

Special Libraries Association – Southern Appalachian Chapter

October NewsBrief

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New Officers

The Board of the Southern Appalachian Chapter of SLA met on September 27. The first order of business was to introduce our nominees for officers whose terms begin in January of 2009.

President Elect Christi Underdown will receive her graduate degree from UTK in December. Also, she holds two Bachelor degrees in Journalism and English from Middle Tennessee State University. She rejoined the staff at the Center for Popular Music as Assistant Cataloger in 2007, where she had previously worked from 2003 to 2005 as part of the team, who digitized the Center's Kenneth S. Goldstein Collection of American Song Broad­sides. Interested in professional development, she actively participates in the Tennessee Library Association; the Special Library Association, Southern Appalachian Chapter; the Name Authority Cooperative Program of the PCC, as well as TENN-Share continuing education opportunities, such as "Learn, Share and Discover". Presently, she is coordinating a local guild of the Radical Militant Librarians, a grassroots project promoting patrons' rights and interactive participation between libraries and their local communities

Membership Chair Erin Dominick received her BA in Psychology with a minor in German from Oklahoma State University (OSU). While at OSU she worked for a year as a Student Assistant in the Government Documents Department at Edmon Low Library. In 2006 she was awarded a Science Links scholarship--from UT School of Information Sciences (SIS) and IMLS--to begin work on her Masters. During her two years in the SIS program she interned with the Department of Energy's Office of Scientific and Technical Information (OSTI) in Oak Ridge. In her second year of the SIS program Erin was elected as Secretary of the UT Student Chapter of SLA. Through the Science Links program Erin was also able to attend the SLA Conference in June 2008. She is a member of SLA's Government Information Division and has an interest in that area. Upon completion of her MS degree in August 2008 she was hired by OSTI to be their Library & Information Program Liaison. Besides being a member of SLA, Erin is also a member of ALA, and the American Indian Library Association.

Treasurer Pauline (Polly) Alexander has been a clinical librarian at the Eskind Biomedical Library, Vanderbilt University Medical Center for 6 years. Her primary role involves working closely with the library director to coordinate the intensive staff development program and provide evidence-based support for the Neurology ICU and Stroke Service. She is also heavily involved with general library patron training and assists with answering fee-based literature requests for the library. Her main interests include medical and adult education practices, filtering/evidence-based services, and instructional design methodologies. Polly has a bachelor's degree in Anthropological Sciences from the University of Toronto and a Masters in Library and Information Science from the University of Pittsburgh.

Please join us in welcoming these new volunteers.

Upcoming Events

Center for Popular Music and Middle Tennessee State University facility tours

WHEN: Saturday, Nov. 8th. 10 a.m.

WHERE: Beginning at the Center for Popular Music, which is located inside the Bragg Mass Communications Building on-campus. See [MTSU Maps](#) for directions. Then we shall tour the Walker Library Special Collections with Susan Hanson. Last but not least, Sarah Brown will show us around the Music Library.

Sir Pizza is still on the agenda for lunch. Luckily, it is just off campus, so if anyone was interested in attending the football game, which begins about 2 p.m., you will still be close by.

WHO: SLA folks, plus any significant others you wish to bring. I don't mind, as long as they are archive-conscious and respectful, like us library folks!

[Southern Festival of Books - Nashville](#)

On **October 10-12**, Nashville will be temporary home to approximately 250 authors from across the nation. They are coming here because for twenty years thousands of readers of all ages and interests have welcomed them as part of the Southern Festival of Books: A Celebration of the Written WordSM.

Southern Festival of Books hours are:
Friday, October 10 from Noon–6 pm;
Saturday, October 11 from 9 am–6 pm; and
Sunday, October 12 from Noon–5 pm.

[ClubLib 2008 - Chattanooga](#)

For one night only, **Saturday, October 18**, from 7:30 to 11:00 p.m., ClubLib breaks all the rules by transforming the downtown library (Chattanooga) into a series of dynamic night clubs. This year's event has expanded and will be held on all three floors of the library, including the outdoor roof patio.

Continuing Education Opportunities

In addition to a free Click U course each month, SLA is now offering members the opportunity for learning several new technologies through the [SLA Innovation Laboratory](#). Here you can sign up to learn about everything from Blogs to Wikis. Please let us know about your experiences with these tools. Also our chapter now has a [FACEBOOK](#) account. Anyone can sign-up and it's free. We hope to use this space to encourage communication among our members while helping everyone to learn more about social networking tools.

Click U Course of the Month: 15 September 2008 - 14 October 2008

Setting Performance Goals & Expectations

Setting Performance Goals & Expectations. In this course, you'll explore setting performance goals and expectations so that your employees have a clear understanding of what to accomplish and how to accomplish it.

Upcoming Course of the Month

Course	Date
Giving Clear Information	15 October - 14 November

Member Profile – Sarah Wright

Sarah Wright is a Graduate Assistant at the Pendergrass Agriculture & Veterinary Medicine Library. She is also a Communications Intern at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. In this capacity Sarah distributes scientific news and information to staff members.

Sarah received her M.S. in Botany and UT-Knoxville and is working towards an M.S. in Information Science at UTK as well. She says her hobbies include “cooking, gardening, hiking, reading, playing with my dog, but I’m too busy to do much of anything but cooking and playing with my dog.”

Fundraising

Sharon Butcher, SAC Director at Large, has offered to sell books through Amazon to raise funds for the Chapter. She will house and mail the books at no cost to the Chapter. Books will be gathered at Board meetings and Chapter events and delivered to Sharon. All donations become the property of the Chapter to dispose of as they see fit. Foreign language books and classics are most in demand.

What did you do on summer vacation?

Speaking of Sharon she spent part of her summer in Ireland and sends this report.

A recent trip to Ireland with friends doing genealogy work took us to [Trinity College](#), Dublin, where the university library holds the "Book of Kells." As one mesmerized by ornately illuminated manuscripts, the "Book of Kells" is about as good as it gets. The [Chi-Rho](#) is my favorite letter from that famous book; someone described Chi-Rho as 'kinetic,' a most suitable term. Along with "Book of Kells" are two other rare illuminated books, the "Book of Armagh," and the "Book of Durrow." The 8 euro price of admission is worth every shekel. Included is the Long Room.

The late Chester Beatty was an American metals mogul who amassed an impressive library of Islamic, Buddhist, and Christian manuscripts which he bequeathed to Dublin Castle. Housed in an equally environmentally controlled environment as the "Book of Kells," the [Beatty Collection](#)

is almost as fascinating. This exhibit also has displays on early printing, book binding, etc. Free admission.