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Next Meeting—Schering Plough March 22, 2007

The Mid-South Chapter of SLA will have its next meeting on Thursday, March 22, 2007, from 11:30-1:30 at Schering Plough, 3030 Jackson Avenue, Memphis, TN, 38112.

Lunch will be Dutch Treat. We will visit the Library as well as the Company Store.

RSVP to Maureen Fitzer by Monday, March 19 (email: mlfitzer@buckman.com or phone: 901-272-8378).

Sign in with the security officer at the front desk to get your VISITOR card. Watch your emails for more details about parking.



Minutes of the Mid-South Chapter Meeting November 16, 2006

The annual membership meeting of The Mid-South Chapter of SLA was held Thursday, January 25 at 11:30 a.m. at the Brushmark Restaurant in the Memphis Brooks Museum of Art.

Members in attendance were Maureen Fitzer, Cheryl Lamb, Rosemary Nelms and Jan Smith. Guests included Bettina Ong-Halleron from Buckman and Sharon Tabachnick from the University of Memphis.

After Jan called the meeting to order, she explained that the membership survey would be e-mailed to non-renewing members before the next meeting.

Rosemary reported that the Treasury contains \$2,503.94.

Jan noted that she had made some changes to the Chapter Web site, but that she would ask Laura Blalock to help her make some needed additions.

The March 22 meeting will be held at Schering Plough with lunch in the cafeteria there. Donna Foster will host the meeting.

Maureen still has not heard from Angie Marchese at Elvis Presley Enterprises about speaking at the Joint Meeting with MALC on April 26.

It was decided that if this plan didn't work out, we would invite Greg Johnson, Blues Curator, Archives and Special Collections at Ole Miss, to speak, and that we would offer him an honorarium of \$150 or \$200.

Maureen spoke about our charity project for the year and mentioned the Dolly Parton Imagination Library as a worthy one. It was decided to stick with our original plan to donate money to help Mississippi libraries devastated by Katrina, and keep the Parton reading project in mind for next year.

The Mud Island River Museum was suggested as a venue for the May 24 meeting.

Jan presented some SLA news (the Leadership Summit/Board meeting in Reno and the June Conference in Denver) and adjourned the meeting.

--Respectfully submitted,

**Rosemary Nelms, Commercial Appeal News
Library, Secretary/Treasurer**

New Members

Donna Foster: "I received my MLIS degree from the University of Southern Mississippi in 2004. My undergraduate work was completed at the University of Memphis with a Bachelors Degree in English (American and British concentrations). Prior to completing my degree, I worked in the corporate environment. While obtaining my MLIS, I began work at the Memphis Public Library & Information Center in the Serials/Government Documents Department. After eighteen months, I transferred to the Business/Sciences Department and worked the Public Services Desk as a reference librarian. I worked in Department project areas that included the collections of small business, legal information, state and local documents, consumer health, serials and personal finance. An active member in the Tennessee Library Association, I was co-chair of the TLA Reference Roundtable 2005-2006. Currently, I am a member of the American Library Association, Public Library Association, Reference and Users Services Association, Library Information and Technology Association, Special Library Association, Tennessee Library Association, Memphis Area Libraries Council and Society of Competitive Intelligence Professionals. A recently-joined member of the SLA-Mid-South Chapter, I am looking forward to becoming involved in the local SLA effort."

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Jennifer Hughes: "I am currently the registrar and librarian at the National Ornamental Metal Museum. My path to this job has been interesting, as I am not a traditionally trained librarian. I graduated with a BFA in Printmaking from the University of Central Arkansas in 2003. For completion of my degree I needed to fulfill an internship requirement, which I found at the Metal Museum. I stayed aboard after my internship cataloging slides. After a year, my position grew to organize the archives, library materials, photographs, and objects of the Museum for the new on-site library. I learned on the job, so to speak, how to standardize the museum's collections by taking inspiration from multiple sources. I consulted the Library of Congress, the Smithsonian, The National Civil Rights Museum, attended the TLA/SELA conference this past April, and learned the most efficient way to store and recall the information by using Past Perfect Museum Software. I found the

SLA through my research of resources and joined to add yet another resource affiliation.

