



2007 – 2008 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 followed up its success in helping to secure state funding for *TEL*, the *Tennessee Electronic Library*, by honoring those legislators who were most helpful in the passage of the appropriations bill providing recurring funding for *TEL*. Eight State Representatives and four State Senators were invited to the TENN-SHARE Fall Conference so they could be thanked in person for their efforts on *TEL*'s behalf. Representatives John Hood, Kent Coleman and Beth Harwell attended, and Rep. Joe Armstrong sent his legislative assistant, LaTonya Ellis in his place. Senator Diane Black attended and Senator Jim Kyle's legislative assistant, Lauren Agee, represented him.

Secretary of State Riley Darnel, State Librarian Jeanne Sugg and TENN-SHARE lobbyist Nathan Ridley were also honored.

Those legislators unable to attend the conference were honored in ceremonies in their local libraries: Rep. Steve McDaniel in a presentation by Dinah Harris at the Everett Horn Public Library in Lexington; Rep. Doug Overbey at the Blount County Public Library in Maryville in a presentation by Kathy Pagles; Rep. Phil Pinion in a presentation at the University of Tennessee at Martin by Susan Blakely and Mary Carpenter; Sen. Randy McNally at the Oak Ridge Public Library and Sen. Rosalind Kurita at the Clarksville-Montgomery County Public Library.

Conferences

TENN-SHARE DataFest – Thursday, September 13, 2007

TENN-SHARE Fall Conference – Friday, September 14, 2007

TASL (Tennessee Association of School Librarians) – November 15-17, 2007

TLA (Tennessee Library Association) – April 9-11, 2008

DataFest and Fall Conference:

Once again in 2007 the DataFest and Fall Conference were held in conjunction with the Metro Nashville Public Schools Collection Fair at Nashville Public Library.

DataFest: (report by DeAnne Luck)

The 2007 DataFest was revamped a bit this year. We did away with the longer "subject sessions," instead scheduling sessions in 25-minute individual blocks. We did still schedule subjects together to keep the idea of providing a comparison of similar products. We had four sessions in the morning, from 10:00-12:10, and five in the afternoon, 1:30-4:10. The 14 vendors and the products they demonstrated were (number of attendees in parentheses):

Alexander Street Press

- Theater in Video (18)
- Illustrated Civil War Newspapers & Magazines, The American Civil War: Letters & Diaries (17)
- Primary Sources in Counseling & Psychology (6)

Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries

- Gold Rush (11)

EBSCO

- Points of View Reference Center (22)
- Auto Repair, Home Repair, and Small Engine Repair Reference Centers (6)
- America: History & Life, Historical Abstracts (23)
- Biography Collection Complete, Current Biography Illustrated (12)

Gale

- PowerSearch Plus (35)
- Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center: Critical Thinking (?)
- Sources in U.S. History Online; Nineteenth Century U.S. Newspapers (12)
- Eighteenth Century Collections Online (10)
- Biography Resource Center (15)
- Chilton/ DIY Online Manuals (10)

Greenwood Press

- Latino American Experience (10)
- Reader's Advisor Online (8)
- Daily Life America (?)
- Library Video Company: Safari Montage (18)

Newsbank

- Tennessee Newspapers (32)
- America's Obituaries & Death Notices (13)
- Newsbank Subject Packages; KidsPage (12)

OCLC

- QuestionPoint (33)

Oxford University Press

- Oxford Art Online; Oxford Music Online (22)
- Oxford Language Dictionaries Online (23)
- American National Biography Online; Oxford Dictionary of National Biography; African American National Biography (10)

Paratext

- 19th Century Masterfile (8)
- Public Documents Masterfile (17)
- Reference Universe (6)

ProQuest

- Civil War Era (14)
- SIRS Discoverer; CultureGrams (?)

Readex

- Archive of Americana (19)

Rosen Publishing

- Teen Health & Wellness (3)

SirsiDynix

- DocuTek VRLPlus Virtual Reference (?)
- Rooms / School Rooms (?)

Tutor.com

- Ask A Librarian (32)
- Live Homework Help (12)

We had about 160 registrations, with approximately 125 actually checking in at the registration desk. The registrants were:

44 Academic
35 Public
44 School
10 Special

The DataFest was organized by DeAnne Luck, Penny Frere, and the Electronic Resources Committee: Gayle Baker, UT Knoxville; JoAnn Lynn, St. Agnes Academy/St. Dominic School; Theresa McMahan, Sullivan County; Nancy Renfro, Watauga Regional; Patricia Thompson, Tennessee State Library & Archives. Special thanks to Michael Lusk, Ron Perry, and the rest of the reference staff at Nashville Public whose technical expertise helped us tremendously throughout the day.

TENN-SHARE Fall Conference:

After the Welcome by TENN-SHARE President Suresh Ponnappa, the Conference began with recognition of key State Legislators influential in helping obtain state funding for *TEL*. Please see "Advocacy" above.

