



Chuck Sherrill

State Librarian and Archivist

EDUCATION

- Master of Library Science and Master of History, Archival Administration program, Case Western Reserve University, 1981
- Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, Ohio University, 1979



EXPERIENCE

- **Tennessee State Library and Archives, 2010 to present**
State Librarian and Archivist. Oversight of a statewide institution responsible for preservation and access to the state's historical records. Under the Secretary of State, supervises a staff of 180 and combined budget of \$12 million, including the Regional Library System comprised of 12 offices spread across the state.
- **The Brentwood Library, Brentwood, Tennessee, 2000-2010**
Director. Responsible for all library services including staffing, property management, budget, adult and children's services, circulation, technical services, public programs and meeting facilities. Supervise staff of 22 FTE and annual budget of \$2 million, serving a community of 35,000. Special projects include construction of a 12,000 sq ft addition and 15,000 sq ft renovation, development of www site, adult programming design and execution, volunteer program design and execution, expanding electronic database collections.
- **Tennessee State Library and Archives, 1994-2000**
Director of Public Services. Administered the department responsible for making the resources of the library and archives available to the public. Supervised 30 full-time staff and managed departmental budget of \$1.2 million. In charge of collection development for local history. Extensive public speaking, community outreach, and library/archives consulting work.
- **Cleveland Public Library, Cleveland, Tennessee, 1985-1993**
Director. Responsible for all aspects of library service and development for community of 68,000. Completed successful building-fund campaign and construction of new library, developed historical publications program.

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Library Association, 2001 to present.
- Tennessee Library Association, 1985 to present. Treasurer 1995-96; President 1999-2000.
- Tenn-Share (library resource sharing organization), board member 2000-present; Secretary 2004-05; President-Elect 2008-09.

Mike Morrow
Deputy Commissioner
Department of Finance and Administration

Mike has been employed by the State of Tennessee for over 35 years. Upon graduation from the University of Tennessee with a bachelor's degree in accounting, he began his career with the State as an internal auditor of federal grant programs. From that point he has served in administrative accounting positions and as fiscal director for the Department of Employment Security.

For the last 23 years, he has worked in the Department of Finance and Administration as fiscal director, Assistant Commissioner of the Division of Administration and on June 1, 2003 he was promoted to the Deputy Commissioner.

Most recently, he assumed responsibility for the Tennessee Recovery Management office that provides oversight of the federal funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Mike is a graduate of the Tennessee Government Executive Institute.



Mark Wood

Chief Financial Officer



BACKGROUND

Department of State (Nov. 1989 to Present)

For over 19 years, and with increasing levels of responsibility, I have successfully served four Secretaries of State as chief financial officer. Leading a staff of 17 individuals I directly oversee a departmental budget in excess of \$64,000,000. Funding sources include state appropriations, departmental revenues and federal sources. Federal sources include substantial funding associated with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). The Department of State budget includes 443 funded positions serving in 10 distinct program areas.

Department of Finance and Administration (Nov. 1988 to Nov. 1989)

As a budget analyst in the governor's budget office I served as a liaison to the offices' of the Treasurer, Secretary of State, Comptroller and Revenue Department. In less than one year I was hired by the Secretary of State where I still serve.

EDUCATION

- M.Ed., Administration and Supervision, Tennessee State University - May 1986
- B.S., Business Management with English Minor, Lipscomb University - June, 1984



Lisa Walker

Network Services Manager

BACKGROUND

- Employed with State of Tennessee for 24 years.
- Previous departments include: Commission on Children & Youth, Finance & Administration, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Secretary of State (since 1995).
- BS in History from Middle Tennessee State University.
- Teacher Certification in Social Sciences from Austin Peay State University March 1985.



CURRENT SERVICE

- Manage four (4) network service consultants located in Jackson, Murfreesboro, Cookeville and Knoxville who provide technical leadership and perform information systems technical support work of advanced difficulty to public libraries.
- Develop training aides and materials, plan, organize and conduct basic and advanced training sessions appropriate for public and regional library staff in both classroom and on-site settings.
- Responsible for primary information systems support for Tennessee State Library and Archives.
- Develop web pages for Planning and Development section <http://www.tennessee.gov/tsla/lps/plandev.htm> and on-line public library directory <http://www.tennessee.gov/tsla/pld/>.
- Listserv moderator for public libraries and information systems staff.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

- Tennessee Government Management Class of 2006

AWARDS

- Recipient of the 1999 Information Systems Director's Award

COMMUNITY AFFILIATION

- Appointed Cheatham County Historian in 2005
- Member of Middle Tennessee Genealogical Association
- Member of Cheatham County Historical and Genealogical Association (CCHGA)

PRIMARY PROJECTS

- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Broadband Connectivity Grant
- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Public Access Computer Hardware Upgrade Grant (PACHUG)
- TNI – Tennessee Access Points Installation and Removal (State of Tennessee Network)
- Annual Technology Coordinators' Workshop
- New TSLA Building Technology Project



Jane Pinkston

Assistant State Librarian for Planning and Development

EDUCATION

- Master of Library Science, University of Illinois, 1977
- Master of Arts in English, Memphis State University, 1973
- Bachelor of Arts in English, Memphis State University, 1971



EXPERIENCE

- **Tennessee State Library and Archives, 1997 to present**
Assistant State Librarian for Planning and Development. Administrator of \$3.4 million federal Library Services and Technology Act program. Manager of Tennessee Regional Library System / 100 employees. Works with state and local officials, local library staff, library trustees, and library advocates across the state in planning and developing public library services in both rural and urban communities.
- **Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, Toledo, Ohio, 1987-1997**
Manager, Sylvania Branch Library, 1992 to 1997. Managed busy library branch, 22 employees, 24,500 visitors each month, 570,000 annual circulation. Selected fiction for four library branches. Coordinated successful adult book discussions, computer demonstrations, and community interest programs. Served on Action Council which planned continuing education programs for library employees. Received spotlight award for management teamwork.

