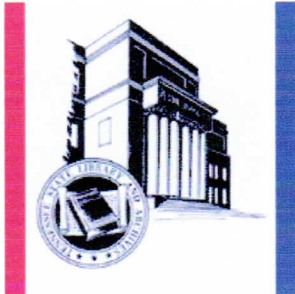


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Southern Festival of Books



TN School for the Blind Exhibit

What action, if any, do you want your members to take? Add a "Find out more" link to additional information that you may have hosted on your website

TSLA had a booth at the Southern Festival of Books held October 11-13, on Legislative Plaza. Three of our TSLAFriends Members helped host the booth - Celia Walker, Katheryne Cowan and Virginia Watson. Humanities Tennessee's Southern Festival of Books: A Celebration of the Written Word was first held in Nashville on the second full weekend (Friday-Sunday) in October, 1989, and has been held annually on the same weekend since then. One of the first book festivals of its kind, it has inspired hundreds of similar book festivals throughout the nation and beyond.

The Festival has always been a free event that offers readers and writers an opportunity to interact, to create a public community around a festival that promotes and celebrates the joy of reading and of lifelong learning. Each year the Festival brings to Nashville approximately 250 of the nation's and region's most prominent authors, from legendary mystery writers to critically acclaimed debut novelists, from poets to biographers, from chefs to children's authors. Every author on the program takes part in a session, either a solo reading or a discussion, followed by a book signing in our Author Signing Colonnade. Books by all the participating authors are available for sale at Festival book sales area



11/20/2013



TSLA welcomes interns and volunteers who would like to be involved in aspects of library and archival work.

All interested candidates should be detail-oriented and have some background in history or library work.

For available opportunities
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TSLAFriends New Board as of January 1, 2014

Virginia Gooch Watson, President

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Ex Officio

Chuck Sherrill,
State Librarian

Dr. Carroll Van West
TN State Historian (Ex
Officio)

Archivist
Jami Awalt,
TSLA Liaison

where proceeds support the Festival.

This is a great event you may want to attend or even volunteer next year!



State Library's Conservation Manager Awarded by Her Peers

Carol Roberts, conservation manager for the Tennessee State Library and Archives, recently won the 2013 John H. Thweatt Archival Advancement Award for her work in the field of records preservation.

Roberts has made a career of serving Tennessee's archival community, and is an invaluable resource and adviser to local archivists and Tennessee historians. There have been numerous instances in which Roberts has volunteered her expertise and service in the counties, the private sector, and in disaster relief for local archives. She has earned respect among many national organizations relative to historic preservation, archives and library services.

"I congratulate Carol on this well-deserved award," Secretary of State Tre Hargett said. "The work archivists do is so important because they protect our historical records for future generations. Without their efforts, much of what we know about the past would be forever lost in time."

Roberts has been assisting libraries, archives and historical sites conserve paper records and recover from disasters since she joined the State Library and Archives staff in 1986. Check out the TSLAFriends Spotlight for more information on this impressive staff member.

Andrew Jackson: Frontiersman or Elite Southerner?



Historians have traditionally presented Andrew Jackson as a man who struggled to overcome the obstacles of his backwoods upbringing and helped create a more democratic United States. Jackson served as the seventh president of the United States, and is considered the hero of the Battle of New Orleans. In his public life, Jackson is best known for his fight to defeat the Second Bank of the United States and for the controversial relocation of Native Americans from the southeastern United

States to Oklahoma.

Current TSLA Newsfeed - Time to get Social!

The Tennessee State Library and Archives provide updates on all the current programs and events on the Facebook page and the Blog.

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With that in mind, the Tennessee State Library and Archives (TSLA) hosted a workshop, titled "Andrew Jackson: Frontiersman or Elite Southerner?"

Dr. Mark R. Cheatham, author of the recently published book, *Andrew Jackson, Southerner*, lead the workshop. Dr. Cheatham argues for a reassessment of long-held views on Jackson, suggesting that in fact "Old Hickory" lived as an elite southern gentleman. By emphasizing Jackson's southern identity - characterized by violence, honor, kinship, slavery, and Manifest Destiny - Dr. Cheatham offered a bold new perspective on one of the most renowned and controversial presidents.

Dr. Cheatham is an associate professor of history at Cumberland University in Lebanon. In addition to *Andrew Jackson: Southerner* (2013), he is the author of *Old Hickory's Nephew: The Political and Private Struggles of Andrew Jackson Donelson* (2007).

