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By providing your email address, you will be able to receive our e-newsletter and notices of upcoming events.

*Please indicate type of membership (check one):*

- ☐ Individual - \$30
- ☐ Senior/Student - \$15
- ☐ Family - \$50
- ☐ Contributor - \$100
- ☐ Sponsor - \$500
- ☐ Patron - \$1000

Annual Membership begins on January 1st and ends on December 31st

**Please return this form with a check made payable to "TSLAFriends" to**

Tennessee State Library and Archives  
403 7th Avenue North  
Nashville, TN 37243

**Or complete online at [TSLAFriends.org](http://TSLAFriends.org).**

May we call upon your expertise? Please check all that apply:

- ☐ Membership
- ☐ Finance
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- ☐ Newsletter
- ☐ Special Events
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- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## About Us

TSLAFriends was established in 2010 to support and celebrate the activities of the Tennessee State Library and Archives. Current projects include preserving the historic records of the Supreme Court and indexing the graves of Union soldiers who were buried in the Nashville City Cemetery and reinterred in the Nashville National Cemetery. Though we are a young organization, we have already enabled significant donations of time, talent, and resources to assist with these and other worthwhile projects.

## Benefits of Membership

Chances are good that you have already benefitted from TSLA whether it was finding a new favorite author at your local library, researching family genealogy at TSLA's historic building, or taking advantage of the Tennessee Electronic Library (TEL). Beyond these aspects enjoyed by all citizens of our state, TSLAFriends enjoy these benefits:

- A regular newsletter highlighting additions to TSLA's collections, the activities of TSLAFriends, and TEL
- Access to "Members Only" tab of the TSLAFriends website, featuring recordings of past workshops
- Bi-Monthly workshops featuring speakers who have utilized TSLA's vast collections in their research
- The early word on forthcoming exhibits, programs, and services. There will be lots to communicate and celebrate!
- Volunteer opportunities
- A sense of preserving the past, informing the future

**Questions? Contact [info@tslafriends.org](mailto:info@tslafriends.org)  
or visit our website at [tslafriends.org](http://tslafriends.org)**

# TSLA Friends

*The Friends of the Tennessee State Library and Archives support the efforts of TSLA to fulfill its many missions and services for the benefit of all citizens of our great state.*

Preserving the Past, Informing the Future





# About the Tennessee State Library and Archives

**TSLAFriends**

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The Tennessee State Library and Archives is one of the state's great unsung heroes. Whether rescuing communities across the state through the public libraries and archives it supports and administers or serving as a treasure trove for historians, genealogists and researchers, TSLA's resources and staff make a difference every day in the lives of Tennesseans.

Here are just a few of the ways:

**Tennessee's largest history and genealogy collection** including important state documents and historical records, a wealth of genealogical resources that has been featured on national television ("Who Do You Think You Are?") and the Tennessee Electronic Virtual Archive (TeVA) that gives students, enthusiasts and scholars immediate access to many of the gems of the collection. These images are just a sampling of what can be found on TeVA.

**TEL (Tennessee Electronic Library)** is free to all Tennesseans and includes a collection of 40+ databases that provide access to over 400,000 magazine, journal, and newspaper articles, essays, podcasts, videos, e-books, primary source materials, and more.

**The Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped** provides a free library program of Braille, recorded and large print materials available to Tennessee residents who are not able to use standard print materials due to a visual or physical disability.

**The Tennessee Regional Library System** including more than 200 public libraries. In addition to providing collections and technology support, TSLA also provides training for library staff, and resources for the successful annual summer reading programs.

And much more! See [tn.gov/tsla](http://tn.gov/tsla) for more information.

**TSLAFriends share a belief that the history of our state is worth preserving and access to information is essential for a thriving community.**



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