Immediately after I joined, my husband accepted a job in Little Rock, Arkansas. We are in the process of relocating from here to there, and he's already begun his employment. Our 2 year old daughter and I will join him in the next couple of weeks. Since I have been working on this project and the Library is slated to open in June, I am going to continue the collections from Little Rock while I stay home with my daughter.

Unfortunately, this is my last week physically at the Museum. I have scheduled to move the weekend of January 20th. I will not be able to be at the members meeting in January, but I wish to consult with members and the SLA resources while I continue this job. I think it is important to get the word out about the Museum's library to local librarians, as it will be an invaluable resource for information on metal, blacksmithing, and decorative metal arts."

--**Jennifer Hughes**
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◆The University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis, TN

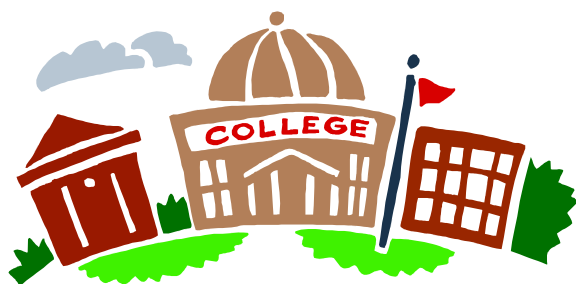
Collection Services Librarian

UTHSC/Memphis is seeking a Collection Services Librarian to manage acquisitions, electronic resources, and serials control. The incumbent will play a leadership role in merging print and online collection workflow processes, and in planning and implementing long-range strategies for the modernization of the collection. The position supervises a staff of 3 FTE paraprofessionals.

Required qualifications include a master's degree in library or information science from an ALA-accredited library school and three or more years of relevant experience. The salary is \$48,000, plus a full benefits package, including 24 vacation days; comprehensive health care; retirement plans, including TIAA-CREF; and relocation assistance. Visit <http://library.utmem.edu/jobs> for more information.

The position is opened until filled. The University of Tennessee Health Science Center is an EEO/AA/Title VI/TitleIX/Section 504/ADA/ ADEA Employer.

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◆University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Lupton Library

Reference and Instruction Librarian

Position Available: April 1, 2007

The Lupton Library seeks a creative, energetic and team-oriented motivated librarian to join our Reference and Instruction Department at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Library Description: The Lupton Library is centrally located at the heart of the UTC campus. The Library staff is comprised of 16 librarians and 15 staff members, has an annual budget of over 2 million dollars, and collection holdings of more than 500,000 volumes, 1,100 print journal subscriptions, 100 databases, and over 13,000 online journals. The Lupton Library is equipped with 70 public computers, 10 group study rooms, and two computerized library instruction classrooms. The Library offers a comprehensive range of public services, including proactive outreach, instruction, and reference. Recently completed projects include a comprehensive website redesign, the implementation of open-url software, electronic reserves, automated interlibrary loan (ILLiad), reconfiguration of the main floor, completion of a second instruction classroom equipped with laptops and smart boards, and implementation of wireless network access. Projects underway include the investigation of a federated search engine, IM reference, and podcasting. Components of the information infrastructure include VTLS Virtua, the integrated library system, and the UTC Library web site.

Department Description: The Reference and Instruction Department supports the teaching and research programs of the campus community. The Department team consists of seven full-time tenured or tenure-track librarians working in an environment that stresses a progressive, collaborative and customer-focused approach to information services. The Reference Desk is staffed 80 hours per week. The Library's Instruction Program is active and growing, and reaches over 5,500 students each year.

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Responsibilities of the Position

Reporting to the Head of Reference and Instruction Services, this position participates in all areas of the Library's reference and instruction programs.

Instruction responsibilities include:

- a. Lead subject-specific library instruction for both freshman and advanced level courses, as well as library workshops.
- b. Conduct one-on-one instruction with faculty, staff, and students.
- c. Prepare instructional materials and library research assignments.
- d. Participate in the development and maintenance of website content relevant to instructional services.