Introducing the New TSLAFriends Officers and Board Members as of January 1, 2014



President

Virginia Gooch Watson, a charter member of the TSLAFriends, is a Nashville native. She graduated from Peabody Demonstration School/University School of Nashville, attended George Peabody College for Teachers for 2 1/2 years; is a past staff member of the Tennessee State Library & Archives for 14 years from its opening in 1953 until late 1965 and of the TN Legislative Council for the 1967 85th General

Assembly. As a genealogist, she is a member of numerous genealogical, patriotic and historical organizations. She was the first Chairman and charter member of the Tennessee State Museum Association, now the Foundation, serving a term of 3 years as chairman and 3 years as past chairman from 1976-1982.

Virginia began teaching genealogy in 1976 at Columbia State Community College in Columbia, TN and in Franklin, TN and has continued teaching at various venues since including the Saturn Corp and the Tennessee State Museum Foundation. She is past president of the Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society and currently serves as Workshop Coordinator. She was a TSLAFriends Board Member from Middle Tennessee and has served as Vice President of the TSLAFriends for the past year.



Vice President

J. Mark Lowe, Certified Genealogist, is a full-time professional genealogist, author, and educator who resides in Springfield, TN. He has published many articles in genealogical publications across the country, is a former officer and board member of the Federation

of Genealogical Societies (FGS), Past President of the Association of Professional Genealogists, a Fellow of the Utah Genealogical Association and is an instructor at IGHR (Institute for Genealogical & Historical Research) at Samford University in Birmingham, AL as well as at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (UGA). He conducts genealogy webinars, has conducted research for clients on the TV programs such as Who Do You Think You Are?, African American Lives or unexplained.

New Board Members



Celia Walker, a charter member of the TSLAFriends, became a Board Member in November 2012. She is the Director of Special Projects for Vanderbilt Libraries, a position she's held since January 2010. Prior to that she held positions as Director at Peabody Library, Director of Communications and Library Advancement at the Jean and Alexander Heard Library at Vanderbilt University, and Senior Curator of American Art at Cheekwood Museum of Art, Nashville, TN. Her background is in visual arts and portraiture.



Ann Gray will begin her term January 1, 2014 as a Board Member representing East Tennessee. She is Executive Director of Cornerstones, Inc. in Chattanooga, TN which is a non-profit historic preservation organization the purpose of which is to preserve the architectural heritage and urban fabric of Chattanooga.



Ex Officio

Dr. Carroll Van West is the newly appointed Tennessee State Historian. Dr. West, a native of Murfreesboro, received his bachelor's degree from MTSU, his master's degree from UT and his Ph.D. in History at the College of William and Mary in 1982. He has taught as a professor in the MTSU history department since 1985 and is the current Director at the Center for Historic Preservation at MTSU and the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area since 2002. He also currently serves as a co-chair of the Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission, is a Tennessee representative on the National Board of Advisors of National Trust for Historic Preservation, is on the Executive Board of Lewis and Clark Trust, Inc. and on the Advisory Board of Teaching with Primary Sources, Library of Congress. West's term at Tennessee's State Historian is four years which he began July 1, 2013.



TSLAFriends Spotlight

Stephanie Sutton, Director of Library Technical Services

What are the responsibilities of the Library Technical Services Department?

Library Technical Services manages the state and federal government publications, along with the general library collection, and is responsible for their acquisition, organization, and preservation. We also have a staff member that handles the current newspaper acquisitions, and processes the newspapers to get them ready for microfilming. Library Technical Services acts as the administrator for the in-house vendor databases and the integrated library system, which includes the online catalog.

What is the TN Newspaper Project?

TSLA began the newspaper microfilming project in 1957, and we have been preserving Tennessee newspapers ever since.

The vast collection of newspaper microfilm at TSLA includes almost every existent newspaper published in Tennessee. Library Technical Services receives on average between 50 and 200 newspapers per day, and processes those newspapers to get them ready for microfilming by TSLA's own Preservation Services section. We also continue to add early newspapers to the collection as we acquire them.

What keeps you motivated in your job?

Knowing that what we do is extremely important to our patrons, and the appreciation they have for what we do keeps me motivated. I have made a few good friends and pen pals that started out as either the donor of a library item or a patron with a reference question.

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