Manager, Social Science Department, Main Library, 1987-1992. Administered special Grantsmanship, Community Information, and Government Document collections as well as other social science materials. Coordinated Main Library's role as research center for Northwest Ohio Libraries Consortium. Participated in committee to develop system-wide Orientation Standards for New Librarians. Taught reference workshops for staff of smaller libraries, public school teachers, resource center/media specialists, and church and synagogue librarians.
- **Champaign Public Library and Information Center, Champaign, Illinois, 1977-1987**
Information Librarian. Served as reference librarian and community resource specialist. Planned numerous library programs through cooperative efforts with other agencies: science fair readiness workshops, traveling exhibits, community bus trips to areas of historical interest, lectures to complement local theatre productions, authors' workshops.

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Library Association, 1977 to present
- Tennessee Library Association, 1997 to present. Served as President in 2007-2008. TLA Honor Award, 2010.
- Library Services and Technology Act State Coordinators Group



Tre Hargett

Secretary of State



Tre Hargett became Tennessee's 37th Secretary of State on January 15, 2009, after serving as Chairman of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority. Hargett also served ten years in the Tennessee House of Representatives as the District 97 (Bartlett, Berclair, and Raleigh) State Representative. While serving in the house, he was elected twice as the Republican Leader by his House Republican Colleagues.

As a lawmaker, Secretary Hargett's experience included service on the following committees:

- Finance Ways and Means
- Health and Human Resources
- Government Operations
- State and Local Government
- Ethics
- The Tennessee Advisory Committee on Intergovernmental Relations
- TennCare Oversight

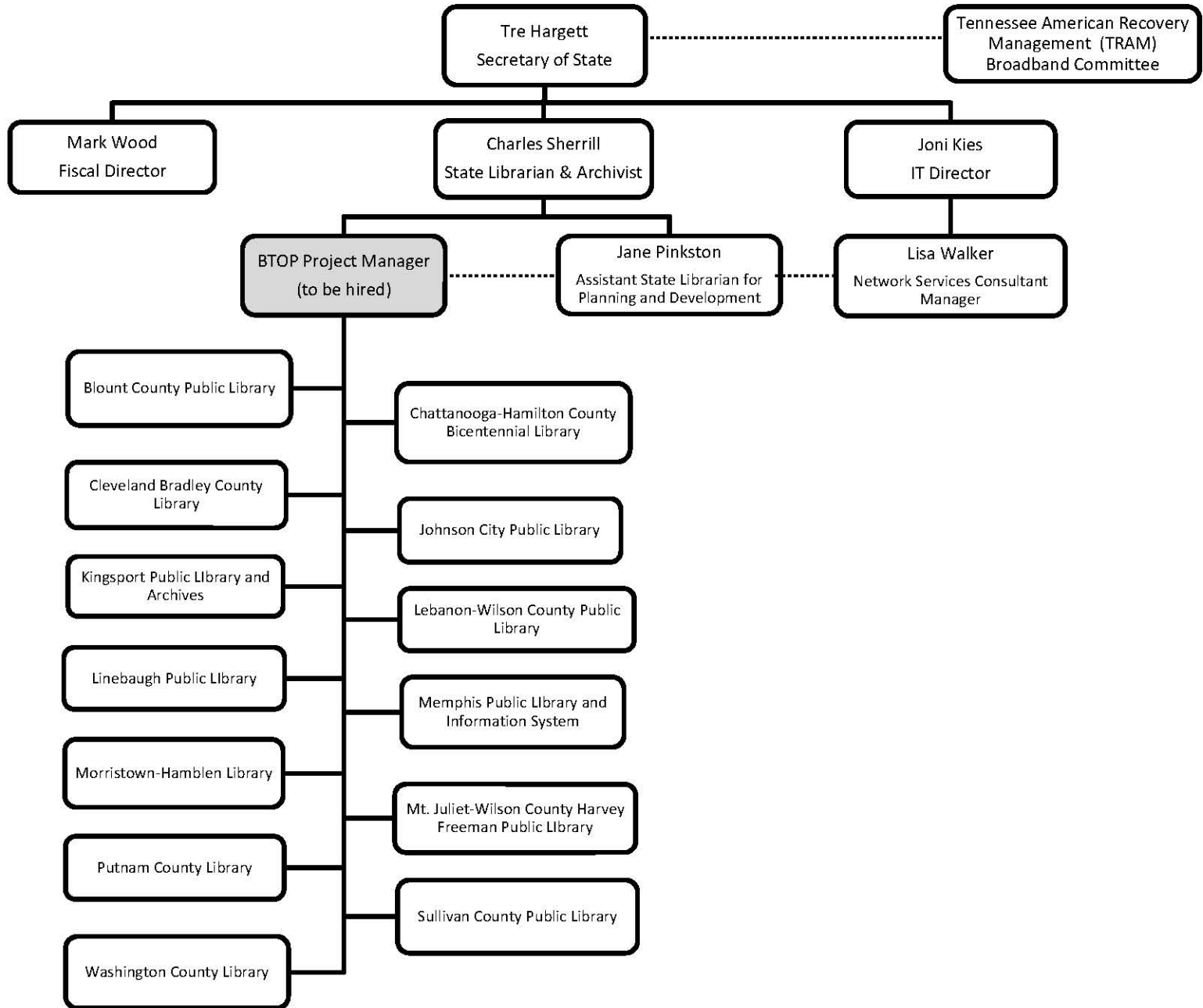
In the House, he was a driving force behind legislation for more electronic disclosure of campaign contributions as well as increasing the requirements of public officials' public statements of interest.