Reference responsibilities include:

- a. Staff the Reference Desk for 8 - 12 hours per week, some evening and weekend work is required.

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- b. Participate in the development and maintenance of website content and print materials relevant to reference services.

Additional position responsibilities include:

- a. Perform collection development and outreach activities in assigned areas.
- b. Participate in library-wide efforts such as planning, goal setting, committee work, etc.

Required Qualifications:

- a. Master's degree from an ALA-accredited program.
- b. Experience as a reference librarian, preferably in an academic setting.
- c. Library instruction experience, preferably utilizing electronic library resources and current instructional technologies.
- d. Demonstrated knowledge of and facility with library-related technology.
- e. Strong communication and interpersonal skills evidenced by the ability to work cooperatively and maintain effective working relationships with colleagues, faculty, staff and students.
- f. Strong customer service focus and commitment to service excellence.
- g. Demonstrated ability to be flexible in a dynamic team-oriented work environment.

- h. Preparation and commitment to conduct independent scholarship consistent with a tenure-track faculty appointment.

- i. Commitment to engage in continuing professional development.

UTC Librarians are expected to participate in library-wide and system-wide planning, University governance and service, and to be professionally active.

Desirable qualifications:

Experience with course delivery software (Blackboard or Web CT).
Familiarity with social software and Web 2.0 technologies.
A second advanced degree.

Salary: minimum is \$37,500, commensurate with experience.

Rank: This is a full-time, 12-month, tenure-track position with faculty status and academic rank. Appointment will be at the rank of Assistant or Associate professor.

Benefits include: 24 days vacation and 12 days sick leave per year; 11 paid holidays; 80% of health/life insurance paid by the state; choice of retirement programs which are paid by the state and equivalent to approximately 10% of an individual's annual salary, partial relocation reimbursement, professional development funding, tax program savings, and more.

Application Procedures: Interested applicants should submit a letter of application, vita, and the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of three references including the professional relationship of reference and applicant to: Anna Lane, Lupton Library, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, 615 McCallie Ave, Chattanooga, TN 37403; candidate may also fax materials to 423-425-4775 attention Anna Lane or email materials to anna-lane@utc.edu

Review of applications begins on March 15, 2007 and continues until position is filled.

For information about the UTC and the Lupton Library please visit <http://www.utc.edu> and <http://www.lib.utc.edu> For information about

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<http://www.chattanoogafun.org> or
<http://www.chattanooga.gov>

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Web Technologies Librarian

Position Available: April 1, 2007

The Lupton Library seeks a creative, motivated, and web-savvy librarian to join our Information Technology Department at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

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integrated library system, and the UTC Library web site.

Department Description: The Information Technology Department supports the technology needs of patrons and library staff members by providing computer support services and administering research databases, electronic collections, and electronic services. The Department consists of three full-time tenured or tenure-track librarians and one support staff member working in an environment that stresses a progressive, collaborative and customer-focused approach to information services. The department supports approximately 275 desk or laptop computers and assorted peripherals, over 100 online databases and collections, and numerous electronic services.

Responsibilities of the Position

Reporting to the Head of Information Technology Services, this position will explore, test, and implement new web based services in the Lupton Library such as: web database creation, blogs, wikis, interface design, web-based media for podcasting or vodcasting, developing digital repositories, and using browser based technologies to improve our patron experience and to push the Lupton Library to be a leader in library technology.

Information technology services responsibilities include:

- a. Investigate, develop, test, and implement new Web 2.0/Library 2.0 services, including promotion of new services to colleagues and the campus community, to better serve library patrons.
- b. Participate in the analysis, design, integration, maintenance and enhancement of the overall library-computing environment to ensure optimal operation and integration.
- c. Participate in the acquisition, development, and support of digital collections, tools, services, and applications that facilitate teaching, learning, and research.
- d. Serve as project manager on information technology projects within or outside the Library.
- e. Create and maintain appropriate documentation; gather and evaluate relevant statistics.
- f. Serve as a back-up to other members of the Information Technology Services Department.

