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Secretary of State Tre Hargett re-appoints Jeanne Sugg State Librarian & Archivist

NASHVILLE- Secretary of State Tre Hargett announced today that he will re-appoint Jeanne Sugg as State Librarian and Archivist. The State Librarian and Archivist is the Chief Administrator for the Library and Archives Division of the Tennessee State Department. The division collects and preserves books and records of historical, documentary and reference value, as well as encourages and promotes library and archives development throughout the state. It also extends public library service to any Tennessee resident who cannot read standard print materials due to a visual, physical or reading disability.

"Ms. Sugg has many years of valuable experience within the State Library and Archives," announced Secretary Hargett. "She has demonstrated her commitment to the division and I am pleased she will continue to serve in this important capacity."

"I am honored to have been re-appointed by Secretary Hargett as the State Librarian and Archivist. I will continue to work passionately to ensure that the Library and Archives effectively and efficiently preserves the documents and records that are important to this state and will continue to promote the statewide development of libraries," stated Sugg.

The Library and Archives plays an important role in the Tennessee Department of State. The division includes the Planning and Development Section which administers the Tennessee Regional Library System, made up of twelve multi-county regional libraries. The Archives Development and the Preservation programs work with county and municipal archives to ensure proper care of public records. Additionally, the Tennessee Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, which provides free library services for Tennesseans with disabilities, is housed within the State Library and Archives.

"I am certain that Ms. Sugg will continue to serve with distinction, handling the complexities of the position and ensuring records important to Tennessee and its' citizens are preserved for both present and future generations," said Secretary Hargett.

Jeanne Sugg was first appointed to the post in 2005 by then Secretary of State, Riley Darnell. She joined the State Library and Archives Division in 1989 as the Director of Public Services.

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