He also sponsored and co-sponsored numerous legislative items. He sponsored with Sen. Mark Norris, Senate Joint Resolution (SJR) One. SJR1 allowed for a statewide constitutional amendment permitting local governments to initiate property tax relief for senior citizens.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- B.B.A., with Honors, Accounting, Memphis State University, 1991
- M.B.A., Marketing, Memphis State University, 1992
- "Top 40 Under 40," *Memphis Business Journal*
- "Top 40 Under 40," *Business Tennessee Magazine*
- Member, National Association of Secretaries of State
- Former Member, National Association Regulatory Utility Commissioners
- Former Member, Southeastern Association Regulatory Utility Commissioners
- Former Member, University of Tennessee Memphis Chancellor's Roundtable
- Former Member, Bartlett Area Chamber of Commerce
- Former Member, Mid-South Worker's Compensation Association
- Former Member, Alpha Tau Omega Housing Corporation
- Former Member, Knox County Metropolitan Drug Commission
- Recipient, Bob James Public Service Award, 1998
- 1999 Tennessee PTA Outstanding Legislator of the Year
- Delegate and Lifetime Member, American Council of Young Political Leaders
- J. Wayne Johnson Memorial Award Recipient
- Outstanding Young Men of America, 1998

BTOP Track 2: Public Computer Centers 26. Organizational Chart



State of Tennessee



The Secretary of State
State Capitol
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0305

Tre Hargett
Secretary of State

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March 15, 2010

The Honorable Phil Bredesen
Governor of the State of Tennessee
State Capitol, 1st Floor
600 Charlotte Avenue
Nashville, TN 37243

Dear Governor Bredesen:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act has presented Tennessee with a tremendous opportunity through the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP). It is with enthusiasm that I offer my support and that of The Office of the Secretary of State for the State of Tennessee's Broadband Infrastructure, Public Computer Centers grant application.

This grant proposal will be of great benefit to the state if funded. Jobs will be created for broadband deployment, education and workforce development will be enhanced by distance learning programs, and more Tennesseans will be able to interact with the government through the state's ever-increasing internet-based services.

The Public Computer Center proposal is designed to dramatically enhance the computer center capabilities of 15 of our urban and metro public libraries from Memphis to the Tri-cities. The Tennessee State Library and Archives (TSLA) division of The Office of the Secretary of State has effectively designed a program that will reach both the unserved and underserved citizens of the state by providing expanded free public access to computers and the internet. For many Tennesseans, public libraries have constituted the only source of this access, and libraries will continue to be a critical part of the plan for broadband education and adoption.

Thank you for your leadership, and please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of service to you or the citizens of our great state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tre Hargett".

Tre Hargett

Office of the Attorney General



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CHIEF DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

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CHIEF POLICY DEPUTY

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SOLICITOR GENERAL

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March 12, 2010

Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

RE: Application by Tennessee Department of State for Grant under Broadband
Technology Opportunities Program, Public Computer Centers

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Office of the Attorney General for the State of Tennessee has acted as counsel to the Tennessee Department of State (the "Applicant") in connection with its ability to apply to the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program and in review of the terms of the grant agreement as referenced in the Notice of Funds Availability, 75 F.R. 3792 (January 22, 2010) (the "Notice").

It is the opinion of this Office that:

(a) the Applicant is a duly organized existing agency of the State of Tennessee under the laws of the State of Tennessee and of the United States;

(b) the Applicant, through its officers and agencies, is authorized (1) to execute and deliver the grant agreement on the terms described in the Notice, along with any additional terms and conditions consistent with Tennessee law; and (2) to perform all acts contemplated to be performed by it under the agreement as described above;

(c) No legal proceedings have been instituted or are pending against the Applicant, the outcome of which would adversely affect the Applicant's ability to perform its duties under the

grant agreement as described above, and there are no judgments against the Applicant that would adversely affect the Applicant's ability to perform its duties under such agreement.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. E. Cooper, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

ROBERT E. COOPER, JR.
Attorney General and Reporter

ROBERT DEDMAN
County Mayor



RACHEL WARREN
Assistant/Secretary

WILSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT

March 3, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

This correspondence is in support of a grant application, being submitted by the Lebanon – Wilson County Library, to receive funding from monies being made available by Round Two of the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program offered by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

One of the initiatives of the BTOP grant is “enhancing broadband capacity at public computer centers”. The Lebanon - Wilson County Library provides the availability to computers and internet service for a number of individuals who have no access to these services otherwise. The award of these monies would provide for the enhancement of a computer learning center, additional laptops and early learning stations.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

Robert Dedman
Wilson County Mayor

ROBERT DEDMAN
County Mayor



RACHEL WARREN
Assistant/Secretary

WILSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT

March 3, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

This correspondence is in support of a grant application, being submitted by the Mt. Juliet – Wilson County Library, to receive funding from monies being made available by Round Two of the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program offered by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

