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TLA Bylaws

In March 2018, TLA members approved a major revision of the TLA Bylaws, which will go into effect on July 1, 2018. The revised Bylaws are available for viewing on the TLA website: <https://tnla.site-ym.com/?page=bylawsprocedures>.

Tenn-Share Events

DataFest and School Library Collection Fair are Thursday, September 27 at the Nashville Public Library Conference Center. Registration is open for both: <https://www.tenn-share.org/datafest>

Fall Conference is Friday, September 28 at the Nashville Public Library Conference Center. Details available at <https://www.tenn-share.org/fallconference>

Thank You!

The Scholarship Committee would like to thank everyone who donated to, bid on, or purchased an item at the Annual Conference Silent Auction! With your help, the Silent Auction raised over \$1,000 to help fund future TLA scholarships. We could not have done it without your help!

JCPL Teens Submit Winning Video

Johnson City Public Library's Teen Advisory Board members won the 2018 Tennessee Teen Video Challenge promoting the Collaborative Summer Learning Program! The teen participants created and produced a short film titled *Dinothesaurus*, a collection of imagined scenarios showing "what happens when a T-Rex visits the library." In the video, teens may be seen wearing an inflatable T-Rex costume and acting as concerned library staff. The teens

also tie in this year's summer reading theme by adding that "Libraries Rock and Roar!" A special thank you to Lilly Anderson, Sidney Bagley, Ellen Carpenter, Ivy Carpenter, Diana Dalton, Emma Gilbert, Connor Hall, and Taryn Parker for their hard work during this production! You may check out JCPL's video and all of the other CSLP State Winners at www.csllpreads.org/2018-teen-video-challenge.

Tenn-Share Subscriptions

Tenn-Share is renewing the following databases. Some vendors allow current subscribers to join at a discount; others only offer discounts to new subscribers. Contact execdir@tenn-share.org to add a database from existing vendors.

June:

OCLC: WorldCat (all library types)

July:

Alexander Street Press: World History in Video, American History in Video (academic libraries)

Columbia: International Affairs, World Poetry (academic)

Credo: Topic Pages, Online Reference Service (academic)

EBSCO: eBook Academic Collection, Business Source Complete, Education Collection, BusinessCore Collection,

Nursing Reference Center (academic and special)

InfoBase/Films on Demand: Humanities & Social Sciences Collection, Master Academic Collection, Master Career & Technical Education Video Collection CTEC (all library types)

Lexis Nexis and ProQuest databases (academic)

Rittenhouse: R2 Digital Library (academic and special)

Human Relations Area Files: eHRAF (academic)

August:

OCLC: EZProxy

Rosen: Teen Health

Teton Press: STAT!Ref Nursing (academic and special)

President's Corner

Did you go All In for Tennessee Libraries this year? I'm grateful to everyone who has joined TLA and stepped up to advocate for our libraries and to help make our annual events happen. Our Board volunteers have worked hard to keep our organization moving forward and approved new Bylaws that our members then approved by vote. At the time of the election, 292 members were eligible to vote in the election and on the restructuring ballot. 75 members voted for almost 25% participation in the Officers election. 65 members responded to the 551 restructuring bylaws ballots mailed which is roughly 12% participation. We are run by the members who take action so we are now working with the incoming Officers to make the necessary changes in the implementation of our Board restructuring.

Tennessee Library Legislative Day was held in March with an attendance high of 70 people participating. It was a great event with attendees visiting their legislators to tell them how we are All In for our communities and about the wonderful things happening in our libraries. We learned about the new Tennessee State Library and Archives building from the architect. The renderings are beautiful and everyone is already planning their visits to tour it. Congratulations

to our State Librarian and their staff on being so close to seeing the culmination of their going All In to make this happen for Tennessee. We also received advocacy training over lunch from guest speaker, Kathi Kromer, Associate Executive Director of the American Library Association, Washington Office. It was an educational and inspiring event thanks to all the hard work by our Legislative Committee. I'm looking forward to taking what I learned and expanding on it in Washington at National Library Legislative Day with our other Tennessee advocates this May.

Kudos to our Conference Coordinator, Co-chairs, and the conference committee for another wonderful conference! They are the epitome of going All In for Tennessee Libraries as they have worked tirelessly all year to make it happen. Thank you to the Memphis Public Library staff and their Friends who were so generous in helping with the conference. I wish everyone could have been there to hear our keynote speaker, Jamie LaRue. He was passionate and engaging in talking about libraries and advocacy. I'm grateful to our exhibitors, participants, and presenters for coming to Memphis and sharing their time, knowledge, and experiences.

