2024 TNLA Conference

Conference Information:
Tuesday, April 2 – Thursday, April 4, Cool Springs Marriott, Franklin, TN

Now Accepting Conference Proposals

The Tennessee Library Association is now accepting program proposals for the 2024 Annual Conference. Proposal submissions are due Friday, December 15th, 2023. This year’s conference theme is Libraries Connect Us All. The conference team is looking for proposals from all types of libraries and all areas of librarianship.

Proposals formats include:
• Contributed presentations: 60-minute time slots, including 10 to 15 minutes for audience participation.
• Business meetings for Roundtables and Committees
• Pre-conference sessions: Tuesday for half-day or whole day
• Virtual presentations: live streaming or pre-recorded may be available.

If you have questions, please send them to our program chairs, Larissa Root (larissa.root@fortisinstitute.edu) and Marissa Snead (msnead@sevierlibrary.org).

2024 Conference Awards and Scholarship Applications

Due November 17, 2023

Please see below the calls for applications for the Gleaves Scholarship, the TNLA Conference Internship Program, and the annual selection of TNLA Awards opportunities.

The deadline for each of these items is November 17, 2023.

The TNLA Dr. Edwin S. Gleaves Scholarship, established in 2004, offers $1,500 annually to assist library and/or information science students with educational expenses such as tuition, books, or technology.

To be eligible for the Dr. Edwin S. Gleaves Scholarship, applicants must:
• Be a current member of the Tennessee Library Association
• Be a Tennessee resident
• Hold an undergraduate degree

Applications are being accepted for the Tennessee Library Association’s Conference Internship Program (CIP). This year the Tennessee Library Association will select interns to assist with TNLAs annual conference, to be held in Franklin, TN, April 2-4, 2024.

The Conference Internship Program provides a wonderful opportunity to network with colleagues, develop professional contacts and experience the TNLA

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President’s Corner: Fabulous Fall Connections

Fellow librarians, fall has arrived, the season of sweater weather, football games, pumpkin spice all the things, and comfy cozy reading times in the favorite nooks of our readers. It may be your favorite vibe of the entire year. Fall also calls to mind a time of slowing down when the landscape around us takes one last colorful gasp before a well-deserved nap until spring. But, my library friends, napping is probably last on our list of things we have time to do because fall is a time of busy libraries, with school having resumed and students needing our help with assignments and research, seasonal programming that brings the community together in the ‘living room’ of the community... our libraries, along with reports, grant writing, program development, and well, a long list of tasks too numerous to mention. Add to that the growing issues some of our libraries are experiencing as they work toward peace and understanding about the materials and resources we offer our library users, and what you have is a burned-out exhausted bunch of librarians.

If you find yourself in this category, I want to say the most valuable thing to help, the most important information I can give you to make the load and the stress magically less. But alas, y’all, I have none of that in my librarian bag of tricks. What I have is this, I see you. TNLA sees you, your Friends of the Library see you. Your fellow librarians see you. Your library patrons that appreciate everything you do for them, every last little extra step you take to make their reading lives better, richer, and more abundant, they see you too. All of these connections are here for you, on every good day, when your cup is filled from the joy your work brings to your life, and on every bad day, when you wonder why you thought being a librarian would be a low stress and abundantly rewarding career. We all need someone to lean on at times, and all of these connections are available to you to reach out to so you can celebrate on the best of days and have a listening ear in the midst of the hardest moments.

And one final connection that’s important, you, for yourself.

Librarians advocate for others on a daily basis so it may be time to direct that energy inward, for just a time, enough time for some self-care, whatever that looks like to you, enough time for some quiet thoughtful meditation to center yourself and focus on your inner peace as the world keeps spinning and life keeps lifting, and some time to maybe, take that nap after all.

—Rhonda Tippitt
TNLA President

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annual conference. Conference interns complete four hours of work at the conference as assigned by the TNLA Honors, Awards, and Scholarship Committee.

In exchange for the four hours of work, the interns receive approximately $150.00 in:

- Waived registration fees for the TNLA annual conference
- One free ticket to the All-Conference Reception
- A $100 stipend to be used as desired to defray costs of attending the conference
- Formal recognition at the conference

Applicants for the TLA Conference Internship Program:

- Must be a member of the Tennessee Library Association
- Must be a student in a library and/or information science program

TNLA Awards available for nominations:

There are several TNLA awards to review. Please follow the link to read the available awards and to submit your nominations by November 17, 2023: https://www.tnla.org/page/419

If you have any questions about the information here, please do not hesitate to reach out.

—Co-chairs Cindy Matthews & Caitlyn Haley and the TNLA Awards, Honors, & Scholarships Committee
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- Quarterly Newsletters keeping up with all things Tennessee Libraries
- Annual Conference
- And so much more!

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