What a great way to start off the new season of the Woodward Library Society’s program events. Richard Bausch was fantastic! For those of us who attended the fall program, which included a large turn-out of Society members, as well as APSU students and faculty, novelist and short story author Richard Bausch entertained us with readings from his newest short story collection, “Something Is Out There,” a humorous and insightful look at events that shaped his life. It was fun and entertaining as we listened to him share snippets of stories from his latest writings.

Our winter event was also excellent. The program, co-sponsored with the Felix G. Woodward Library and titled A Celebration of Scholarship: Creative and Scholarly Achievements at Austin Peay, showcased faculty, staff and student publications and other scholarly and creative achievements during the past five years. The evening began with a reception in the Woodward Library, featuring a dessert and punch buffet. Works including books, journal articles and artwork were on display in an exhibit on the main floor of Woodward Library. Eight faculty members gave brief presentations to describe their most recent research activities or shared readings from their publications.

It is hard to believe that we are already putting the finishing touches on the planning for our gala spring dinner event, which is scheduled for Thursday evening, March 29, at F&M Bank’s Franklin Room. We highly encourage everyone to attend, as it is certain to be a most memorable evening. Our speaker will be Dr. Gregg Steinberg, whose most recent book, “Full Throttle: 122 Strategies to Supercharge Your Performance at Work,” was on last year’s Washington Post best-seller list. Dr. Steinberg is a faculty member at Austin Peay, specializing in motivation, peak performance achievement and sports psychology. He is also a noted motivational speaker, working with such companies as Merrill Lynch, Bank of America, and Pacific Life Insurance.

During the program, the Library Society will be presenting another $5,000 check to the Woodward Library, thanks to the generosity of you, our library supporters. As a result, the library will be able to purchase additional materials to support teaching, learning and research by faculty and students at APSU.

This event also marks the advent of our annual drive for new and renewed memberships. I encourage you to bring a friend and to encourage that friend to join us in promoting the goals of our society as you renew your own membership for another year. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of the students and faculty of Austin Peay. It is such a privilege to support the Woodward Library as we continue to provide needed materials that support a superior education experience for APSU students.

— Kay Martin, President

Spring Gala. As Kay mentioned in her column, the Board and the Programs & Events Committee have been hard at work getting ready for the Society Social, our spring fundraising and friend raising event. This year’s program will be held at 5:30 p.m., March 29, in the fabulous Franklin Room on the fifth floor of the F&M Bank in downtown Clarksville. A sincere thank you to board member Fred Landiss for making the arrangements.

Program tickets are $35 for members and $45 for non-members. Depending on your membership category, some members may qualify for free tickets. Patrons (dues of $300-499) and Sponsors ($500-999) receive two free tickets, and Benefactors ($1000 and greater) receive four.

Invitations will be mailed out in early March, and we ask that everyone please RSVP, whether or not you will be using free tickets.

Our after-dinner speaker will be Dr. Gregg Steinberg, professor of health and human performance at Austin Peay. Steinberg has appeared as a commentator for the hit TV show “Dancing with the Stars,” and worked for Fox News as their sport psychology psychologist for the 2008 Olympics. He has been a frequent guest on The Golf Channel and CNN, hosted the radio show “Mindgames,” heard in the Southeast, and also writes a column for The Tennessean called “The Head Coach,” which discusses performance enhancement principles.

Steinberg is the author of three books: “Full Throttle,” “Mental Rules for Golf” and “Flying Lessons.” His fourth book, “Finding Your Prime,” is soon to be published, and will be the basis for his talk with us.

During dessert we will be auctioning off a premium party package that includes dinner for up to 12 people, a nice bottle of wine and two of Gregg Steinberg’s books, autographed by the author. Begin making plans now to put together your winning auction team!

Call for Board and Committee Members. The Woodward Library Society Board is responsible for the overall direction and administration of the organization. At the spring dinner program we will be electing a vice president/president-elect, secretary, treasurer and three board members.

The Library Society also needs members willing to lend a helping hand to plan and work at the quarterly program events, assist with this newsletter and participate in the friend raising and fundraising activities of the Woodward Library Society. Along with the Board, four standing committees – Membership, Communication, Programs & Events, and Nominations & Elections – plan and manage the activities of the Woodward Library Society. All Society members in good standing are eligible to serve on a committee, and we encourage your active participation.

If you are interested in serving in any of these capacities, please contact Kay Martin, board president, or Elaine Berg, vice president and chair of the Nominations & Elections Committee. Their contact information is on the opposite side of this page.
Woodward Library by the Numbers:

- 220,540 – Volumes of books (as of July 1, 2010)
- 55,031 – E-books in the library’s collection
- 695 – Print periodical subscriptions
- 33,471 – Journal titles available via online sources
- 12 – Number of full-time faculty librarians working in the Woodward Library
- 14 – Library support staff
- 18 – Current number of student assistants
- 117 – Computers available for student use in the Information Commons on the main floor
- 20 – Laptop computers available for student use within the library
- 2 – Computer-equipped instruction rooms
- 400 – General seating capacity

Library Renovation News. The main floor of Woodward Library has new carpet, a fresh coat of paint with an entirely new paint scheme (we now have colors!) and new ceramic tile and fixtures in the restrooms. New computer tables, library tables, chairs and display cases will be installed during spring break. Still to come: new tile in the entry area, a seminar room, small group and individual study rooms and a coffee shop.

When you have finished reading this newsletter, please pass it on to a friend and encourage him or her to become a member. There is a place in the Woodward Library 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.

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The Woodward Library Society is on the Web at http://library.apsu.edu/society/index.html. Here you will find information about the various levels of membership, a form to renew your membership or to become a new member, a description of member benefits and activities, a roster of the board members and officers, a list of the committees and their responsibilities, news about upcoming program events and meetings, and contact information.