One of the initiatives of the BTOP grant is “enhancing broadband capacity at public computer centers”. The Mt. Juliet - Wilson County Library provides the availability to computers and internet service for a number of individuals who have no access to these services otherwise. The award of these monies would provide for the enhancement of a computer learning center, additional laptops and early learning stations.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

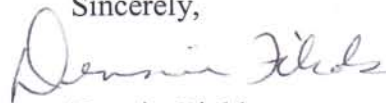
Robert Dedman
Wilson County Mayor

Dear Sirs:

I am writing this letter in support of the Hamblen County Library. The library is a great asset to our community. They provide everyone books to read, current magazines and local newspapers. Also, they provide a chance to access the Internet which is a vital need in the world today. If the computers were not available many people would be unable to research their papers, check their email, send resumes, and many other valuable pieces of information could not be exchanged. The Microsoft Word program allows the patrons to write necessary papers and letters such as this one. This is the only place where computers are linked to a printer for the public's use. It is also one of the very few places where a copy machine/fax machine is located in this county.

The library is also a wonderful source for being able to purchase books, magazines, videos, and books on tape at a very low cost. This is very important to those who have a love for reading but a low income. This library is also a wealth of information to help inform the public of programs which will benefit their lives as well as having their own seminars to help the community become more informed and thus a better community in which to live. Any funds available to the library will be used to further provide help to all the people in Hamblen County. Thank you for allowing me to show my support of our great library and its tireless workers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennie Fields". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Dennie Fields

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March 2, 2010

Eva Rogers, Director
Morristown-Hamblen Library
417 W Main St
Morristown, TN 37814

Dear Eva:

When it comes to the development of a community, a public library is one of the main attractions. Libraries are part of the economic development package presented as part of the quality of life. A public library is part of the essential services that a community provides.

In recent years, technology has become an important part of libraries. Internet access for those less fortunate would not be possible without the library. Computers in libraries allow thousands to search databases, apply for jobs, read the local paper and stay connected to family and friends.

The American Library Association says a public library is important "because it is the only institution in American society whose purpose is to guard against the tyrannies of ignorance and conformity, and its existence indicates the extent to which a democratic society values knowledge, truth, justice, books and culture."

The Citizen Tribune values education and access to knowledge. It is for this reason we are happy to be a part of this community and Morristown-Hamblen Library.

Sincerely,

R. Micheal Fishman

Publisher

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THE MANCHESTER TIMES • THE ELK VALLEY TIMES • THE HERALD-CHRONICLE • THE TULLAHOMA NEWS • GRUNDY COUNTY HERALD
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Program Director

Todd Morgan

March 2, 2010

Ms. Eva Rogers, Director
Morristown-Hamblen Library
417 W. Main Street
Morristown, TN 37814

Dear Ms. Rogers:

On behalf of the Crossroads Partnership I would like to thank you for your commitment to pursue improvements to the Morristown-Hamblen Public Library. Expansion of library resources will continue to increase the number of visitors, which in turn contributes to overall downtown vitality and vibrancy. This is an instrumental component for maintaining the neighborhood as an attractive residential and commercial market.

In 2008, when the Partnership first began to explore boundaries for our Crossroads District (the focus area for our program), we specifically included the library as well as other key public buildings such as the Hamblen County Courthouse, Rose Center, Henry Street Post Office and City Center. We believe our library is an important resource whose influence extends far beyond its physical walls with the addition of digital information and access. It serves as a central hub for our community, providing residents a place to meet and learn. It also plays a key role in integrating newcomers into our community. I know I have personally benefited from library resources throughout my life, especially after graduating from college when the computers and internet access were valuable tools for my first job search. For many of our residents, the library may be their only access to such resources and we are fortunate to have them available.

As Tennessee's newest Main Street community, the Partnership recognizes the importance of the library to all our citizens and the Crossroads District in particular. We are so proud of the recent upgrades to the main entrance, study rooms and community room and wish you well in future projects. Our library is an important asset in maintaining downtown as the true "crossroads" of our community.

Sincerely,

Todd Morgan
Program Director





Friends of the Morrystown-Hamblen Library

March 3, 2010

Mrs. Eva Rogers, Director
Morrystown-Hamblen Library
417 W Main St.
Morrystown, TN 37814

Dear Mrs. Rogers,

The Friends of the Library understand the important role that the public library serves in our community. It is a place for people to gather, to learn, and to interact with their community. The library is a source of free Internet use for many people who have no other access. It is a place that serves everyone in the community.

We are very excited about a grant to update our Internet computing center and our computer class community room. As the economy grows tougher the library plays a more important role. We have seen the number of people who visit the library grow. Whenever I visit the library, the Internet computers are always packed. I see how hard your staff works to serve the people of this community and to help them.

The library desperately needs a new computer system to reach out to others in the community who cannot come into the library in person. An online catalog to search for books, renew items, and place requests from home would certainly increase the presence and reach of the library. They are wonderful services to offer when so much of people's lives are now spent online learning, banking, etc.

The Friends of the Morrystown-Hamblen Library are proud and happy to provide the 30% cash match needed to fund this grant request and the items that will help our community.

Sincerely,

Tony Sizemore, President

BILL TRUSTEE
BRITTAIN
HAMBLLEN COUNTY

Hamblen County Courthouse
511 West Second North Street
Morristown, Tennessee 37814
(423) 586-6290

March 8, 2010

Dear Sir/Madam:

The objective of this letter is to express Hamblen County Government's support of the application for stimulus funds to purchase equipment that will improve the services provided by Morristown-Hamblen Library.

