

**Welcome!** It is an honor to greet you as members and friends of the Woodward Library Society of Austin Peay State University with this premier issue of the Society newsletter. **Thank you** for your commitment to the advancement of the Felix G. Woodward Library. In joining with other community leaders to establish the Society, you have affirmed the Woodward Library's position as the hub of scholarly activity within the University.

In addition to providing financial support to improve the resources of the Library, the Society proposes to increase awareness of those resources through quarterly programs as opportunities for learning as well as fellowship. A fall program is set for September 15<sup>th</sup> (announcement below). The Society Board of Directors will be finalizing plans for a winter program in February, the annual fundraising dinner in April and a summer program in conjunction with the Clarksville Writers Conference. We hope you will make plans to attend.

Dottie Mann, President

**You Are Invited** to the Woodward Library Society's **fall program on Tuesday, September 15, at 5:30 p.m.** F&M Bank will host the Society in its beautiful Franklin Room on the fifth floor of the bank at 50 Franklin Street. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served. The Society will be making an important presentation to the Woodward Library during the opening ceremony.

The program will feature the Tennessee Electronic Library (TEL), a virtual library that provides free access to thousands of resources for all Tennesseans. TEL is a program of the Tennessee State Library and Archives, a division of the Tennessee Secretary of State's office. Former Secretary of State Riley Darnell will speak briefly on the development of the Tennessee Electronic Library, which was implemented during his term of office. A live demonstration will show how TEL can link your personal computer or iPhone to more than 400,000 electronic resources, including magazines, scholarly journals, videos, e-books, podcasts, historical records and much more.

Tech-savvy or otherwise, don't miss this amazing and informative program on September 15. Please **RSVP by Thursday, September 10** to the APSU Event Response Line, 931-221-7222.

**For More Information** about the Society, please contact Joe Weber, APSU Library Director, at [weberj@apsu.edu](mailto:weberj@apsu.edu) or 931-221-7613; Chrissy Booth, University Advancement, at [boothc@apsu.edu](mailto:boothc@apsu.edu) or 931-221-7130; or Dottie Mann at [dotmannclarks@aol.com](mailto:dotmannclarks@aol.com).

**F Is For Fun.** Those who attended the Society's inaugural event on April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Water Street Events Center enjoyed fellowship and good food complemented by a wonderful program. The occasion of the official introduction of the Woodward Library Society contributed a festive atmosphere. President and Mrs. Tim Hall, along with Provost Tristan Denley, Library Director Joe Weber, and Society President Dottie Mann, greeted the convivial gathering of 200 guests at a wine and cheese reception overlooking a splendid view of the Cumberland River. Board member Fred Landiss served as master of ceremonies. Guests of honor were two of Felix Woodward's sons, John Woodward of Charlotte, NC, and David Woodward of Huntington, WV.

Following a savory three course dinner and introductory remarks, Clarksville author Mike Shoulders, a retired elementary educator and APSU alumnus, presented an entertaining program chronicling his long, frustrating journey to becoming a successful published author of children's books. In demonstrating his mission to make reading and learning an exciting experience for children, Mike had his audience bouncing to the beat of an energetic and fun "rap" based on his best-selling first book, *"V is for Volunteer: A Tennessee Alphabet."*

Along with his most enjoyable presentation, Mike gave several books as door prizes and donated all proceeds from the sale of his books following the program. We are truly grateful to Mike Shoulders for his generous support of the Society and Austin Peay State University.

**Call for Committee Members.** The activities of the Woodward Library Society are directed by four standing committees: Membership, Programs and Events, Communications, and Nominations and Elections. All Society members in good standing are eligible to serve on a committee, and we encourage your participation.

Committee duties are essentially self-explanatory. For example, the Programs and Events Committee plans and coordinates Society events such as the annual dinner in April and the fall program in September. The Communications Committee is responsible for producing the newsletter, contributing to the Society's website and assisting with the development of printed materials. If you have an interest in serving on one of our committees, please contact Dottie Mann at [dotmannclarks@aol.com](mailto:dotmannclarks@aol.com).

**The Woodward Library Society is on the Web** at <http://library.apsu.edu/society/index.html>. Here you will find membership information, a list of board members and officers, committee responsibilities and rosters, and news about upcoming events.



**Announcing the Fall Program for all Woodward Library Society members and prospective members:**

***TEL: Tennessee Electronic Library***

**When:** Tuesday, September 15, at 5:30 p.m.

**Where:** F&M Bank, Franklin Room, 50 Franklin Street, Clarksville

**What:** A description and demonstration of the resources that make up *TEL: Tennessee Electronic Library*, a vast array of online resources made available free of charge to the citizens of Tennessee by the Tennessee State Library & Archives. A reception with hors d'oeuvres and beverages will precede the program, along with a ceremony to celebrate the Society's first donation to the Woodward Library.

This event is sponsored by the Woodward Library Society of Austin Peay State University and F&M Bank, and is free of charge for all Woodward Library Society members and prospective members.



**Membership Update.** As a result of our initial membership drive, 126 individuals and families have joined the Woodward Library Society and have been designated as charter members of the Society. By official action of the Society Board of Directors, charter members' names will be inscribed on a commemorative plaque to be displayed prominently in the Woodward Library. This plaque will be unveiled at a future event so that we can acknowledge those whose early support has guaranteed the initial success of the Woodward Library Society.

**Please Join!** If you are reading this newsletter and have not yet become a member of the Woodward Library Society, please do so – **today!** The enclosed membership brochure is for your use or to pass along to an associate. There is a place in the Society for every friend of Austin Peay and a membership level to fit every pocketbook. Our collective gifts can do much to strengthen the resources of the Woodward Library and to advance its mission as a center of learning for the University and the greater Clarksville community.