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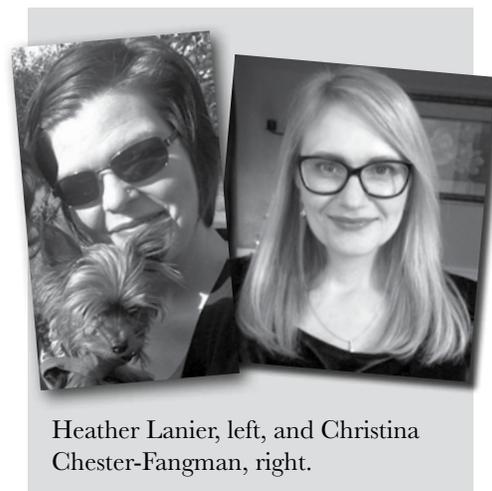
Vice-President/President Elect:

Heather Lanier, Brentwood Library (heather.lanier@brentwoodtn.gov). Heather Lanier is the circulation supervisor at The Brentwood Library and incoming TLA vice-president. She began her library career working part-time at the Giles County Library while attending Martin Methodist College. A few years later, with a psychology degree well underway and thoughts of becoming a licensed professional, she again took on a job in a library, this time at Linebaugh Public Library System. Eventually the cloud of educational pursuits from psychology and theater to English and information sciences cleared and she was left with the knowledge that, while the classes were fun, the work done on the sidelines was pretty fantastic, too. Involved with community theater from time to time, but involved daily with her family consisting of a won-

derful wife, 3 dogs, 1 cat, a flock of chickens and a pig named Dudley, she now works at The Brentwood Library and is still excited that libraries level the playing field and provide access to information and entertainment for everyone.

Recording Secretary: Christina Chester-Fangman, Austin Peay State University (chester-fangman@apsu.edu). Christina Chester-Fangman is an Associate Professor and the Coordinator of Research & Instruction at Austin Peay State University's (APSU) Woodward Library in Clarksville, Tennessee. She is also the librarian for APSU's first-year seminar program. A native of Clarksville, she is an alumna of APSU, where she majored in History and then went on to earn a Master of Science in Library Science from the University of Kentucky. Christina has been a member of TLA since 2004. She

has been active with the Scholarship Committee since 2013, and is on the Intellectual Freedom Committee. Christina also serves as a Director of the Friends of the Clarksville-Montgomery County Public Library Board. She is married with a 5-year-old daughter and a 13-year-old cat. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, cross-stitching, and watching TV.



Heather Lanier, left, and Christina Chester-Fangman, right.

Another Successful Conference with Sched at #tnla17!

Sched for the 2017 TLA Conference was a great success! We had 151 attendees create their schedules, 156 session feedback responses, and 17 speakers who emailed their session attendees. Feedback from conference attendees on Sched was very positive. Attendees rated Sched a 4.42 out of 5, up from 4.11 in 2016—meaning it's even more excellent than last year! Sched was third in overall conference quality behind Early Bird Registration

and Peer Networking. 95.65% of respondents thought it was easy to use (up from 90% last year), and 91.3% also thought it was helpful in navigating the conference (up from 90% last year).

This year, we worked on getting the word out about Sched in a more timely manner. And 95.65% of respondents think we did a good job on that! Next year, we hope to do an even better job with this and

already have some ideas on how to make improvements to our processes. Thanks to everyone who used Sched this year! This year's conference is still available at <https://tnla17.sched.com> with a number of presentations added, so check it out.

See you next year!

—Jodie Gambill and Courtney Fuson
TLA Sched Co-Administrators

President's Corner

First, I would like to thank our wonderful conference planning committee for putting on another fabulous event in Knoxville in April. Our conference planning chairs Cathy Farley, Vandy Owen, and Bes Robinson worked on the conference for the last two years to pull it off. I do not have enough words for my appreciation for all their hard work. Of course, it would not have been much of a celebration if no one showed up, so I would also like to thank everyone who attended and presented at the conference. Your participation and energy made it such a fruitful event for everyone. I hope everyone was able to learn, network, and enjoy a good laugh with our keynote speaker Clyde Edgerton. I believe my favorite memory of the conference is watching Lamb Chop, Chicken Soup, and Santa dancing in the shadow of the Sunsphere.

This past year has gone by quickly, but I am happy that I was able to represent TLA. Working with the School Librarians Section, we were able to help get school libraries

on the radar of the Commissioner of Education for possible new funding. TLA also sponsored a technology petting zoo at the Tennessee Association of School Librarians conference for the first time. The Legislative Committee hosted a state legislative day and sent a sizable group to Washington, DC to advocate for all libraries in Tennessee. The Intellectual Freedom Committee has continued to work hard to promote Banned Books Week and Choose Privacy Week increasing the awareness of Tennesseans of these important issues. Honors and Awards once again worked all year making the hard decisions for numerous awards to many highly deserving individuals and groups who exemplify the great work done in your libraries and communities. If I have left out anything you have done for TLA this year, I sincerely apologize; it is not for lack of gratitude. There is simply not enough space here to list everything done by all of the sections, roundtables, and committees.