The Library provides essential services for our citizens. It is a resource for information on thousands of topics included in books, magazines, audio books and internet websites. It provides internet access to the public as well as computer training classes. It is a valuable asset for our community.

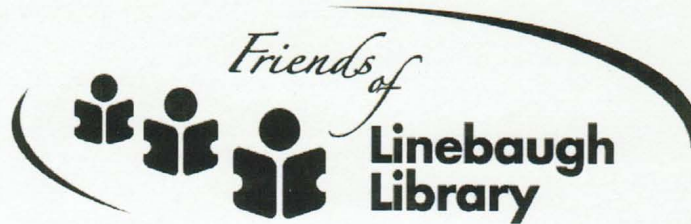
The items that the Library has identified in the grant application will help it operate more efficiently and improve the online services it provides to its patrons. Hamblen County Government fully supports the request.

Do not hesitate to call with any questions.

Sincerely,



Bill Brittain
Trustee



P.O. Box 2903 • Murfreesboro, TN 37133-2903

February 1, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

The mission of the Friends of Linebaugh Public Library is to promote the interest and welfare of Linebaugh Public Library as a cultural, educational, and recreational asset to the city of Murfreesboro and Rutherford County beyond its regular resources. In support of that mission, the Friends have voted to contribute \$500 to supplement any grant money received through the PCC grant.

Due to budget constraints, we feel this is an important opportunity for the library to extend computer literacy to the citizens of Rutherford County and provide them with marketable job skills.

Sincerely,

Martha Hixon
President



**United Way
of Rutherford and Cannon Counties**

615 Memorial Blvd
Suite 200
Murfreesboro, TN 37129

March 3, 2010

Broadband Technologies Opportunity Program
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20230

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written in support of Linebaugh Library's Broadband Technologies Opportunity Grant Program. Linebaugh is a valued partner in service to our community. The Library represents the heart of resources for so many residents, particularly with technology and technology training.

Linebaugh is committed to offering computer training classes free of charge. These skills are essential to so many, particularly in our current economic state. Many individuals find themselves out of work after many years and without the skills to even search for employment. Project PASS is pleased to partner with Linebaugh in offering resume building and interview skills classes. These classes seek to assist residents in their job search efforts and restoring a bit of confidence to some of the most vulnerable among us. As the classes are free and open to the public, participants represent a variety of socio-economic backgrounds.

Linebaugh will continue to serve this community with determination and integrity. The staff is genuinely dedicated to being the heart of resources and opportunities for every individual.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Ferrell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathy Ferrell
Project PASS Director
United Way of Rutherford and Cannon Counties



BLOUNT COUNTY ADULT EDUCATION

March 8, 2010

Dear Emily Masters:

As Coordinator of the Blount County Adult Education Program, I am writing to express my enthusiastic support of the Blount County Library's technology grant request.

The Blount County Adult Education provides literacy, basic skills and GED preparation classes for under-educated adults. Most of our students are unemployed and lack basic computer skills, which are now necessary to obtain employment. The need for additional free and/or low cost computer training is very evident in this community.

The Adult Education Program values its strong partnership with Blount County Public Library and joins with them in the commitment to provide residents with the opportunity to learn the skills necessary for self-sufficiency.

If additional information is needed, please contact me at (865) 982-8998.

Sincerely,

Carol Ergenbright

Carol Ergenbright
Blount County Adult Education Coordinator



March 4, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written in support of the Blount County Public Library's application for funding under the **Broadband Technology Opportunities Program**.

In Blount County, the library is a central place with convenient hours and access for the County's many citizens who do not have internet access or up-to-date computers and software. I have witnessed first-hand the waiting list that can sometimes develop for time on the library's computers. Use of these computers can vary from people checking emails, searching for jobs, creating resumes, doing research for school, doing genealogy research to many other uses. The request for additional computers is certainly warranted.

As the Executive Director of the College's continuing education division, we are constantly contacted by people inquiring about our numerous computer training courses. Unfortunately, many indicate that they are not able to afford our prices or are intimidated to take a "college" class or think it will be "more than they need". The library's proposed training (in addition to what they currently offer) fulfills a great need in our community and deserves to be expanded. We are happy to refer these inquiries to the library for assistance and will continue to do so.

I strongly recommend their request for funding be granted.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Teri T. Brahams".

Teri T Brahams
Executive Director

March 4, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the application for funding through the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program that has been tendered by the Blount County Public Library. The demand for computer access at the Blount County Public Library greatly exceeds the current ability of our library to provide this service.

When we built this new facility in Blount County several years ago, we hoped that the Blount County Public Library would become the hub of information access for the community. That has happened, and the exciting aspect of the heavy use experienced by our library is that it has established a secure, predictable location where the economically disadvantaged (but community-engaged) citizens can find access to the electronic media that is becoming so necessary for daily contemporary life.

I join with the other members of the Maryville City Council in endorsing this request by the Blount County Public Library for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program so that members of our community who are unable to afford a computer or Internet access can be provided a reliable source for digital information and processing. Our Blount County Public Library is a responsible steward of public money and trusted source of information throughout our county.

Sincerely,

Tom Taylor, Mayor
City of Maryville, TN
865-898-1480

Sullivan County

Office of the County Mayor



Steve M. Godsey
County Mayor

March 3, 2010

Emily Masters
Grant Writer, Tennessee State Library and Archives

Ms. Masters:

As Mayor of Sullivan County, I have been a strong proponent of the library and the services that they provide to the citizens of this county. They have wisely used the resources that the county has provided and work hard on keeping the citizens on the cutting edge with technology as well as library materials and databases.

