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## Celebrate Tennessee Libraries!: 2017 TLA Conference

Registration is open for the 2017 TLA Annual Conference, a.k.a. Hootenanny 2017! The Conference will be held April 5 -7, 2017, at the Knoxville Convention Center, with hotel accommodations at Holiday Inn-Downtown Knoxville. Speakers include Clyde Edgerton, Giving Design's David Baker, and Library Journal's Mover and Shaker Alison Macrina.

The All Conference Reception

may see Sherlock Holmes tell Nancy Drew how NOT to get trapped in a closet. Boo Radley and Miss Havisham can chat about being loners in today's social media society. Holden Caulfield and The Mad Hatter can compare haberdasheries. Come dressed as a literary character! There will be a costume contest with prizes and a photographer. Costumes are not required, and there will still be fun music and dancing!



## Scholarship Committee to Sponsor Silent Auction

This year, the Scholarship Committee will not do the used book sale but will focus on our silent auction, one of our biggest fundraisers. Please join the fun by bidding on an item

or donating a craft or themed basket! Past baskets include Sundae Afternoon and You Deserve a ME Day: With a Good Book, a Glass of Wine, and Chocolate! If you'd

like to donate to the auction or have questions, please contact Christina Chester-Fangman (chester-fangman@apsu.edu) or Amy Dye Reeves (adyreeves@jcboc.net).

## NMRT Webinar

Curious about the upcoming TLA conference? Attend the NMRT webinar "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about TLA Conference 2017" on Monday, March 6 at 7:00pm EST/6:00pm CST. We'll talk about registration, planning your conference schedule, and things to do in Knoxville. Find out more on the TLA website or email Kate Lewallen (klewalle@gmail.com).

## Get Organized for #tnla17 with Sched

Heading to #tnla17 in April? Get organized and ready to go with Sched! Use Sched to:

- Organize your schedule with the most up-to-date information
- Take your schedule on your mobile device, calendar app, or old-fashioned (but still awesome) printout
- Receive an email each morning summarizing your day
- Download available presentation materials directly from the session pages
- Connect with other attendees
- Find your favorite exhibitors in the exhibit hall

The best part: No download required on your mobile device! Visit Sched in your mobile browser (and bookmark it on your home screen for easy access). Once you register for the conference, you'll receive an email invitation to Sched, so be on the lookout. Contact Jodie Gambill (jodie.gambill@gmail.com) for Sched questions or problems, or tweet @TNLA.

***More conference information  
on the next page...***

## CULS and LTR to Host Pre-Conference Program

The College and University Libraries Section (CULS) & Library Technology Round-table (LTR) are hosting a morning pre-conference on April 5 on the use of rapidly changing

information technologies in libraries: "Showcasing Our Achievements and Gazing into the Future." It celebrates achievements, discusses tackling ongoing challenges, and explores

opportunities in this area. Marshall Breeding, independent consultant, speaker, and author, will kick off the preconference.

## TLA Officer Elections

All 2017 members as of 1/31/2017 will receive an email in February with nominee biographies and a ballot link. The voting deadline is March 20, 2017. The nominees are:

### Vice President/President Elect:

- Heather Lanier: Brentwood Library
- Jillian Rael: Stones River Regional Library

### Recording Secretary:

- Christina Chester-Fangman: Austin Peay State University Library
- Marissa Snead: Sevier County Public Library

## Larry Romans Mentorship Award

The American Library Association (ALA) Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Round Table (GLB-TRT) and Government Documents Round Table (GODORT) created a special mentorship award in memory of TLA's beloved leader and Board member Larry Romans, "The Larry Romans Mentorship Award." Larry worked as head of Government Information and Media Services at Vanderbilt University's Jean and Alexander Heard Library from 1983 to 2014. Larry was a leader in both TLA and the American Library Association (ALA) and mentored many TLA and ALA leaders throughout his professional life. This \$1000.00 "award recognizes librarians who, through their sustained mentoring efforts, have made a difference in the library profession." The first award will be presented at the GODORT Awards Program with recognition during the Stonewall Book Awards Program both of which will be held at the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago this June. While this award has sustained donors in place to fund this award in perpetuity, TLA and its members donated \$1,175.00 in Larry's memory. This money will be

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Dear Annelle,

I want to thank you for making a charitable contribution to the American Library Association (ALA). Tennessee Library Association's gift of \$1,175.00, recorded and processed on 10/12/2016, will be used to support the Larry Romans Mentorship Award. The award recognizes librarians who, through their sustained mentoring efforts, have made a difference in the library profession.