It has been a great honor to



represent TLA this year, but the association is in great hands as I transition to Past President on July 1. I am proud to pass the torch to Jeffie Nicholson as President and Heather Lanier as the next Vice President/President-Elect.

Whatever you do, wherever you work, no matter your role in a library in Tennessee I want to encourage you to continue to share your stories and never stop celebrating Tennessee libraries!

—Richard Groves
TLA President



Thanks so much to those who donated items and bid at the conference silent auction! It was a great success, and all proceeds go to the scholarship fund.

Numbers:

3: Scholarships offered by TLA

50%: Library of Congress collection not in English

69 (out of 350):
voted in this year's TLA officer elections

109: TLA & Tennessee Library items for sale on CafePress

366: Attended this year's TLA conference in Knoxville

1617: TLA's Facebook likes

1800: Library of Congress' founding year

Kimberlee Byrge Receives Dr. Edwin S. Gleaves Scholarship

The recipient of the Dr. Edwin S. Gleaves Scholarship for 2017 is Kimberlee Byrge. Kimberlee is currently a graduate student of the UTK School of Information Science. She also works as a Graduate Research Assistant at the UT Preston Medical Library in the UT Medical Center and as a Computer Trainer at the Clinton Public Library in Clinton, Tennessee. At Clinton, she serves as the webmaster for the library's website and runs a monthly newsletter. At Preston, she assists faculty librarians with research, answers Consumer Health requests, and maintains the Consumer Health Database. She is a joint member of

ALA/TLA, and holds membership in the Special Libraries Association, the Medical Library Association, and the Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T). As an active student, she currently serves as the President of the UTK Student Chapter of ASIS&T SIS program. She cites these positions as giving her great experiences in networking and leadership, and the previous years that she spent in retail for teaching her the value of customer service. She is excited about having the opportunity to continue her education. Despite of what she has and continues to accomplish, Ms. Byrge wrote in her application essay,



“Most of all I think it is important to look ahead. My current work in libraries is incredibly rewarding and I only want it to continue, wherever I might end up after graduation.”

2017 Conference Internship Award Winners

Each year, the Tennessee Library Association selects interns to assist with its annual conference. Being a TLA conference intern provides a wonderful opportunity to network with colleagues, develop professional contacts and experience the TLA annual conference. Conference interns completed four hours of work at the conference as assigned by the TLA Scholarship and Conference Planning Committees. In exchange

for the four hours of work, the interns receive approximately \$150.00. This included Waived registration fees for the TLA 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 and Formal recognition at the General Session.

The Scholarship Committee would like to announce the winners of the 2017 Conference Internship

award. The winners included Shannon Bismark, William Buck, Kristina Clement, Olivia Fredrick, Elizabeth Gallagher, Robyn Winston-Hicks, Kathleen Tyree, and Alyssa Whitis.

Congratulations to the 2017 Conference Internship Winners!

—Amy Dye-Reeves and
Christina Chester-Fangman
2016-2017 Scholarship Co-chairs



Felicia Wilson Joins Nashville Public Library

Felicia Wilson has joined Nashville Public Library as the Assistant Director for Collections and Technology. She began this role on January 30, 2017, and will lead the Library's collection development, website services, and information technology efforts. Wilson previously held leadership roles at Timberland Regional Library, the County of

Los Angeles Public Library, and the Library of Congress.

Wilson holds a Master's degree in Library Sciences, as well as a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and History, from Florida State University.



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TASL Road Trip 2017 and Conference

TASL Road Trip 2017

<http://www.tasltn.org/pd-education>
East - June 13
West - June 15
8:00 am - 3:30 pm

Join Keynote Speaker Lakisha Brinson and librarians from around the state for great ideas and new connections.

Lakisha Brinson is a 14-year educator with a passion for teaching and learning. She is currently the Middle School Technology Coordinator for the University School of Nashville (USN). She

researches and stays current on new and innovative educational technologies in an effort to provide the best instructional practices for her students. Find her on twitter @lakishabrinson.

TASL Conference

<http://www.tasltn.org/conference>
September 28 - 30
Murfreesboro

Are you ready to make your library rock? Our conference team is hard at work planning this year's annual conference. Make plans to join us in

Murfreesboro September 28 - 30. We're sure that you will be able to take away ideas to help you make your library rock. We have great member presenters lined up as well as featured presenters. Early Bird registration of \$95 opens May 1st.



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