



News and Views

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Bishop Polk and the Red Hat Society ladies were on hand to celebrate

Everything Southern

Thursday night was the official pre-graduation party for the Institooters in the main commons building of Hand Village at Austin Peay State University. The theme for the party was

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"Everything Southern". Institooters came dressed as their favorite southern personas. Attendees included Scarlett O'Hara, girls from the Ya-Ya Sisterhood, Red Hats Society members, several Minnie Pearls (including a certain JP), Bill Dance, Episcopal Church Bishop Leonidas Polk (a General in the Confederate Army), and a southern rocker. Even those without costumes joined in the fun by quoting lines from their favorite Southern movies, such as *Steel Magnolias*. The Institooters enjoyed music, cake and punch, and even a little dancing before returning to their rooms to prepare for Friday's presentations and graduation ceremony. It was an evening of laughter and lighthearted discussions that once again showcased the many creative talents of the Class of 2005!



"Howdy!" says Minnie Pearl to pro-fisherman Bill Dance



Secretary of State Riley Darnell congratulates the Institooters on their many accomplishments during the three years of the Institute

We're Outta' Here!

On Friday afternoon, the Institooters enjoyed a light lunch with their families, regional directors and board members before moving on to the graduation ceremony. Secretary of State Riley Darnell offered his praise for all that the Institooters have accomplished in the past three years, as well as his encouragement to continue moving forward in the future.

State Librarian and Archivist Ed Gleaves also issued his congratulations to the group. The Institooters then surprised Dr. Gleaves with an early retirement gift (a beautiful cedar birdhouse) to show thanks for all that he has accomplished during his years as the State Librarian and Archivist for Tennessee. Secretary Darnell also received a nice card from the Institooters for his continued support of libraries and librarians in the state.

Each of the students received their official certificates and "Public Library Manager" name tags during the graduation ceremony. After, the Institooters' pictures were taken with Secretary Darnell,

regional directors, library board members and family.

It was an exciting, educational, and exhausting three years for the 32 students who graduated in the Public Library Management Institute Class of 2005. This group exemplified the special talents needed in Tennessee's public libraries – dedication, creativity, perseverance, drive, and intelligence.

Congratulations Class of 2005! Now go out there and show your libraries what outstanding public library managers we have in Tennessee!

More Presentations...

Here's Friday's list of Institute presenters:

2005 Presentations

Katherine Horn

(Elma Ross Public Library)

Increasing Public Awareness at Our Library

James Houston

(Art Circle Public Library)

One Customer at a Time: Hospitality Training Program

Norma Humphries

(Jack McConnico Memorial Library)

Increasing Public Awareness at Our Library

Carol Kersey

(Smyrna Public Library)

Travel the World@Your Library

Theresa McMahan
(Sullivan County Public Library)
Computers and Library Patrons

Connie McSwain
(W.G. Rhea Public Library)
*Cooperative Effort with the Community to
Improve the Library, Community and other
Organizations*

Janice Peevyhouse
(Newbern City Public Library)
Cooperative Effort with Friends of the Library

Brenda Pirtle
(Lee Ola Roberts Public Library)
*Outreach Programs of the Lee Ola Roberts
Library*

Judi Reynolds
(Meigs County – Decatur Public Library)
*How the Little Engine Could Bring Unity to a
Community*

Mary Robbins
(Magness Community House & Library)
*Magness Community House & Library: Vision
and Tradition*

Mary Schmidt
(Gorham Macbane Public Library)
*Improving Library Service with Community
Partners*

Carol Tippins
(Ned R. McWherter Weakly County Public
Library)
Library Lovers' Month

Curt True
(Obion County Public Library)
Obion County Public Library: Raising FUNds

Brittany West
(Clyde W. Roddy Public Library)
Children's British Tea Fundraiser

Tammy West
(Collinwood Depot Public Library)
*From the Collinwood Depot to the Renovation
of the Branch Library*

Jan Woodard
(Clarksville-Montgomery County Public
Library)
*Glenn Miller Orchestra: A Concert and Dance
to Help Fill the Shelves*

Carol Woody
(Clyde W. Roddy Public Library)
Library Awareness – What's in Your Wallet?

Quotable Quotes...

Here is one last "Quotable Quote" from the Institute. It explains a lot!

Scenario: A group of Institooters is singing She'll Be Coming Round the Mountain" at Thursday night's party. However, one member keeps saying corner instead of mountain...

"I thought it was mountain?"

- *Linda Ackerman*

"When you walk the streets, it's the corner."

- *Gloria Fox*

