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Linebaugh Embraces Change

Linebaugh Branch Librarian Carol Ghattas is always looking for ways to improve services and space usage for the community, and two recent events have enabled her to work on these goals. In May of 2018, the offices of the Rutherford County Library System's director and other administrative and technical services staff moved into a building at 123 E. College. Then, in August last year, the new Technology Engagement Center (TEC) opened at 306 Minerva Drive.

"Both of these brought major changes for Linebaugh," says Ghattas. "We've been in our current facility for 26 years, and as our community has grown, so has our staff and services. In the end, we had no space for our well-attended children's events or public meeting rooms. The move of the Administrative offices and

opening of the TEC have given us new possibilities for growth."

Working with her staff for over a year on studying needs, building usage and possible layouts, Ghattas began a multi-step process of renovation and change to the building space. With backing from the RCSLS Library Board, the Linebaugh staff has already accomplished a great deal of their yearlong project, including:

- A new media and graphic novel area for adults and teens
- New flooring in the main entrance of the library
- Removal of walls on the 1st floor area to open up the space
- Moving the 2nd floor service desk to better serve patrons coming upstairs
- Moving the Branch Librarian's office, as well as other staff

services, to the back office area to free up floor space and decrease the size of the front desk

- Purchase of four mobile display-shelving units to enable patrons to quickly pick up available holds or check out new books and media

The next few months will see the final stages of the project put into action, as Ghattas' overall goal is to provide a better-designated layout of the library. During a closure for Staff Development Day, Linebaugh staff worked with professional movers to move the entire adult fiction and large print collections to the 2nd floor. The children's events moved to the back of the first floor, to the area previously occupied by fiction. The first floor will now be specifically for children

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Linebaugh Library in Murfreesboro is undergoing a multi-step process of renovation and change to the building space.

President's Corner

Happy New Year! Do you love to network with and be inspired by other library staff from all over Tennessee? In 2019 our organization has two great opportunities for doing so.

The first opportunity is our annual Tennessee Library Legislative Day on March 12 in Nashville. TLLD is a wonderful opportunity to advocate for our libraries and to speak with our legislators about library related issues. Our Legislative Day Committee has expanded this event to include distinguished guest speakers and provides great information to make it easy for us to have speaking points to share with legislators about the importance of Tennessee Libraries. I strongly encourage you to register now to participate.

The second opportunity this year is our annual conference this April 24-26. This year's theme, *Opening Hearts, Doors, and Minds* incorporates suggestions from members to honor Heather Lanier, our elected TLA President. The heart for all



Jeffie Nicholson, Susan Earl, and Heather Lanier

the love she shared with us and her community. The doors she constantly sought to open to TLA members through her work for our organization and through her work at her library in Brentwood plus her volunteerism at other organizations. The minds impacted by her spirit and actions at TLA, Brentwood, and in Tennessee. I invite you all to come together in Chattanooga and be inspired by Heather's example to give our best efforts in serving in all of our own

circles of influence professionally and personally.

Registration for both events is open now and I look forward to seeing you soon! Thank you for being a TLA member and I hope the new year brings you everything that you are working towards in 2019.

—*Jeffie Nicholson*
TLA President 2017-2018

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and teens, while the second floor will house public computers and materials for adults (except for the media area on the 1st floor).

“With the opening of the TEC, Linebaugh will no longer be the hub of all the computer classes for the system. While the majority of the classes will now be offered at the TEC, Smyrna, Linebaugh and MGL branches will all continue to have some basic classes. This enables Linebaugh to reduce the footprint of public computers at our location.”

New public computers were purchased in October and moved to a new location on the 2nd floor as stacks for adult materials are added

to the space currently occupied by the computer lab. On the first floor, teens will have a study area for groups or tutors to use, and Young Adult materials will be in their location. With the changes on the first floor, new paint is needed, and painters have now begun that work as well.

“Libraries are not stagnant facilities, says Ghattas, “but must adapt and change to meet the needs in their unique communities. For this reason, we will be painting over the Norris Hall mural in our current children's area. Mr. Hall's work has blessed children for twenty-two years, and we will be working to preserve the mural in digital format in the

coming weeks. It's never easy to face change, but I trust the overall goal will be accepted and appreciated by our patrons.”

If anything, Ghattas has shown that changes can be made with minimum of cost and disruption, if patrons and staff are given time to adjust. The staff is already hearing great comments from patrons. Parents say they feel safer in the newer and bigger children's area, and other patrons say the library seems so much more open and brighter.

