It is hard to believe that we are already well into the second year of the Woodward Library Society. The vision set forth by APSU President Tim Hall, Library Director Joe Weber, and the Library Society Founding Steering Committee has become a reality through strong community support and dedicated commitment from our board. The first year was filled with exciting and festive events for our members and due to their participation and generous financial support we were able to donate $10,000 dollars directly to the Felix G. Woodward Library. These donations have been used to enhance the educational position of the library for both students and faculty at Austin Peay State University.

One of the most exciting Society events was just completed this summer in conjunction with the Clarksville Writers’ Conference. Matthew Gavin Frank, author of Barolo, a book detailing his life and amazing experiences working in an Italian vineyard, was guest lecturer and electrified the audience with his unique reading style and command of his subject matter. More than 80 members attended the program, which was preceded by cocktails and a luscious dinner served in the Franklin Room of F&M Bank. Copies of Barolo were made available for purchase at the end of the event, and Mr. Frank autographed and graciously added a personalized message to each copy.

Our fall program on Thursday, Oct. 28 will feature novelist and short story writer Richard Bausch. Bausch will read from his newest short-story collection, Something Is Out There, as part of the APSU Visiting Writers Series, sponsored by the Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts and Zone 3. Winner of the 2009 Dayton Peace Prize and a host of other literary awards, Bausch is the author of many novels and short-story collections, and has been published widely in such magazines as The Atlantic Monthly, Esquire, The New Yorker and GQ, among others. He is currently Moss Chair of Excellence in the Writing Workshop at the University of Memphis. We are eagerly anticipating an exciting evening which will begin with a dessert reception in the Woodward Library at 7 p.m. Bausch’s presentation will begin at 8 p.m. in the Morgan University Center, room 303. Make plans now to attend as this will be another great event!

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Please Re-join! If you have not yet renewed your annual membership in the Woodward Library Society, please do so today by completing and mailing the form on the back of this page. If you have already renewed we sincerely thank you and are grateful for your support.

Sponsor and Benefactor level members ($500 and above) and Board members, watch your mailbox for an invitation to a reception with President Tim and Mrs. Lee Hall, to be held at the Pace Alumni Center from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 11.

Library Athenaeum presentations are usually conducted on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. during fall and spring semesters, and are open to the general public.

APSU President Tim Hall kicked off the fall series with “Fractured Souls: Lawyers’ Roles and Ethics.” Upcoming lectures include “Political Socialization and its Effect on Women’s Political Decisions” by Dr. Marsha Lyle-Gonga, assistant professor of political science; “Isn’t Continuing Military Intervention in Afghanistan Justified” by Dr. Jordy Rocheleau, associate professor of philosophy; “When Spirits Go Abroad: Ghost Stories from Many Cultures” (a special Shriek Week presentation); “Found in Translation” by Nina Joyce Alfrey, visiting exchange librarian from Mid Sweden University; and “The Jain Religion of India” by Dr. Bert Randall, professor of philosophy and religion, and students Harsh N. Shah and Daniel Meloen. More specific information, including dates and times, can be found on the Library Athenaeum website at http://library.apsu.edu/events/athenaeum.htm.

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Books! At the Society Social in April, the Woodward Library Society presented our second donation to the Felix G. Woodward Library, a check for $5,000. More than 140 books on history and literature were acquired for the collection as a result of our first donation last fall.

Membership Update. Our current membership total stands at 158 individual members and one corporate member.

Mark your calendar now for our winter program, A Celebration of Scholarship: Creative and Scholarly Achievements at Austin Peay. A reception will be held in the Woodward Library at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 17. The event will showcase faculty, staff and student publications and other scholarly achievements from the past five years. The reception will inaugurate an exhibit that will be displayed on the main floor of the F. G. Woodward Library from mid-February through the end of March.
Call for Committee Members. We need more members willing to lend a helping hand to plan and work at the quarterly program events, assist with this newsletter and participate in the 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.

The committee functions and responsibilities are essentially self-explanatory. Membership generates ideas to recruit and retain members and keeps track of the membership roster. Communication is responsible for producing the newsletter, contributing ideas for the Society’s website and assisting with the development of printed materials. Programs & Events plans and coordinates Society activities such as the annual spring dinner and the other three quarterly program events. Nominations & Elections develops and prepares a slate of officers and directors and oversees the election process at the annual meeting.

If you have an interest in serving on one of the committees, please contact Kay Martin, Joe Weber, Chrissy Booth, or any of the other Board members.

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 list of member benefits and activities, a roster of the board members and officers, a list of the committees and their responsibilities, news about upcoming events and meetings, and contact information.

T.O.Y.S., Theatre Organization by Youth for Students, is presenting “Little Red & the Hoods,” a play for children of all ages based loosely on the Little Red Riding Hood tale. The actors, all APSU students, encourage audience participation from children, as well as parents and grandparents. Performances are on the third floor of Woodward Library at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 28 (immediately preceding the Society’s fall program) and Friday, Oct. 29.

For more information about the Woodward Library Society, please contact:

- Joe Weber, Director of Library Services weberj@apsu.edu or 931-221-7613
- Chrissy Booth, University Advancement Office boothc@apsu.edu or 931-221-7130
- Kay Martin, Board President martin@midsouth.net.com
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Library Building News. The compact shelving has been installed downstairs, which allowed us to consolidate the bound periodicals and make space to move the entire government publications collection downstairs. That freed up a large amount of space on the second (main) floor. The plan is to remodel that area into study rooms, a seminar room, writing center, and even a coffee shop. Stay tuned for future developments.

Woodward Library had more than 475,000 visitors last year, up from 403,000 the previous year. Average weekday attendance this month has been close to 3,500 visitors per day, with a high of 4,440 on Sept. 20.

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**Membership Renewal**

Annual memberships expired on June 30. If you have already renewed, we are sincerely grateful for your support. If you have not yet renewed, please take a few minutes and do so now. All members receive the Society newsletter and invitations to quarterly programs, three of which are free. All members receive a price break on the Society Social spring dinner event, and depending on which level of membership you choose, you may even receive free tickets to next year’s Society Social. There is a place in the Woodward Library Society for everyone and a membership level to fit every pocketbook. Our collective gifts can do much to strengthen the resources of the Felix G. Woodward Library and to advance its mission as a center of learning for the University and the greater Clarksville community.

Simply detach and fill out the form below and mail it, along with your check, to:

The Woodward Library Society
Austin Peay State University Foundation
Box 4417
Clarksville, TN 37044

Name(s): ____________________________
Address: ____________________________
Phone: ________________________ Email: ____________________________
City: __________________ State: ______ Zip: __________

Membership Categories & Annual Dues:

- [ ] Student $5
- [ ] Friend $30 - $49 ▶ Choice of discipline (history, math, literature, etc.) for bookplates (contributing members and above):
- [ ] Family $50 - $99 ▶ Please make checks payable to Austin Peay State University Foundation:
- [ ] Contributing $100 - $299 include in the note area Woodward Library Society.
- [ ] Patron $300 - $499 ▶ For payroll deduction (APSU employees only) or to pay by credit card, please call the University Advancement office at 221-7352.
- [ ] Sponsor $500 - $999
- [ ] Benefactor $1,000+ ▶ Yes, I want to go green. Please e-mail the next newsletter to me.

We sincerely thank you for your support of the Felix G. Woodward Library and Austin Peay State University. Also, thank you for providing an envelope and the stamp to mail your membership renewal. Every little bit helps, and each $25 to $30 saved could buy another book for the library.