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Libraries Build Communities: A Special ALA Opportunity

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**AN INVITATION FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE TENNESSEE LIBRARY
ASSOCIATION TO SELA**

Have you mailed in your registration form for the 2006 Annual conference? If not, what are you waiting for?

Pre-conferences begin on Wednesday, April 5th. There are **ten** (count them, ten!!) pre-conferences to choose from, including the ALA Regional Institute on Advocacy. I attended this institute at midwinter in Boston last year and let me tell you, it is amazing! I am quite sure the other nine pre-conferences are equally amazing, but I happen to have some first hand knowledge of this one!

The conference begins on Thursday with the Intellectual Freedom Breakfast, which will feature Joe Raiola from MAD Magazine. Three awards will also be presented during the breakfast. We move from breakfast to the General Session which will feature Carol Brey-Casiano, past president of ALA. Immediately following the General Session will be the grand opening of the Exhibits Hall, which is followed by the SELA Luncheon.

Now, I have only taken you half-way through the first day of the conference and I am sure there are several things you already want to do and see! So rather than me keeping on tying and you keeping on reading, just drop everything and follow this link to the conference information page, which has hotel registrations forms, conference registration forms, exhibitor registration forms, volunteer forms and IRS Income Tax Forms (just kidding! I threw that in for all the public libraries living in Tax Form Land!). Please visit the TLA conference website: <http://www.tnla.org/displayconvention.cfm> for more information.

See you in Memphis - and be on the lookout for Elvis! I am told he will be there.....

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LIBRARIES BUILD COMMUNITIES: A SPECIAL ALA OPPORTUNITY

Librarians and library staff attending the American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference in New Orleans, June 22-28, will show how "Libraries Build Communities" through daylong community service efforts to help rebuild New Orleans.

As part of ALA's ongoing efforts to help the libraries and communities in the Gulf Coast, conference attendees will be able to volunteer for a full-day community service project on Friday June 23 or Tuesday, June 27. Conference goers will be able to choose from activities to help the New Orleans Public Library, Orleans Parish School District, or other community rebuilding efforts. To volunteer register at www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2006a/registration.htm under the 'Special Registration Section.' The registration fee is \$10 and will include transportation to and from the community project, lunch, and a 'Libraries Build Communities' T-shirt.

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