—*Carol Ghattas*

Staff Changes at The Rutherford County Library System



Mindy Barrett (top) and Laura Loggins

The Rutherford County Library System (RCLS) is happy to announce that Mindy Barrett will be taking up the reigns of service at the Myrtle Glanton Lord branch at Patterson Park Community Center beginning January 14, 2019.

Mindy has been with RCLS for nine years, working at both Linebaugh and Smyrna branches. She has served as Youth Services Specialist at Linebaugh since 2014, where she led the Youth Services department with exemplary leadership and service. Mindy earned her Master's Degree in Education and Library Science from MTSU and worked for Rutherford County Schools prior to joining RCLS.

“Linebaugh will be losing a valuable member of the team, but we are excited MGL will benefit from Mindy’s experience, education, enthusiasm, programming abilities and patron-driven service,” says RCLS Director Rita Shacklett.

Laura Loggins has been selected as the new Youth Services Specialist at Linebaugh Public Library, beginning January 14, 2019. Laura has worked at Linebaugh for over eight years, primarily in the Youth Services department, so she brings a great deal of experience to the job and enables a smooth transition.

We look forward to Laura leading the Youth Services department forward in 2019 and the years to come.

Access and Patron Services Roundtable

If you are a member of the Access and Patron Services Roundtable, please join the conversation on the Roundtable Slack! This is our primary mode of communication with the membership, and it’s fun and easy to use. If interested in joining, contact Ashley Roach-Freiman (amroach@memphis.edu), Michael Harris (mwharris2@memphis.edu), or

Andrea Kincaid (Andrea.Kincaid@ChattanoogaState.edu) for an invitation. We’ve set up space for meetings, jobtalk, conference talk, and tutorials for using Slack.

Along with Joseph Winberry, Chair of the University and College Libraries Roundtable, Ashley invites all members to submit to the Matching Sets newsletter. We are looking

for stories of success and failure, and what you’ve learned from either or both. Submit at bit.ly/lib_story.

The AaPS Conference meeting in Chattanooga is scheduled for Thursday, April 25 at 1:10. We’ll be using some brainstorming ideas inspired by design thinking practices to define and discuss common issues in access and patron services. Join us!

2019 Southeast Science Boot Camp

The organizing committee for the 2019 Southeast Science Boot Camp for Librarians to be held at Vanderbilt University next May 29-31, 2019 is excited to announce that registration is now open. Please share with your colleagues near and far.

This event provides an affordable opportunity for librarians to hear presentations about current scientific research, to hear “data blitz” talks from other science and health sci-

ences librarians, and to network with librarians in the region. Out-of-town attendees will be staying in the brand new E. Bronson Ingram College.

We are also now accepting proposals for “data blitz” (or lightning talk) proposals related to all aspects of STEM and health sciences librarianship including—but not limited to—collection development, data management, faculty collaboration, information literacy, community

outreach, scholarly communications, and science and medical/nursing education.

For a preliminary schedule, speaker bios, and links to registration and a data blitz proposal submission form, please visit: <https://sites.google.com/view/se-sciencebootcamp2019/>

Please contact Rachel Lane Walden at rachel.l.walden@vanderbilt.edu if you have any questions.



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Upcoming Tenn-Share Event and TEL Webinars

Tenn-Share invites you to learn practical strategies to advocate for your library from the experts at EveryLibrary, a nonprofit social welfare organization chartered to work on local library ballot initiatives. Join John Chrastka and Patrick Sweeney from EveryLibrary, who have planned these days to be productive and relevant for staff at ALL library types.

EveryLibrary helps public, school, and college libraries win bonding, tax, and advisory referendum, ensuring stable funding and access to libraries for generations to come.

Registration is open: https://www.tenn-share.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=3/18/2019&eventid=13

Support Summer Reading with Your TEL Gale Resources, Thursday,

March 14, 1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. CST (2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. EST). Register at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/806615320435103745>

Explore Gale Literary Sources from TEL for Poetry Month! Thursday, April 11, 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. CST (11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. EST). Register at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6147378703233995521>

Exciting Gale Resources for Career & Technical Education from TEL, Thursday, May 16, 1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. CST (2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. EST). Register at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6032655659995859713>

TLA Conference 2019

The Tennessee Library Association Conference will be here before you know it! We are excited to return to the Chattanooga Convention Center April 24-26 for the 2019 TLA Conference, “Opening Hearts, Doors, Minds.” Early Bird Registration is now open and will remain so until April 2nd and online registration will be available until April 19th. <https://www.tnla.org/page/2019Conference>

—Jamie Osborn and Cindy Welch
Conference Co-Chairs

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