I strongly support the efforts of the library in obtaining grant funding from available resources to increase their efforts to reach the public in as many areas as possible.

Should you need any further information from me, please feel free to contact me via e-mail (mayor@sullivancounty.org) or phone (423) 323-6417.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve M. Godsey".

Steve M. Godsey

Sullivan County Mayor



March 9, 2010

Broadband Technology Opportunities Program

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in support of Washington County – Jonesborough and Gray Branch Libraries (WCPL) application to the Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program (BTOP). I serve as the Executive Director of the Heritage Alliance of Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia. In this capacity, I often refer citizens the library, as the Jonesborough branch has significant genealogical holdings. Greater broadband access would have a tremendous impact on our libraries' ability to assist with this type of research.

With the economic downturn of the area and loss of jobs and businesses, our patron needs for computers and access to the Internet have increased.

Currently, our libraries in Jonesborough and Gray lack access to suitable broadband. WCPL's application will provide citizens of the town with access to more computers, wireless Internet access, and a computer lab.

Please accept this letter as my endorsement of WCPL's application,

Sincerely,

Deborah Montanti, Director



TOWN OF JONESBOROUGH

123 BOONE STREET
JONESBOROUGH, TN 37659
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FAX (423) 753-1074

March 9, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Washington County-Jonesborough and Gray Branch Libraries (WCPL) application to the Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program (BTOP). I serve as Mayor for the Town of Jonesborough, TN.

With the economic downturn of the area and loss of jobs and businesses, our patron needs for computers and access to the Internet have increased.

Currently, our libraries in Jonesborough and Gray lack access to suitable broadband. WCPL's application will provide citizens of the town with access to more computers, wireless Internet service, and a computer lab.

Please accept this letter as my endorsement of WCPL's application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kelly Wolfe".

Kelly Wolfe
Mayor
Town of Jonesborough

George Jaynes
County Mayor



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Washington County, Tennessee

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March 9, 2010

TECHNOLOGIES OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM

It is with pleasure that I endorse the application of the Washington County, Jonesborough and Gray Branch Libraries for funds from this program. Currently, our libraries here in Washington County lack access to suitable broadband. This application for funds will provide our citizens with access to more computers, wireless internet and a much needed computer lab.

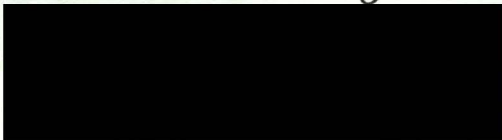
With the economy like it is today, with loss of employment, our patrons needs for computers and internet have greatly increased. Also, with Jonesborough being the oldest and historical town in Tennessee, we have out of town visitors that want to use the facilities.

I fully endorse and would like to encourage you to please take serious consideration of this application submitted by our libraries.

Your time is greatly appreciated,


George Jaynes,
Washington County Mayor

William A. Beagen



March 10, 2010

To whom it may concern,

As a patron of the Washington County Library System, I would like to take this opportunity to support its application to the Broadband Technologies Opportunity Program (BTOP) for the Jonesborough and Gray branches.

The loss of jobs and the economic downturn in our area has increased the need of our patrons for greater internet computer access in search of jobs and opportunities both here and elsewhere.

The Jonesborough and Gray libraries are presently at the connection limits they now have and need the equipment and means to expand their offerings. This would allow them to serve the people of our communities more fully with access to more computers, secure wireless access and a computer lab for training.

The needed services that these branches provide impact our whole area and anything that can be done to improve these services is welcome.

Please accept my endorsement of the requested application to the BTOP and rest assured that the granting of the funds will be put to good use for their patrons.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William A. Beagen". The signature is written in dark ink and has a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

William A. Beagen

**JOHNSON CITY
POWER BOARD**



March 11, 2010

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of Washington County – Jonesborough and Gray Branch libraries' (WCPL) application to the Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program (BTOP).

Because the current connectivity setup at the library does not support broadband the Johnson City Power Board (Easygrants ID 5522) is partnering with WCPL to provide a fiber optic broadband connection. This fiber optic broadband connection will allow access to the Internet, computer labs, and wireless Internet at the libraries.

This direct connection will enable WCPL to obtain affordable access to robust broadband connections.

Please accept this letter as our endorsement of WCPL's application for the Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program.

Sincerely,

Eric J. Egan

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Eric J. Egan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Technology Resource Officer
Johnson City Power Board

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March 4, 2010

Dana Brumbelow, Director
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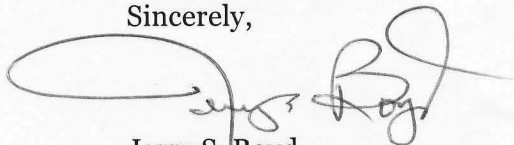
Ms. Brumbelow,

On behalf of the Putnam County School System, I am pleased for the opportunity to write this letter of support to the Putnam County Library as you seek grant funds to expand and enhance the learning opportunities for children of ages two to ten.

Your plan to provide computer workstations to engage learners in dynamic and engaging activities aligned to the Tennessee Curriculum Standards will directly support the efforts of our teachers in the classrooms across our school system. In addition to providing a wonderful environment for all of your patrons, these resources will offer children and their parents of any background additional opportunities to develop literacy skills beyond the school day and school year. Furthermore, utilizing technology as the medium for the learning interactions will support the development of essential 21st century technology literacy skills.

