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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.

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Dear TSLAFriends,

I'm sure each of you share the disappointment that I and your Board feel that the funding to complete a new TSLA building was not included in this year's Legislative budget. The design plans for the new building to be located on the Bicentennial Mall near the new Nashville Sounds baseball stadium have already been approved.

The current Tennessee State Library & Archives building's 62nd birthday is in June this year, so let's look forward to a great birthday present during the 2015/2016 year as Secretary of State Tre Hargett continues his efforts to get our new library funded. For more details, visit www.tn.gov/sos.

As we "slide into summer" and all the outdoor activity it brings, remember to partake of the "cool, comfortable and continuing resources" that being in the Tennessee State Library and Archives building will bring you as well as working online in the comfort of your home. So, come in "out of the heat" and plan a research trip to coincide with some of the TSLA/TSLAFriends FREE workshops that are offered on Saturdays during the summer and fall - our last workshop had 73 registered! These lectures emphasize the use of TSLA vast holdings for research. Details for each workshop will be announced on the TSLA website but mark your calendars now

for:

May 30: "TSLA's Digital Work Group will highlight several collections featured in the Tennessee Virtual Archive (TeVA)" led by TSLA's Digital Librarian, Jessica Short.

August 1: "Victorian Photography 1839 - 1910" by Lynda Massey

Continuing our annual tradition, The Friends hosted the fourth Staff Appreciation Day to honor the TSLA staff on April 15 for their dedication and service all year long. We provided balloons, coffee & doughnuts as well as door prizes which were welcomed by very excited recipients. After a few

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opening remarks by Virginia, Chuck and Secretary of State Tre Hargett, the fun began with the drawing for door prizes.

Door prize contributors were: TSLAFriends for five \$10 lunch cards, J. Mark Lowe for 10 DNA kits, Ellen Myrick of Myrick Marketing & Media in LaVergne for books and DVDs (both for children and adults), the East TN Historical Society for \$50 for five additional \$10 lunch cards; and four volumes of the "Tennessee in the Civil War: the Best of the TN Historical Quarterly" series from Virginia G. Watson.



From left: Lisa Lombard (Barcoding Assistant), Jessica Short (Digital Materials Librarian), Joon Powell (Digital Archivist), Erin Loree (TEL Coordinator), and Kate Williams (Exhibits Coordinator)



Larry Butler (Micrographics Manager) and Gordon Belt (Director of Public Services)



Virginia Gooch Watson, TSLAF president, Secretary of State Tre Hargett, Katheryne Cowan, TSLAF secretary, and Chuck Sherrill, State Librarian and Archivist



Christine Madu (Library Assistant)

Visit our website and that of TSLA's as well as Facebook often for current events at your state library and stop by often to see the periodic exhibits in the lobby.

Virginia Gooch Watson



President, TSLAFriends



Workshop to Provide Tips on Using State Library and Archives' Digital Resources

May 30th, 9:30am

The front door of the Tennessee State Library and Archives (TSLA) isn't located on its building in downtown Nashville - at least not for all Tennesseans. For many patrons, that 'front door' is actually whatever portal they use to access TSLA resources on the Internet.

To make the process of searching its vast collections of online materials easier, TSLA is hosting a free public workshop May 30. The workshop, which will be led by Assistant State Archivist Wayne Moore and TSLA staff members Jessica Short and Genny Carter, will provide hands-on training and helpful tips for sorting through photographs, documents, maps, postcards, film, audio and other original materials of cultural and historical significance. TSLA's online resources include two sets of detailed maps related to the Civil War.

"A major part of the State Library and Archives' mission is to make historical documents as accessible to the public as practical," Secretary of State Tre Hargett said. "Many of TSLA's resources are already available online - and more are being added all the time. The purpose of this workshop is to provide TSLA patrons and potential patrons will tips for how to navigate our website and find the resources they need."

The workshop, titled "Surveying Tennessee's Digital Resources," will be held in TSLA's auditorium from 9:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. May 30. TSLA's building is located at 403 Seventh Avenue North, directly west of the State Capitol in downtown Nashville. Some free parking is available around the building.

Although the workshop is free and open to the public, reservations are necessary due to seating limitations in the auditorium. To make a reservation, call (615) 741-2764 or e-mail workshop.tsla@tn.gov



*TSLAFriends Spotlight
Kate Williams,
Electronic Imaging Specialist*

What do you do as an Imaging Specialist?

I help digitize our collections by scanning documents, maps, and microfilm

What do you love about your job?

I love my job because I get to see new parts of our collections every time I scan. Every item is unique and historically significant, and by scanning it, I am doing my part to make our collections available online to everyone.

What would you like our members to know about your department?

There's a lot that goes into making sure the items we scan are preserved digitally, including scanning at a high resolution, saving the scanned images in a preservation format, and storing the images in a way that will keep them safe for the future.

We would like to thank Kate for her past contributions to the TSLAFriends, in particular for her update to our brochure. Kate has recently accepted a position with Lonely Planet in Franklin, TN, the world's largest travel-guide publisher. We wish her well in her new endeavor.