I am most grateful to everyone who said yes, that they would go All



In from 2017 to 2018 and serve on our Board. I recognize and treasure the gift of time that everyone gives in volunteering to serve on our committees, offices, and positions in TLA. I hope the year has advanced us all professionally and individually. If you take the opportunity to be a part of our association's Board, know that you will be working with people truly dedicated to our mission and profession. It's been a pleasure and an honor to have been your President. I look forward to continuing to serve our association as Past-President and I'm so excited to be working with our new President, Heather Lanier, and Vice-President/President-Elect, Jill Rael, in 2018-2019. Remember, it's always a good time to go All In for what you care about.

—*Jeffie Nicholson*
TLA President

Newsletter Purpose

Publications of the Tennessee Library Association support TLA's mission by providing information relevant to librarians, library support staff, and other library advocates. In electronic media, TLA publications serve as a forum for discussion of issues, innovations, and concerns to libraries

and librarians, particularly those in Tennessee. Publications contribute to the continuing education and professional development of librarians and library staff through the sharing of research, ideas, and knowledge about best practices; notification of continuing education

workshops, and conferences; and opportunities to serve the Association. TLA publications also provide current awareness about activities of TLA, local library news, positions available, and latest developments in the State's information community.

JCPL Presents “Stories to Service”

The Johnson City Public Library is proud to announce the beginning of a new teen program titled Stories to Service. JCPL’s Teen Librarian, Katelyn Wolfe, was inspired to start this program after attending the YALSA Symposium in Louisville this fall. Stories to Service is a combination of community service projects and book clubs that will be planned and implemented by a committee of teen volunteers. JCPL plans to offer this program four times a year for teens ages 12-18.

Katelyn says that the program was inspired by several panels at the YALSA Symposium including “Helping Teens Make a Difference” and the introductory session author panel in

which YA authors discussed the essay “Mirrors, Windows, and Sliding Glass Doors” by Rudine Sims Bishop. Once she returned from the conference, she sat down to discuss her ideas with the library’s Teen Advisory Board and the Stories to Service program was born. “I am continually surprised by the motivation and service of our Teen Advisory Board members. Many of these teens have committed to serve additional volunteer hours by participating in the Stories to Service committee. They have such a strong desire to get out and serve outside of the library’s walls and to learn more about our community.”

The first Stories to Service planning committee met in late April. The

first project will take place over the summer and the teens have chosen to host a project focusing on environmental needs. The library will be partnering with a local organization called Skillville that has generously offered their workshop as a space for the teens to build bird houses and bug hotels for the library’s pollinator garden. Future project themes are still under development, but the committee hopes to focus on driving safety issues such as texting and driving this fall.

You may read more about the Stories to Service program, watch the grant submission video, and learn about other JCPL teen programs at www.jcpl.org.

UT-SIS News

There’s been a big development in the affordability of the program. Out-of-state online tuition rates are now nearly the same as in-state-tuition rates. “This tuition change will make the UT SIS program more realistic for many, many students that have long dreamed of earning a degree here,” said SIS Director Diane Kelly. “Our graduates go on to careers in traditional library roles as well as careers such as data analyst, data curator, user experience specialists, web developers and more. Because many of our courses are offered as synchronous distance education classes, it makes earning a graduate degree a reality for those that do not have the option of leaving their home, job and/or family to come to UT.

The synchronous mode also affords students the opportunity to develop meaningful relationships with faculty and each other. In others states, there may be limited options for earning a MSIS from an accredited program or



Juniper Starr

limited career path options.”

SIS Student Juniper Starr has been doing wonderful work in her partnership with the eastern-PBS program “Blacks in Appalachia,” where she is equipping local communicators with the ability to digitalize their

historic content, so it is not lost with passing generations.

https://www.greenevillesun.com/news/local_news/student-compiles-details-about-county-s-black-history/article_7c92be4b-61bc-5683-83bc-5aa52e814ef9.html



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Small Town Living Fundraising Luncheon

Benefiting the Friends of the Pigeon Forge Public Library

Speaker:
Former Tennessee Supreme Court Justice Gary Wade

Thursday, May 10, Noon
The LeConte Center at Pigeon Forge

Every small town has its heart-warming stories. Come hear wonderful memories of families who drove to the county seat and filled the streets around the courthouse square.

Tickets \$15



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