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First Event at the TEC

Every week I glean through blogs, looking for interesting possibilities for classes and events. The TN-LIBRARIES List-Serv made mention of hosting an event for “International Observe the Moon Night” back in early September, and it piqued our collective interests here at the Technology Engagement Center. A few of us have telescopes and Googling “STEAM Moon projects” gave us some ideas for programming, such as the Oreo Moon Phase chart!

Looking for an expert to give a talk about the moon, I found everyone was already booked up. Big lesson: work farther in the future! But this is how I learned about the TN

STEAM Festival and also how we lucked out getting included on their events website. So, no astronauts or astrophysicists, but the Astronomy Club of MTSU was willing to bring out a bigger telescope (Meade LX200-ACF 8-inch Schmidt-Cassegrain, oh yeah!) and we made the commitment.

This year was the 8th International Observe the Moon Night, an annual event sponsored by NASA. Like other events with which we are familiar (Free Comic Book Day, Banned Book Week) the sponsor had excellent resources available for free; we could have planned our entire event from the activity and streaming sites provided. Our

imaginations ran with it and thus we had space-themed VR, Storytime from Space, and showed open-source space videos. Snacks included cheese & crackers and Moon Pies!

The TEC would like to give a shout-out to the Bookmobile for coming to hang out with us and help reinforce that “yes, we are part of RCLS.” To the entire TEC staff who really pulled it together, way to GO! We had 81 visitors, so it was a wonderful first step and I am sure there is more fun on the way.

—Kathleen M. Tyree
Branch Librarian
RCLS/Technology Engagement Center



The TEC hosted “International Observe the Moon Night” in Murfreesboro on October 18, 2018.

President's Corner

The smell of pumpkin spice, the changing colors of the leaves, and the chill in the air are all signals of the changing seasons. This is the year our Association changes too. Our members voted at the beginning of year in favor of a restructuring of the Board. 65 members responded to the 551 restructuring bylaws ballots mailed out. This means 12% of our members set us on a new path. I would remind us all that TLA is OUR organization. It's direction is decided by those who opt to be active in the processes. Please, please, please participate. We all know the importance of being active citizens from service to voting. TLA is what we decide to make of it.

The new Bylaws created an Advisory Council and an expanded Executive Board. Our committees have been busy working on updating their sections in the Manual of Procedures, which include their descriptions and duties, so as to be in accordance with the Bylaws. At-Large Representatives have been elected and congratulations

are in order to these new Executive Board Members. Your willingness to help us develop these new elected positions is greatly appreciated. We also have Division Leaders and Roundtable Representatives as new positions on our first Advisory Council as we work toward the goal of greater member involvement. Thank you all for agreeing to serve!

We held the first official Advisory Council and Executive Board meeting in September. There were two action items that the Advisory Council was made aware of and that the Executive Board voted to move forward with, the Intellectual Freedom Committees revision for the Manual of Procedures and the appointment of a Co-Chair of College and University Libraries Roundtable. There was a brief discussion of the ongoing implementation of the new structure.

I'm very grateful for all the efforts of our volunteer members who are serving and working towards the continuing improvement of our Association. It's a privilege to work



with all the talented and enthusiastic professionals on our Advisory Council, Executive Board and Committees to ensure that the business of our Association keeps moving forward.

I hope you find the autumn season changes inspiring and take advantage of the opportunities that are forthcoming as new elected officials are sought for TLA offices. You can be the change that TLA needs to help our members learn, grow, and succeed by participation.

—*Jeffie Nicholson*
TLA President

MTSU Success

Middle Tennessee State University's (MTSU) online Master of Library Science (MLS) Program continues to flourish. Fall enrollment grew again this semester with the program now having 61 students enrolled for classes. This is a 69% increase since Fall 2015 when enrollment was at 36 students.

Following the retirement of Prof. Kathy Boudreau-Henry in May, 2017, Dr. Frank Lambert became the program coordinator. In Fall 2017, Assistant Professor Holly Hebert was added to the faculty, joining Dr. Lambert, Prof. DeAnne Luck and several adjuncts including Prof. Leigh

Watson, who oversees the field experience program.

The MLS program, accredited by NCATE and CAEP eligible, has four tracks: the Master of Library Science; the Master of Library Science with school media endorsement; non-degree licensure for those who already have a master's degree; and the Master of Library Science with initial teacher licensure. Several new courses have been approved for delivery in the coming year including Public Libraries, Information Technology for Information Professionals, Academic Libraries, Instructional Strategies for Information Profes-

sionals, Library Services for Special Populations, and Advanced Metadata Management of Library Resources. The program will continue to seek ALA accreditation with a pre-candidacy application being developed for submission in Fall 2019.

