

2006-2007 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 continued to advocate for state funding for TEL, the Tennessee Electronic Library.

In September, the TENN-SHARE TEL Committee met with Nathan Ridley of Boulton, Cummings, Conners and Berry, PLC, to strategize on ways to finally assure state funding for TEL. Mr. Ridley was hired by TENN-SHARE to represent the interest of all libraries in the state in securing funding for TEL.

Secretary of State Riley Darnell included in his budget a request for \$1 million for funding for TEL. TENN-SHARE, under the direction of the TEL Committee Chairs Linda Phillips and Chuck Sherrill, waged two campaigns to muster support for his request: The Executive Campaign, urging TEL supporters to write to the Governor asking him to keep the TEL funding request in his budget, and then the Legislative Campaign, urging legislators to support the Governor's budget.

When Secretary of State Darnell's request was removed from the Governor's budget, TEL supporters campaigned to have influential legislators sponsor amendments to the appropriations bill in both the Senate and the House, reinstating the \$1 million for TEL. This campaign was possible only with the help of Mr. Ridley and it paid off. At the end of the 2007 legislative session, House and Senate amendments to the appropriations bill assuring recurring state funding for TEL were passed by the General Assembly. TEL will be

expanded with \$1 million worth of electronic resources in addition to the databases already available there from Thomson Gale.

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 and librarians from member libraries. On February 27, over 225 library advocates made the case for TEL funding with their legislators at another very successful annual Legislative Day luncheon.

Conferences

TENN-SHARE DataFest - Thursday, September 14

TENN-SHARE Fall Conference - Friday, September 15

Once again in 2006 the DataFest and Fall Conference were held in conjunction with the Metro Nashville Public Schools Collection Fair at Nashville Public Library.

DataFest:

This year the DataFest included a program session on an electronic resource topic, "Library Statistics for Fun and Profit." The program, held from 10:30-12:15, featured librarians from Public, Special, and Academic libraries sharing how they used statistics to improve services or gain funding. A representative from Thomson Gale also presented ways to retrieve and use TEL statistics. The vendors' presentations (which featured some statistical gathering/analysis products) started at 1:30, continuing until 5:30. New vendors for 2006 included AutoGraphics, Facts On File, Greenwood Press, IEEE, Naxos, SirsiDynix, Swets, TDnet, TLC, and Xrefer.

Conference:

The Keynote Address, Perceptions and Realities: How People View Libraries Today, was given by George Needham, Vice President, Member Services Online Computer Library Center, Dublin, Ohio www.oclc.org. Mr. Needham's address

was based on the 2005 OCLC report *Perceptions of Libraries and Information Resources*, www.oclc.org/reports/2005perceptions.htm

He advises:

- Get your library link on other people's web pages
- Be a site that comes up on Google; make your site harvestable
- Get your library on students' buddy lists
- Call into talk shows with information about your library

And Mr. Needham reported that OCLC research finds the library brand continues to be BOOKS.

A panel of library directors representing academic, public, school, and special libraries responded to Needham's talk. They were Barbara Dewey (UT Knoxville), Donna Nicely (Nashville Public), Diane Chen (Hickman Elementary), and Tom Singarella (UT Memphis Health Sciences).

During lunch, two Table Talks took place, one with George Needham on the OCLC Perceptions Study and one on Electronic Resources Management, sponsored by the TLA Electronic Resources Management Roundtable.

Nashville Singer-Songwriters Mark Selby and Tia Sillers entertained those not attending the Table Talks.

The following afternoon breakout sessions followed lunch:

TENN-SHARE Consortial Databases: Present & Future

DeAnne Luck, TENN-SHARE Database Coordinator

Consumer Health Databases

Sheila Snow-Croft, Outreach Education Coordinator, National Network of Libraries of Medicine Southeastern/Atlantic Region

Open Access Databases

Kay Cunningham, Electronic Resources Librarian, McWherter Library,
University of Memphis

- Books@Google (or Google Print)
- Entrez: the Life Sciences Search Engine
- Thomas: Legislative Information on the Internet

Nancy Renfro, Director Watauga Regional Library

- ERIC
- LISTA (Library, Information Science and Technology Abstracts)
- Teacher Reference Center
- Official Documents of the United Nations

Afternoon General Session

Advancing the Tennessee Electronic Library. TEL: IT'S NOT JUST DATABASES ANYMORE!

Expanded Electronic Resources

Linda Phillips (UT, Knoxville), Chair of the TENN-SHARE TEL Committee, reported on Committee strategies to seek state funding for TEL.

Tricia Bengel, Tennessee State Library & Archives, outlined the process for developing a Request for Proposal to select vendors for TEL databases from 2007-2012.

One-Step Access to Library Materials

David Atkins, Access & Delivery Services UT Knoxville, described opportunities for school libraries to tap into the state's interlibrary loan services.

Preserve and Share Tennessee History and Culture

Tiffani Conner, Project Manager, Volunteer Voices, demonstrated progress to date on the Volunteer Voices grant, as well as plans for the next two years.

Electronic Resource Sharing

Through the efforts of TENN-SHARE Database Coordinator DeAnne Luck, more than 80 member libraries were able to take advantage of group subscriptions at considerable savings to such products as The American Mathematical Society's MathSciNet; Teton's STAT!Ref Medical Books, Nursing Books and Anatomy TV; Thomson Gale's Testing and Education Reference Center; and Wiley's InterScience.

The TENN-SHARE Database News & Offers e-newsletter began January 2007 to improve communication about trials and pricing offers to member libraries.

Membership

Once again the TENN-SHARE membership record was broken, with an all-time high of 556 members. Sixty-five academic, 96 public, 365 school and 30 special libraries joined TENN-SHARE this year.

Tennessee Resource-Sharing Award

The 2006 Tennessee Resource-Sharing Award, co-sponsored by TENN-SHARE and TLA was awarded to Jennifer Cowan-Henderson for her outstanding work as the coordinator for the E-rate program [the Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Service Fund, administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) under the direction of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC)] for the public libraries in the state of Tennessee. Jennifer's assistance in making sense of the convoluted directions for the program, disseminating information, answering E-rate questions from dozens of librarians around the state, and keeping track of statistics of use for the State Library and Archives, has made it possible for public libraries in the state of Tennessee to bridge the digital divide for their patrons.

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