If I, or any of the Putnam County School System staff, may be of any further assistance to you and the endeavors of the Putnam County Library, please contact me. We look forward to all partnerships and initiatives that support our school system vision that Education is the Number One Priority for Our Students.

Sincerely,



Jerry S. Boyd
Assistant Director of Schools
Instructional Services PreK-12
Putnam County School System

**Elizabeth Binkley
Pre K Teacher
Cookeville High School**



Grant Committee:

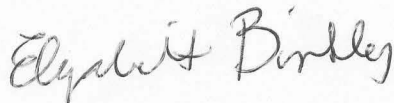
Dale Stapp, Children's Librarian at the Putnam County Library has told me of the plan to purchase early literacy computers to encourage basic skills in children.

Part of my job is getting children ready to read. Some children enter school without even knowing the basics, such as the alphabet and counting. For these children, reading and learning can often be a struggle. Our challenge is to reach these children early and lift them to success.

The workstations will have activities for children of all ages who need help getting ready to read and to improve their reading. The library is open Saturdays and in the evenings to accommodate a working family's schedule and best of all it is free.

We will be happy to provide information about the early literacy computers with our parents, have Dale come and present a program on the benefits of the early literacy computers to the parents of our students, and continue to be advocate for the Putnam County Library.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Binkley

Color My World Preschool
1701 North Dixie Avenue
Cookeville, TN 38501

Ladies and gentlemen,

Dale Stapp, Assistant Director of the Putnam County Library has talked to me about the new Early Literacy Computer system the library would like to purchase.

The AWE System sounds great with fun and interactive activities. Many of the activities correlate with Tennessee Curriculum Standards in multi-subject areas of Early Childhood Education.

The workstations will have activities for children ages two-ten years of age. With color-coded keyboards, lots of graphics and individual log-in's, parents will bring their children to the library often to monitor their progress through the system. Being bi-lingual is good too. Our preschool serves about 35% Hispanic children.

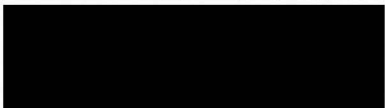
We will be happy to provides information about the early literacy computers with our parents, encourage them to attend workshops on the benefits of the early literacy computer use and continue to be advocate for the Putnam County Library.

Sincerely,

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Debbie Grinder
Director
Color My World Preschool

Jennifer and David Clouse



March 1st, 2010

To Whom It May Concern,

As a library patron from childhood until now, with my own children, the services that the Children's Department at the Putnam County Library provides the public has always been exemplary. They go above and beyond, providing our community with whatever they can to encourage the love of learning and literacy.


I've recently heard about the Early Literacy computers that they are looking to acquire. I think this is a fantastic idea. As the mother of 4 children (and one on the way), as well as a teacher, I am all for providing my children with any and all means of education, whether through entertainment (computer games, videos, etc.) or traditional methods.

I have seen demos of these computers first hand, and I must say that I find them incredibly useful. The fact that my child's progress can be tracked is an excellent incentive for me to allow them a few extra moments on the computer. This extra time would allow me a few extra moments to browse the library as well.

I am very excited for this addition to not only our library, but our community. I truly feel that this will serve the public well.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,


Jennifer Clouse



DR. WILLIE W. HERENTON - Mayor
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DIVISION OF PARK SERVICES
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July 30, 2009

Keenon McCloy
Director of Libraries
Memphis Public Library
3030 Poplar Avenue
Memphis, TN 38111

Dear Ms. McCloy,

We are excited to offer our expressions and provide this letter of support for the Memphis Public Library's (MPL) participation in the grant application for Public Computer Center funding from the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program, (BTOP).

We understand that the BTOP will enhance the availability of computer wireless services to underserved populations and that it will be funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

When the grant is awarded, we will partner, collaborate, and where appropriate, participate with MPL in the planning and delivery of strategies for providing wireless services to Memphis citizens.

Be assured that the Division of Park Services offers its full support to you in this endeavor and we look forward to aiding in its success, in any way possible.

Sincerely,



Joseph Lee, III
Deputy Director

cc: Cynthia Buchanan, Director
Division of Park Services

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July 29, 2009

Ms. Keenon McCloy
Director of Libraries
Memphis Public Library
3030 Poplar Avenue
Memphis, TN 38111

Dear Ms. McCloy,

We are more than happy to write this letter of support for the Memphis Public Library's participation in the grant application for Public Computer Center funding from Broadband Technology Opportunities Program, (BTOP). We understand it will make available computer wireless services to underserved populations and that it will be funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

When the grant is awarded, we will partner to plan strategies for providing wireless services to our constituents. We will work to ensure that our constituents avail themselves of these unique services.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Robert Lipscomb



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Sincerely,

Jim Russell
 Executive Director

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CITY OF JOHNSON CITY
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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

March 2, 2010

Robert Swanay
Johnson City Public Library
100 W. Millard St.
Johnson City, TN 37604

Dear Mr. Swanay:

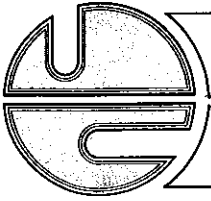
On behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Johnson City, please accept our full support for the Johnson City Public Library's plan to create a public computer and training center. It is my understanding that this plan will enhance the library's training capabilities as well as its ability to serve our City's patrons who need to use a computer. Access to high-speed internet is of great importance to many of the library's frequent visitors.