MTSU MLS students continue to be involved in TLA. Two students, Courtney Zeitler and Cassandra Taylor, were chosen as interns for the last TLA Conference and Brandon Owens was recently elected as an At-Large Representative for Academic Libraries for the 2018-2019 term.

—*Holly Hebert*

Tenn-Share Nominations

Tenn-Share is seeking nominations to fill several upcoming vacancies on its Board of Directors. Submit nominations online any time through November 19, 2018. It's not overwhelming to serve; responsibilities are very manageable and there are only 3 meetings per year of the full Board.

Form and Board Responsibilities: <https://www.tenn-share.org/boardresponsibilities>

Vacancies:

- Secretary
- Academic Library Representative from East Tennessee
- Public Library Representative from Middle Tennessee
- Public Library Representative from East Tennessee
- School Library Representative from Middle Tennessee
- School Library Representative from East Tennessee

Serving on the Tenn-Share Board is an excellent way to serve our profession and to participate in an orga-

nization that makes a true difference for Tennessee libraries. The Board is an active governing board that plans, directs, and oversees all of Tenn-Share operations. Board members are instrumental in developing and carrying out Tenn-Share's mission and strategic plan. Members also serve on committees and attend the Fall Conference, DataFest/School Library Collection Fair, and three Board meetings annually. Board meetings are typically held in the Nashville area, and the fall meeting coincides with the annual Fall Conference. Board Members must be employed by a Tenn-Share member institution.

Terms of office are two years, running from January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2020. Tenn-Share strives to maintain a geographic balance of representation across the three grand divisions of Tennessee, though nominations for any good candidates are welcome and will be given due consideration.

Please consider nominating yourself or someone else today. Self-nominations are welcome and encouraged. If you nominate someone else, please get that person's agreement before submitting a nomination. You may submit nominations for more than one position.

What's in it for me?

- A chance to push your boundaries and demonstrate leadership abilities
- Learn more about Tenn-Share
- Learn what resources are discounted through Tenn-Share
- Networking/meeting colleagues
- Learning about other library types
- Increased awareness of library issues across the state
- First time on a board
- Learn political aspects of library work in Tennessee (TBR, UT, big systems)

Workshop Opportunity

We invite you to participate in a Library Carpentry workshop at Middle Tennessee State University January 7-9, 2019. Library Carpentry introduces library professionals to data science software and skills that can be used to improve library collections and services. No prior knowledge is needed. Participants who wish to become Library Carpentry trainers can work toward certification by attending the workshop.

This event is hosted by TennShare. Please register here: https://www.tenn-share.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?eventid=12&evregl=2&t=&testmtype=&pub=1

Participants must bring a laptop with a Mac, Linux, or Windows oper-

ating system (not a tablet, Chromebook, etc.) that they have administrative privileges on. They should have a few specific software packages installed (listed on the event web page: <https://libcce.github.io/2019-01-07-MTSU>). Meals and snacks are included in registration.

If you have any questions, please contact chris@carpentries.org, MaryEllen.Sloane@mtsu.edu, Suzanne.Mangrum@mtsu.edu, or Robert.Wilson@mtsu.edu. For more information about Library Carpentry, please see the following article: <https://www.liberquarterly.eu/article/10.18352/lq.10176/>.

—*Suzanne Mangrum*
James E. Walker Library, MTSU

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.

December:

EBSCO: Points of View

CREDO (CBU, KING): Topic Pages, Online Reference Service

GALE: TERC



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News & Upcoming Events

November:

Picture Book Month (<http://picturebookmonth.com>) and Native American Heritage Month (<https://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov>)

Save the Date:

TLA 2019: Opening Hearts, Doors, Minds, April 24-26, 2019 at the Chattanooga Convention Center. We hope to see you there for a wealth of networking, new learning, fellowship, and good times!

—Jamie Osborn and Cindy Welch
Conference Co-Chairs

Election Results:

The following persons have been elected to fill the At-Large Representative positions for 2018/2019, completing the roster for the TLA Executive Board:

- Brandon Owens: Academic Libraries
- Amy Kimani: Public Libraries
- Blake Hopper: School Libraries
- Charles Sherrill: Special Libraries
- Susie Ries: Friends/Retirees/Trustees



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