Larry Romans mentored numerous librarians at Vanderbilt University, where he worked for over 30 years. For decades, he was a leader and mentor in the Tennessee Library Association, providing a positive influence on the association and the careers of innumerable librarians, many of whom have gone on to be leaders in ALA. Of particular note, during his 23 years of service to ALA Council, Larry mentored many new and veteran councilors.

Thank you again for your generous contribution to ALA and GLBTRT. Tennessee Library Association is helping us better serve over 120,000 libraries across America and the millions of people they serve each year. On behalf of ALA, I thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Keith Michael Fiels,  
Executive Director, ALA

used to present the first award to its first recipient at ALA. Thanks to all for their generous donations and to

Larry who gave so much for libraries in Tennessee and beyond!

## President's Point of View

Happy New Year and welcome to 2017!

Advocacy is a term you have probably been hearing a lot recently. In simple terms advocacy means supporting, promoting, arguing for, or championing a specific cause. We all love libraries, but do we let others know what we are doing for other Tennesseans or how important our libraries are to our fellow citizens? Advocacy can, and should be done at every level of government, and you have two upcoming opportunities to advocate with library-lovers from all over the state and the nation. On March 7, TLA will sponsor Tennessee Library Legislative Day in Nashville. This is an opportunity to meet with your state-level elected officials and hear from advocacy experts about what you can do to further the cause of libraries. I would also like to invite everyone to participate in

National Library Legislative Day in Washington, DC on May 1 and 2. Tennessee always sends a large and strong delegation to Washington, so you will have many experienced people surrounding you at every meeting. Even if you cannot attend in person, the program on Monday, May 1 will be live-streamed free, and I encourage everyone to take some time to learn about the issues that libraries are bringing in front of your representatives in Washington.

We may be officially in winter, but some recent days have felt more like spring in Chattanooga. The spring-like weather always makes me excited that we are getting close to one of my favorite spring events: the TLA annual conference. This year we will gather in Knoxville April 5-7 to continue our yearlong celebration of Tennessee Libraries. As you prepare for your trip, I



hope you will continue to use the hashtag #LoveMyTNLibrary so we can all learn about the great things happening across the volunteer state. I hope you will join me in Knoxville so we can Celebrate Tennessee Libraries together!

—Richard Groves  
TLA President

## Vice-President Spotlight: Jeffie Nichols

What does the TLA Vice-President do as a “waiting for the President to be gone” position? I was curious about that myself when I was asked to run for the office. I talked to former officers, visited our website, read the TLA Bylaws, and received a copy of the VP-President Elect responsibilities. It got busy quickly. The first order of business was to find half the conference committee members, which took months of phone calls and emails. I owe our second year Conference Co-Chair and Conference Coordinator a nice box of chocolates for the stress of waiting for it all to gel.

One of the major duties is finding chairs/co-chairs for the 2017-2018 standing committees. Ideally we want

a mix of experienced and new members. If you are interesting in taking a leadership role or staying on in your committee position to help keep TLA running and plan for the future, please contact me!

Ongoing business includes responding to emails on behalf of the Executive Committee regarding TLA business and opportunities. I also serve as an Ex-Officio member of the Finance and Membership Committees. The Vice-President attends Chapter Leaders Workshop at ALA Mid-Winter Conference, which was in Atlanta last month. There is also serving in “such capacities as assigned by the President.” I also serve as a Social Media Manager with Jodie Gambill.

I work at my full-time position as the Adult Services Manager at the Williamson County Public Library plus chase after my two children and new German Shepherd puppy who recently teathed our window sills and kitchen table legs. I’m grateful for the kids being beyond the teething stage as we move on to braces... I look forward to the remainder of my year working with everyone at all these different levels of engagement, and I am so grateful to everyone for contributing their time to TLA.

—Jeffie Nichols  
TLA Vice-President



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## News Snippets

The Clarksville Area Library Association has donated its final proceeds to TLA's Edwin S. Gleaves Scholarship Fund. The amount is \$1,868.02.

An op-ed written by Volunteer State Community College Librarian/Library Instruction Coordinator, Laura Sheets, was published online on January 10, 2017, in *The Tennessean* newspaper: "Librarians are the greatest weapons against fake news."

The inaugural Delta Serials Conference, Thursday, July 27 through Friday, July 28, 2017, on Arkansas State

University's Jonesboro campus will focus on advances, developments, and continuing issues in the management and use of all serial library products. Jeffrey Beall, the Keynote Speaker, will discuss open access journals and predatory publishing. Take part by submitting a proposal for a regular session or poster session on any aspect of serials like access, instruction, use, acquisition, cataloging, and licensing. Proposal deadline is April 1, 2017, and conference registration opens April 15, 2017. For more information visit <http://libguides.astate.edu/DeltaSerialsConference>.

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