In 2009, the library adopted a three-year strategic plan that calls for this type of center. We support the efforts of the Johnson City Public Library to achieve this goal, and we look forward to working with you as the public computer and training center becomes a reality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Jane M. Myron'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Jane M. Myron
Mayor, City of Johnson City



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Johnson City Seniors' Center

March 3, 2010

Robert Swanay
Johnson City Public Library
100 West Millard St
Johnson City TN 37604

Dear Mr. Swanay,

The Johnson City Seniors' Center supports the efforts of Johnson City Public Library to create a public computer and training center. Many area seniors will find it advantageous to utilize the library's training resources. Also, many seniors still need help in accessing and using a computer.

Upon the completion of this project, I look forward to exploring ways in which the Seniors' Center and the library can explore partnering together to provide training opportunities to area seniors. Our training staff would be willing to conduct training at the library, and the library staff would in turn be invited to train at the Senior Center for example. I support Johnson City Public Library's plan to put into operation a new computer and training center and look forward to working together.

Sincerely,

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Sue Orr
Senior Services Director



The Chamber of Commerce serving
Johnson City – Jonesborough – Washington County

March 4, 2010

Robert Swanay
Johnson City Public Library
100 West Millard St
Johnson City TN 37604

Dear Mr. Swanay,

The Chamber of Commerce serving Johnson City/Jonesborough/Washington County endorses the efforts of Johnson City Public Library to establish a public computer and training center in Johnson City Public Library. A center such as this will level the playing field for many residents in our community and can be an important economic component as we go forward in this new technology-oriented century.

I look forward to future collaborations and to assist in raising awareness and marketing this new resource when it becomes available. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance going forward.

Sincerely,

Gary M. Mabrey, III, CCE
President/CEO

JOHNSON CITY SCHOOLS TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

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Johnson City Schools
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March 4, 2010

Robert Swanay
Johnson City Public Library
100 West Millard St
Johnson City TN 37604

Dear Mr. Swanay,

As the Technology Coordinator for Johnson City Schools, I express my support for the initiative to create a public computer and training center in Johnson City Public Library. I know students in Johnson City will find it advantageous to utilize the library's resources, particularly those without adequate resources at home.

Johnson City Schools and Johnson City Public Library continue to enjoy a good working relationship and I look forward to continuing to explore ways to work together. This proposal will create an environment that will afford us even more opportunities to coordinate and collaborate.

Sincerely,


Melony Higgins


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February 26, 2010

Robert Swanay
Johnson City Public Library
100 West Millard St
Johnson City TN 37604


Dear Mr. Swanay,

As the Director of the Haven of Mercy Ministries in Johnson City, Tennessee, I support Johnson City Public Library's plans to create a public computer and training center. The Haven of Mercy Ministries' mission is to feed, clothe, and house the homeless men in our community and to help them find jobs and minister to their spiritual needs.

We are beginning to turn our attention to focus more on helping our residents find work. As we do this, an improved computer and training environment at Johnson City Public Library will be especially beneficial. We are also committed to working with the library to allow our residents to take advantage of all training opportunities offered and look forward to exploring partnership opportunities in the coming years.

Finally, we will partner with the library in marketing the availability of these resources and training opportunities within our organization. We are looking forward to the realization of this important step the library is preparing to take.

Sincerely,



Thomas Squires
Haven of Mercy Ministries
123 W. Millard ST.
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February 18, 2010

Robert Swanay
Johnson City Public Library
100 West Millard St
Johnson City TN 37604

Dear Mr. Swanay:

On behalf of Hands On! Regional Museum, I express my excitement and enthusiasm for Johnson City Public Library's plans to create a public computer center and state of the art training facility. By increasing computer resources available to area citizens, I believe our region will see an economic benefit and patrons of the museum will also likely benefit.

I know that the library has broken many usage records in recent times, including access to internet computer stations. Because users must frequently wait to access a computer at the library and library workers regularly receive requests for more session time from users, this new public computer center would address both of these issues by significantly increasing the number of available computers.

On behalf of Hands On! Regional Museum, a downtown children's museum and science within walking distance of the Johnson City Public Library, I commend you and your staff for pursuing this important addition. I enthusiastically support this opportunity to improve Johnson City Public Library's technology environment, an improvement which will provide this Museum's staff an accessible computer training lab for learning, developing and testing new educational programs offered in Museum's exhibits and activities for Hands On!'s 72,000+ annual visitors.

Sincerely,



Trish Patterson
Executive Director



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March 1, 2010

Robert Swanay
Johnson City Public Library
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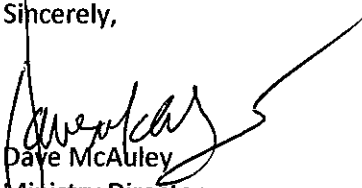
Dear Mr. Swanay,

On behalf of Summit Leadership Foundation, I support Johnson City Public Library's plans to create a public computer and training center. By increasing computer and training resources available to area citizens, I believe our region will see a benefit in quality of life for many area residents.

Several years ago Summit Leadership successfully partnered with Johnson City Public Library in the initiative to assist the library in becoming a cooperating collection of the Foundation Center. That initiative brought valued grantseeking resources to area nonprofits and thereby helped the vulnerable population in the area. The library's plan to expand computer resources and training is another key step in expanding aid and resources to help those who most need it in our community.

Summit Leadership Foundation sees the computer and training center as a great advantage assisting the non-profit organizations we partner with in our community. These non-profits serve families facing homelessness, loss of employment or disabilities in the area. Summit will do everything we can to help promote this effort at the Johnson City Public Library with the many organizations we serve.

Sincerely,



Dave McAuley
Ministry Director

