

James E. Ward Library Instruction Award

(Presented at the Intellectual Freedom Breakfast)

Kristen West has served as Instruction and Reference Librarian at the MTSU James E. Walker Library since April 2007. Ms. West coordinates and participates in the library's active instruction program and provides reference services. She has been instrumental in revamping the library's freshman seminar library orientation and in using technology in the library classroom. Ms. West is a past TLIRT Chair and an active TLA member.



Trustee's Award

(Presented at the Trustee Luncheon)

Don Farmer has been the chair of the Reelfoot Regional Library for eleven years. He represents the three Gibson county libraries in Humboldt, Milan, and Trenton. He is a member of the TALC Committee for Tennessee. As Mayor of Milan for six years he moved the library from a stepchild in the city budget to being a leader in the city, county, and area in funding. He truly believes it is the trustee's job to fight for funding for libraries at the local, state, and federal levels. Trustees should know political leaders well enough to hold their feet to the fire for funding of libraries.



He attended the University of Tennessee at Martin. He is now retired from ITT. Don was chosen Milan's Man of the Year by the Milan Chamber of Commerce for the year 2004. He currently serves as Chairman of Gibson County Imagination Library, saving it by reorganizing the board of Directors and Committee persons, making it one of the strongest organizations in the state.

He is serving his twenty-fourth consecutive year on the Tennessee Democratic Party State Executive Committee and is West Tennessee Regional Chair for the party. Locally, he represents Carroll, Gibson and Madison counties.

Being a lifetime member of the Tennessee Jaycees, he is a firm believer in the last line of their creed, "Service to humanity is the best work of life."

Tennessee History Book Award

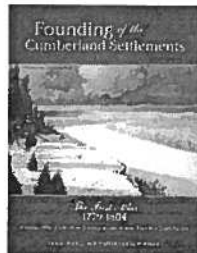
(Presented at the Trustees Luncheon)

Founding of the Cumberland Settlements, The First Atlas, 1779 -1804

Written by Doug Drake, Jack Masters, & Bill Puryear

Published by The Book Foundry

The 2010 Tennessee History Book Award winner is a text that brings a unique combination of research, details, and mapping projects to the history of Tennessee. The book tells the story of the settlers of Davidson, Sumner, Robertson, Williamson, Montgomery, Smith, Cheatham, Trousdale, Wilson, Macon, and Jackson Counties. It will be a valuable history of early settlement of Tennessee and useful guide to the primary resources of the era for many years to come.



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TLA Honor Award

(Presented at the Conference General Session)

Jane Pinkston has been Assistant State Librarian for Planning and Development since 1997. Before joining TSLA, she had twenty years of experience working in public libraries in Illinois and Ohio as a front-line staff member and library manager. Jane has held numerous positions within state and national professional library associations, including the position of President of the Tennessee Library Association in 2007-08.



In her position at the Tennessee State Library and Archives, she works with government officials, library staff, trustees, and advocates across the state in developing support for public library services. Jane is in charge of Tennessee's Regional

Library System and is also the state's LSTA coordinator for the administration of federal funding for libraries.

TLA Honorary Membership Award

(Presented at the Conference General Session)

Bill Robinson's library career began in 1964 as Administrative Assistant to the University Librarian and Personnel Librarian at the University of Southern California. He then became Head of the World Affairs Library at USC. Bill came to Tennessee in fall, 1972 as an Assistant Professor at UTK. He has taught several different courses over the years, but collection development/ management, and contemporary book publishing were his favorites. He retired at UTK as an Associate Professor and Assistant Director in 2008.



Bill has been Editor of the *Tennessee Librarian* and established the first TLA Internet discussion group. In 2000, he received the Francis Neal Cheney Award. In retirement, he reads novels, putters in the garden, reads too much discouraging news, and serves as a pillow for sleepy cats.

TLA Public Library Section/Tennsco Annual Conference Scholarship Award

(Presented at the Conference General Session)

Cynthia Scott of Middleton Community Library has been a director for four years and is a TLA member who has never attended one of the TLA conferences. She has completed the program to become a Certified Public Library Manager



TLA Library Support Staff Award

(Presented at the Conference General Session)

Gwen Williams' love of helping others has connected users with libraries for twenty years. She worked in circulation, library instruction, and collection development. She has been in her current position as Administrative Secretary for over six years. She coordinates instruction and research requests with the busy schedules of User Services staff—a task that requires organization, diplomacy, and creativity. She is the glue that keeps the User Services unit together. Gwen is grateful for the valuable relationships she has cultivated throughout her career.



Daniel A. Taylor Memorial Award

(Presented at the Children/Young Adult Breakfast)

Jean Nichols worked at a library in Germany before starting her career at the Clarksville-Montgomery County Public Library. She began working at the circulation desk in 1987, then moved to part-time children's/reference, eventually being given the children's department to develop after her budding potential was recognized.



Jean transformed a virtually nonexistent children's department into one of the best programs in the State of Tennessee and one of the best children's collections for a library its size by using her innate skills, her tenacity, high standards, and perseverance. She has made the department more inviting with her own artistic hand and scouring yard sales for bargain items. Jean has begged and borrowed to fill her library's shelves and increased programming with her natural storytelling abilities and her crusades for better children's department budgets. She is now a leader in the state in training others to do what she does so well.

TLA/SIRS Freedom of Information Award

(Presented at the Intellectual Freedom Breakfast)

Karyn Storts-Brinks challenged the Knox County Schools' Internet content filter configuration, which was blocking access to gay-positive themed material while not blocking gay-negative material. When her challenge was not successful, she pursued by contacting the ACLU and persisted in the face of stern opposition until her challenge was successful. Meanwhile, she stood by her students and supported them through the storm of personal attacks aimed at them from people who wanted to suppress a gay-positive point of view.

