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Important Dates

October 10-14:

Southern Festival of Books
(Nashville)

October 19-25:

Tennessee/National
Friends of Libraries Week

November 15:

Deadline for nominating FOTL
Friend of the Year

December 13:

TLA Board of Directors Meeting,
online (locations TBA)
10 AM – Noon CST

December/January:

Membership renewal period

February/March:

2015 TLA Election

February (Date TBA):

TN Library Legislative Day
(Nashville)

April 12-18:

National Library Week

April 22, 2015:

TLA Board of Directors Meeting,
(location TBA, Memphis, TN)

Conference News!

Plans are coming together for the TLA Annual Conference. The Memphis Hilton will be our host from April 22-24, 2015. Be on the lookout for more news about registration.

We also invite your proposals for contributed presentations, pre-conferences, and business meetings for TLA roundtables and sections.

Officer Nominations

The Nominating Committee is seeking persons who will serve in the following offices for the terms indicated:

Vice President/President Elect:
July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016; then becomes President: July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017; then becomes Past President: July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018.

Recording Secretary: July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016; then becomes Co-Chair of Strategic Planning Committee: July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017.

ALA Councilor: July 1, 2015-June 30, 2018 (a 3-year term).

You need not be a member of TLA to offer a proposal, but registration for the conference is required should your proposal be accepted. Our theme this year is "Where Everyone Has a Place at the Table." Please visit <http://www.tnla.org/?2015Proposals> to submit your proposals. The deadline for submission is October 17, 2014.

SELA Representative: July 1, 2015-June 30, 2018 (a 3-year term).

Please send nominations and/or questions to the Nominations Committee chair Jillian Rael
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President's Point of View

Greetings from beautiful Chattanooga, Tennessee. I'm Susan Jennings, this year's President of the Tennessee Library Association. Having just completed our first official Board of Directors' meeting of the year, I am truly excited about TLA and our future. This year's Board is filled with a great mix of long time TLA volunteers along with a generous dose of new recruits. The Board began discussions on how they can plan goals to meet our theme this year as well as ways that we can re-envision our association for the future.

This year's theme is "TLA: Where Everyone Has A Place At The Table." This honors the inclu-

sion of and access for all our patrons, and celebrates the diversity of libraries, staff, and patrons within our state. When the Board recently met, we began to discuss where our association is going in this changing library landscape. Committees, sections, roundtables, and affiliates will begin their discussions now on how to plan for our future. I hope these conversations will lead to new and varied ways of reaching out to our members and to our patrons. My hope is that we will begin laying a foundation for future boards and members to build upon.

But, we need your help! Stay tuned to this column and the TLA



listserv for more details on how you can get involved. I look forward to seeing YOU at the table!

—Susan Jennings
TLA President

Better Know a Committee: Intellectual Freedom

The *Captain Underpants* series by Dav Pilkey and *Fifty Shades of Grey* by E.L. James have a bit more in common than just underpants—both titles are at the top of the heap of books that have been challenged in recent years. According to the ALA, these are just two of more than 11,300 books challenged since 1982, the inception of ALA's Banned Books Week. These statistics are only recorded if librarians like you report these instances of challenged books to the ALA by submitting a Challenged Book Form, which can be found on the ALA Banned Book page: <http://www.ala.org/bbooks/frequentlychallengedbooks>.

Make this year your year to catch up on turning in those challenged book forms to do your part in recording a piece of literary censorship. Banned Books Week has gained steam in the past few years not only around the country, but right here in Tennessee. Celebrated the last full week of September, Banned Books

Week is an opportunity to educate the public on censorship, challenged books, and the importance of the freedom to read. To help raise awareness of these pressing issues, the Intellectual Freedom Committee asks you to create an engaging Banned Books Week display and enter it in our annual contest. The winner receives a certificate commending their achievement, and of course, bragging rights for their institution. All photos of Banned Books Week displays are posted to TLA's Facebook page.

For more ideas and resources, visit the official Banned Books Website: <http://www.bannedbooksweek.org>. Here you will find information about its history, along with a U.S. Censorship map, public relations and event resources, and a list of other libraries participating in Banned Books Week.

In addition to creating your spectacular banned books displays, please consider submitting a nomina-

tion to the committee for this year's Intellectual Freedom Award winner. The IF Award is an annual TLA-sponsored award given to a person (or group) who has actively promoted intellectual freedom in Tennessee. The award winner receives a \$500 honorarium and plaque presented at the TLA Conference Intellectual Freedom Luncheon. Please help the committee find a worthy group of candidates for this prestigious award that truly captures the heart, and call to action, of librarianship. Nominations, along with a description of why the nominee deserves the award, can be emailed to Annie Herlocker (annie@clarksville.org) as soon as possible!

—Annie Herlocker
Intellectual Freedom Committee Co-Chair
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We Need Champions, We Need You: National Library Legislation Days

Every year a few good men and women gather in Washington, DC to share the experience of meeting our 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 4 and Tuesday, May 5, 2015.

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, all 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.

Please join our Tennessee Team and be a part of history. Every elected official we reach with our message is a victory in itself.

For more information about the National Library Legislation Day, contact Vivian Wynn at vwynn91@bellsouth.net or Susan Earl at earls@brentwood-tn.org.

Save the Date



May 4 & 5, 2015
Liaison Hotel
Capitol Hill
Washington, DC

For more information:
ala.org/nlld

Joint Conference with SELA/GaCOMO

The joint conference with SELA/GaCOMO (Southeastern Library Association/Georgia Council of Media Organizations) is Oct. 1-3, 2014 at the Marriott Conference Center in Augusta, Georgia. You don't need to be a SELA member to

attend, but members receive a registration discount. If you have never been a member of SELA, membership dues for the first year are only \$10. This conference will be offering approximately 90 program sessions, poster sessions from both GaCOMO

and SELA library personnel, 3 keynote speakers, and a ticketed auction to benefit scholarships with over 100 donated items. Further information is available at: <http://selaonline.org/news/conference2014.htm>

Exemplary Program in Outreach: Chattanooga State Community College

The Kolwyck Library and Information Commons (KLIC) of Chattanooga State Community College (ChSCC) has been awarded the status of "Exemplary Program in Outreach" by the Association of College

and Research Libraries' (ACRL) Information Literacy Best Practices (ILBP) project. KLIC has a strong legacy of community engagement through library instruction. Susan Jennings, Dean of Library Services,

explains, "We are the only community college that was recognized in the entire ACRL Information Literacy Best Practices (ILBP) project under any category." Congratulations to the entire Instruction Program at KLIC.

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Note from the Editor

During my time as Editor, the Newsletter has only ever received one significant suggestion: meatier articles. While this may upset some vegetarians—and even as I typed that pun, it upset me—I thought that all TLA members would benefit from getting to know the committees, sections, and roundtables that keep the association running. Starting with this issue, I hope to introduce an ongoing column devoted to explaining what each committee, section, and round-

table does, why it's important, and all of the issues they deal with. If we all understand a little bit more about each piece that forms the whole, we'll have a much deeper appreciation and interest in the work that our colleagues perform on our behalf as members of TLA.

We are fortunate to have active and gifted members, so I hope you will be proactive in bragging about your committees, roundtables, and sections. If you are not proactive,

then I will be forced to call on you. The choice is yours.

Please send any and all feedback. Also, please write an engaging article about your committee, section, or roundtable for inclusion in future issues.

—Anthony H. Prince, Jr.
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