

2004-2005 Executive Director Annual Report

TENN-SHARE seeks to provide leadership in all areas of resource sharing among the libraries in Tennessee including collections, training and leadership development.

To fulfill our mission TENN-SHARE has focused on the following activities this year:

Advocacy

TENN-SHARE continues to work with the TLA Legislation Committee, TASL and FOTL on planning Library Legislative Day. Penny Frere, Executive Director, is a member of the TLA Committee and attends the event, as do many TENN-SHARE Board members. Penny also attended Arts Advocacy Day, an event sponsored by the Tennessee Arts Commission, in March, to compare advocacy activities of the art and library communities.

Conferences

TENN-SHARE Fall Conference

The 2005 TENN-SHARE DataFest and Fall Conference, will be held September 22 and 23, at Nashville Public Library, the same time and place as Metro Nashville Public Schools' Collections Fair. Details will be available at www.tenn-share.org.

The 2004 TENN-SHARE Fall Conference was held at Nashville Public Library on Friday, September 17 and attended by over 150 librarians. TEL and TEL Phase II In Your Library's Future was the theme, with presentations by Jackie Sullivan on new initiatives from Thomson Gale; and by members of the TEL Phase II taskforces, including Linda Phillips, UTK, on expanded electronic resources and David Atkins, UTK, and Peter Nerzak, PSTCC on interlibrary loan. Following lunch which featured readings by Tennessee Poet Laureate Maggi Vaughn, afternoon sessions were held on which databases should be added to TEL; evaluating electronic resources, and the possible creation of a TEL Users Group.

The conference concluded with remarks on the future of libraries, What Further Excitement Lies Ahead, by Marshall Breeding, Vanderbilt.

The first TENN-SHARE DataFest was held from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. on September 16, the day before the Fall Conference, also at Nashville Public Library. One hundred librarians came to see presentations from fifteen vendors of electronic resources in twenty-minute sessions throughout the afternoon. Due to the success of the DataFest it will be offered again in 2005.

TLA Conference 2005

TENN-SHARE sponsored two programs at the TLA conference in Nashville: A pre-conference TEL Training session with Tim Lovelace, Tricia Bengel and Marie Jones; and "Update on TEL Phase II" by Aubrey Mitchell, UTK, and Cathy Evans, St. Mary's School, co-chairs of the TEL Phase II Steering Committee. The TEL Phase II program featured reports from the chairs of the taskforces working on implementing this new and exciting project sponsored by TENN-SHARE.

Executive Director Penny Frere served as co-chair of the conference planning committee for the 2005 TLA Conference.

Electronic Resource Sharing

DeAnne Luck, TENN-SHARE's Database Coordinator, has completed her first year in this position. She assisted with the DataFest in September and followed up on member database recommendations with the Collection Development Committee. This resulted in a statewide vote on databases for group purchase: Learn-A-Test, Thomson Gale's Testing & Education Resource Center, SIRS, Newsbank, Oxford Reference Online, RefUSA, and Thomson Gale's Literature Resource Center. The top vote-getter from each library type (academic, public, school) was selected for purchase. They were Literature Resource Center, Learn-A-Test, and SIRS. Quotes were solicited from the vendors and a pricing formula for statewide access was sent out to all Tennessee libraries. Not enough response was received to make statewide access a reality, so further negotiation was underway at the end of the school year.

DeAnne continues to add offers to the web site, and is administering a group purchase of a collection of nursing books from STATRef, a project begun by Suresh Ponnappa, Collection Development Committee Chair. More of these small-group purchases will be pursued in the coming year.

TENN-SHARE member libraries can also take advantage of offers on many online services through our affiliation with SOLINET. Members should check the SOLINET website at www.solinet.net frequently for notice of these offers.

Membership

2004-2005 TENN-SHARE membership included 437 libraries this year, from a high of 451 libraries last year. Member libraries include 65 academic, 114 public, 231 school and 27 special. In addition, 9 library organizations are affiliate members. Marty Vaughn, Chair of the Membership Committee, and Deanna Nipp, Membership Records Coordinator, continue to do outstanding work for TENN-SHARE.

Summer Workshops

TENN-SHARE is once again offering a series of Summer Workshops in all regions of the state in 2005. The complete schedule of topics, dates and locations is available on the TENN-SHARE website at www.tenn-share.org. Kathy Campbell (ETSU) and co-chair Amy Gideon (MTSA), working with regional coordinators Melissa Brenneman, (Knox Co. PL), Jackie Dowdy (MTSU) and Priscilla Stephenson (UT Memphis), are to be congratulated once again on an outstanding group of workshops.

TEL Training and Marketing

Tricia Bengel, Special Projects Coordinator at the Tennessee State Library and Archives, and a member of the TENN-SHARE Board, is now heading up TEL training and marketing efforts statewide. TENN-SHARE continues to support TEL training by helping with scheduling of sessions in conjunction with our Summer Workshops, DataFest and Fall Conference.

Tennessee Electronic Library ` Phase II

TEL Phase II continues to make excellent progress in reaching its goals of more statewide electronic resources for the residents of Tennessee. Of note is Volunteer Voices, a project of the Preserve and Share Tennessee History and Culture taskforce. Digitizing select history and cultural resources and making them available from a single website to researchers and students, is the goal of this taskforce. With funds from an IMLS grant applied for this year, (the grants will be announced in September) this taskforce hopes to begin to travel the state this fall, identifying and digitizing resources.

Cathy Evans, St. Mary's Episcopal School, and Aubrey Mitchell, continue to serve as co-chairs of the TEL Phase II Steering Committee. The TEL Phase II Development Plan and Executive Summary, as well as the makeup of the Steering and Advisory Committees are on the TENN-SHARE website.

Tennessee Resource-Sharing Award

Aubrey Mitchell, Associate Dean, University of Tennessee Libraries, was the recipient of the 2004 Tennessee Resource Sharing Award sponsored by TLA and TENN-SHARE. UT Libraries Dean Barbara Dewey's nomination reads: "His leadership and dedication to the success and advancement of TEL, TEL Phase II, TENN-SHARE and, more recently, Volunteer Voices, is extraordinary. He has tirelessly moved these projects forward without bringing any attention to himself but ensuring that many librarians from UT and from around the state are involved and leading various efforts. He has diplomatically and successfully encouraged the active participation of key libraries, public, private, and state-run, to these efforts. He has been a key player in lobbying state officials such as the Secretary of State and the Commissioner of Education as well as state legislators to the benefits of state resource sharing and the TEL projects in particular. He is an outstanding individual, librarian, and public servant of the state of Tennessee."

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Respectfully submitted,

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