

2005-2006 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 advocate for state funding for TEL, the Tennessee Electronic Library that provides online access to thousands of magazines, journals and reference books for every citizen of the state. Funding for TEL is provided from Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds of \$750,000 provided by Secretary of State Riley Darnell through the State Library and Archives. This year progress was made in expanding TEL resources, with the addition of Literature Resource Center, LRC. With \$150,000 of additional LSTA funding as a foundation, TENN-SHARE spearheaded successful efforts to add \$350,000 from member libraries to reach the goal of \$500,000 to purchase LRC. To quote Tricia Bengel, Special Projects Coordinator at the State Library, "This innovative approach to financing allows libraries that can afford to contribute to the venture to give as they can, so that those libraries that cannot pay have access. All of Tennessee wins because TEL is made available to all Tennessee residents."

TENN-SHARE continues to work with the Tennessee Library Association Legislation Committee, the Tennessee Association of School Librarians and the Friends Of Tennessee Libraries on planning Library Legislative Day. Penny Frere, Executive Director, as a member of the Library Legislative Day Committee, works on arrangements for and attends the event, as do many TENN-SHARE Board members. Library Legislative Day 2006 was held on Tuesday, February 28, at the Nashville Public Library main branch and the Sheraton Nashville Downtown Hotel.

Conferences

TENN-SHARE DataFest – Thursday, September 22

TENN-SHARE Fall Conference – Friday, September 23

For the second year a DataFest was held the day before the annual Fall Conference, both at Nashville Public Library Conference Center. The Metro Nashville Public Schools Library Collection Fair was also held at the same time and place. This resulted in attendance by nearly 200 librarians each day, a very successful two-day event.

The DataFest was expanded to include a morning session on Federated Search Engines, presented by five vendors, AutoGraphics, CSA:Multisearch, Ex-Libris:MetaLib/FSX, Serials Solutions: Central Search, and WebFeat. In the afternoon sessions, twenty-three vendors made presentations in twenty sessions on such topics as biography, business, current events, ebooks, literature, history and reference.

Celebrating Our Successes in TEL Phase II was the Fall Conference theme, with presentations by chairs of the TEL Phase II committees: Cathy Evans and Aubrey Mitchell, Steering and Expanded Electronic Resources; David Atkins, One-Step Access; and Ken Middleton and Aaron Purcell, Volunteer Voices. Breakout Sessions were held on the following topics: Electronic Resource Management Systems, Open WorldCat, Federated Search Engines, Open Source Resources, Using E-Resources for Reference, and RSS/News Aggregators/Blogs. The day ended with the keynote address, Partnering Within the Profession, by Dr. Edwin-Michael Cortez, Director, School of Information Science, UT Knoxville.

The Metro Nashville Public Schools Library Collection Fair hosted fourteen book vendors in tables set up in the Conference Center where school librarians could see the latest materials and place orders.

All three events will be held together again in 2006, on September 13 and 14, at the Nashville Public Library downtown.

TLA Conference

Once again TENN-SHARE sponsored two programs at the TLA Conference in Memphis, April 5-7. Aubrey Mitchell and Cathy Evans presented "Show and TEL" an update on the progress made by their TEL Phase II Steering Committee in adding Literature Resource Center to the TEL databases. Jennifer Watson and Julie Julian hosted a Marketing Round Table for Special Libraries, a session on successes and ideas on marketing Special Libraries.

Tennessee Association of School Librarians Conference

The TENN-SHARE-sponsored program at the TASL Conference was presented by Anthony Smith on the Volunteer Voices project of TEL Phase II. TENN-SHARE also sponsored a TEL booth in the exhibits area. The conference was held in Knoxville, November 3-5.

Electronic Resource Sharing

DeAnne Luck, TENN-SHARE's Database Coordinator, continues to bring groups of member libraries together for joint subscriptions at discounted rates to online resources. This year's offering included STAT!Ref Medical Books and STAT!Ref Nursing Books Collection and Testing and Education Resource Center. DeAnne continues to add offers to the web site, working this year from the success of the DataFest.

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

2005-2006 TENN-SHARE membership numbers broke all previous records, with over 550 libraries joining this year. The Metro Nashville Public Schools joined as a district, adding 127 libraries to our membership. We continue to encourage school districts to join as a group and hope to have more do so in the coming years.

Workshops

TENN-SHARE Workshops for this year concentrated on TEL training. They were coordinated by Tricia Bengel, the TEL Coordinator from the State library, which administers TEL.

Tennessee Resource-Sharing Award

Tricia Racke Bengel, Special Projects Coordinator, Planning and Development Division, Tennessee State Library and Archives, is the 2005 Resource-Sharing Award winner. Tricia has done an outstanding job as Coordinator of TEL, the Tennessee Electronic Library, training hundreds of librarians across the state on using TEL, creating training materials, PR materials and subject Pathfinders for using the TEL resources.

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