Additional position responsibilities include:

- a. Perform collection development and outreach

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activities in assigned areas.

b. Provide reference desk assistance to patrons, including one Sunday a semester.

c. Participate in library-wide efforts such as planning, goal setting, committee work, etc.

Required Qualifications:

Master's degree from an ALA-accredited program. Experience with current trends in web technology, including LAMP web development, XML/XSL, HTML/XHTML/CSS, AJAX, RSS, PHP, Perl, Ruby on Rails and current trends in web design. Experience or familiarity with web database driven technologies, including MySQL, Oracle, and PostGRE.

Familiarity with library-specific technologies including ILLiad, ILS systems, OpenURL resolvers, federated searching, digitization of materials.

Ability to create and maintain complex technological systems.

a. Familiarity with the Open Source Software movement, and the ability to leverage OSS to the benefit of the Library.

b. Strong communication and interpersonal skills evidenced by the ability to work cooperatively and maintain effective working relationships with colleagues, faculty, staff and students.

c. Strong customer service focus and commitment to service excellence.

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e. Preparation and commitment to conduct independent scholarship consistent with a tenure-track faculty appointment.

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Desirable qualifications

Familiarity with current archival and metadata standards.

Demonstrated experience programming web applications in PHP.

Experience or familiarity with current technology trends: social networking sites (Facebook, MySpace, Second Life), collaborative content creation (Wikipedia, Digg), ARGs/Game theory (I Love Bees, MacHeist, PerplexCity).

A second advanced degree.

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◆ Arkansas State Library

LIBRARY PROGRAM ADVISOR (Position No. 22082095)

Salary: Grade 21 on State Pay Plan, hiring range \$31,339 - \$41,387 annually. Additional salary based on exceptional qualifications must be approved by Legislative Council.

Application Procedures: Submit state application form with proof of degree earned (official transcript preferred) and at least three letters of reference, to

Office of Administration
Arkansas State Library
One Capitol Mall, Fifth Floor
Little Rock, AR 72201

Application form may be completed online at <http://arstatejobs.com>. Proof of degree and letters of reference must be submitted to complete the process after answering all of the questions on the online form. Resume may accompany the application form, but will not be substituted for any part of it. Failure to complete all the questions online can result in rejection of the application.

Applicants needing special accommodation should make the request with the application.

Application and supporting documents must be in the office no later than close of business on April 20, 2007.

Job Duties: Under administrative direction in Extension Services section, works to improve public library programming and services statewide:

Provides consulting services to public library directors and library boards
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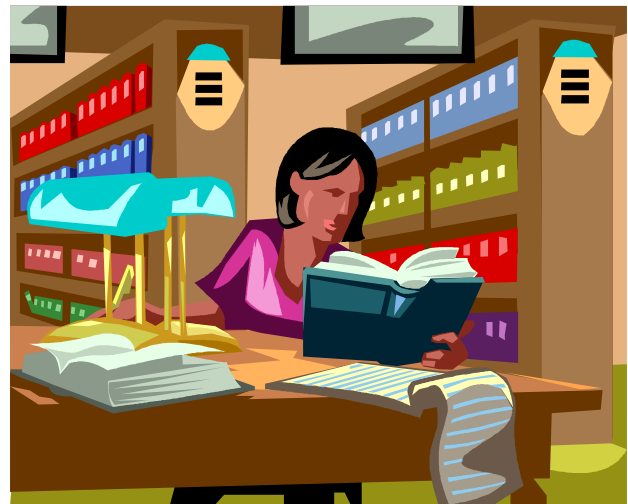
MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Master's degree from ALA-accredited program of library science, plus two years' experience in professional library services work. Special consideration will be given for experience in public library administration.

Interviews will be scheduled after the closing date.

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November 16	Buckman Labs Memphis, TN
January 25 Membership Meeting	The Brushmark, Brooks Museum of Art Memphis, TN
March 22	Schering-Plough Memphis, TN
April 26 Joint Meeting	Memphis Public Library Memphis, TN
May Charitable Meeting	TBA
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