoehne

TLA Making a Difference Award:

Linebaugh Library Foundation

Friend of the Year Award:

Friends of Smyrna Library and Friends of White County Public Library

Bookmarks All Around!

All TLA members are invited to participate in the second annual TLA Bookmark Exchange sponsored by the New Members Round Table! You'll send a bookmark to a TLA member, and a TLA member will send one to you! Bookmarks can be store-bought or handmade—be as creative as you want.

Sign up to participate on Elfster at <http://bit.ly/TLAbookmark17> by November 30, 2017, and on December 1 you'll be matched with another Tennessee Library Association member. Mail your gift to your match by December 31, 2017, and look for your gift in the mail! Be sure to include a note about who you

are and what library you work with. If you have any questions, please contact Kate Lewallen at kewalle@gmail.com.

Things You Might Not Know...

- ALA's Office for Human Resource Development and Recruitment published a free Career Development Resource Guide. It covers job searching, self-marketing, correspondence, interviewing, and job offers. <http://www.ala.org/educationcareers/employment/career-resources>
- Alicia Martin's Biografies, art involving book sculpture illusions, may inspire you to create art with your library's withdrawn books.
- Making is all the rage in libraries these days, but what about repairing? Hosting a repair event can help your

patrons and the environment! Read American Libraries' article titled "Libraries and the Art of Everything Maintenance" for more information.

- The Librarian of Congress supervises 3149 full-time staff members! Google *Carla Hayden secrets* to learn nine cool things about her and her job.

Membership Numbers:

2017: 512
2016: 570
2015: 633
2014: 644
2013: 716

Membership numbers have been decreasing over the last five years. The Membership Committee and TLA Board are brainstorming about how to find out why and how to reverse the trend.



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