Then, TENN-SHARE's Strategic Planning Committee Co-chairs, Judy Drescher, Memphis Public Library & Information Center and Nancy Renfro, Watauga Regional Library, presented the **TENN-SHARE Strategic Plan 2008 – 2010** to the membership. Each of the three Strategic Goals were then discussed in breakout sessions with facilitators:

Goal #1 – DeAnne Luck, TENN-SHARE and Suresh Ponnappa, ETSU

- TENN-SHARE will strengthen dialogue with fifteen organizations to collaborate on achieving common goals over the next three years.

Goal #2 – Judy Drescher and Nancy Renfro

- TENN-SHARE will increase our financial resources annually over the next three years to strengthen and expand our services and operations.

Goal #3 – Gayle Baker, UTK and Chris Ryan, UTC

- TENN-SHARE will develop and implement a three-year marketing campaign to inform our members and other agencies of who we are and what we do.

“Expanding TEL To a True Statewide Network” was the topic of the afternoon session. It began with the panel **“What is a “Statewide Network”?”** moderated by Melissa Brenneman, Knox Co Public Library and composed of
Rose Newton, Colorado Assn of Research Libraries
Tiffani Conner, *Volunteer Voices*
David Atkins, UTK, *InfoToGo*
DeAnne Luck, TENN-SHARE
Pat Thompson, TSLA.

Next came **Priorities for a Statewide Network**, brainstorming breakout sessions on participants' choice of

- *What current, continuing components merit YOUR continuing support?*
- *How can YOU participate in a digitization project?*
- *How can YOU participate in an ILL consortium?*
- *What are YOUR priorities for the future of a statewide network for Tennessee?*

Breakout reports and a wrap-up by President Ponnappa completed the very successful day.

Once again Ingram Library Services sponsored the conference registration breakfast and Gale Group sponsored the lunch. TENN-SHARE is grateful to these two partners for their continued support of our events.

Thanks also to the program planning committee: Chuck Sherrill, Melissa Brenneman, Ann Clapp, Chris Ryan, Theresa McMahan and DeAnne Luck. And to Nashville Public Library staffers Georgia Varble and Susan Earl.

TASL Conference:

TENN-SHARE sponsored three programs at the Tennessee Association of School Librarians Conference in Franklin:

1. A “Mini-DataFest” held during the Exhibitors Reception on Thursday evening and presented by DeAnne Luck, TENN-SHARE Database Coordinator, included demonstrations from *World Book Online Kids and Advanced*; *Teen Health & Wellness: Real Life, Real Answers*; *TeachingBooks.net*; and *Britannica Online School Edition*.
2. *The Growth of Democracy in Tennessee: A Grass-roots Approach to Volunteer Voices*, presented by Tiffani Conner and Nancy Kemp, gave examples of how teachers and librarians can use primary resources – found in *Volunteer Voices* (www.volunteervoices.org) – in the classroom.
3. *InfoToGo: A New Kind of Interlibrary Loan*, presented by David Atkins, UTK, and Connie Booher, Knox County Schools.

TLA Conference:

TENN-SHARE sponsored these programs at the TLA Conference in Kingsport.

1. *Realizing the Promise of Bandwidth*, coordinated and moderated by Melissa Brenneman, Knox County Public Library, with speakers Predrag Radulovic, UTK; Michael Ramage, Connected Tennessee; and Heather Gate, Connected Tennessee’s Computers for Kids.
2. *Volunteer Voices: Coming to a Library Near You!* presented by Nancy Kemp, Education Coordinator, *Volunteer Voices*

TENN-SHARE and *Volunteer Voices* shared a booth in the exhibits area of the Conference with materials available on this digitization project overseen by Tiffani Conner, UTK. In addition there was information on participating in group subscriptions through TENN-SHARE, as well as information on joining our organization. Also there was information on *InfoToGo*, the One-Step Access Interlibrary Loan project overseen by David Atkins at UTK with help from Jack Stacy at the State Library and Connie Booher at Knox County Public Schools.

Electronic Resource Sharing (Report by DeAnne Luck)

The TENN-SHARE Database Coordinator, DeAnne Luck, increased her hours to 10 per week this year, organizing trials, administering group purchases, and publicizing information to members. The main vehicle for member communication

is the bi-weekly *Database News & Offers* newsletter, which is both emailed and available on the website.

The following databases were purchased through Tenn-Share groups:

Blackwell Synergy
Gale Testing & Education Reference Center
MathSciNet
OCLC FirstSearch (WorldCat)
Oxford Online
STAT!Ref Medical eBooks
STAT!Ref Nursing eBooks
STAT!Ref Anatomy TV
STAT!Ref Pharmacy eBooks
Wiley InterScience

Free trials of many other databases were also provided. Most of these offered discounts to TENN-SHARE members, and the libraries ordered directly from the vendor.

The number of group purchases made by member libraries reached 171 this year. Although it is not possible to calculate the exact savings enjoyed by every library in every purchase, the following four examples show how much can be achieved by working together:

STAT!Ref Medical eBooks:
Average savings per library \$6,250 17 libraries = total savings \$106,250

STAT!Ref Nursing eBooks:
Average savings per library \$911 24 libraries = \$21,864

STAT!Ref Anatomy TV:
Average savings per library \$1,578 14 libraries = \$22,092

OCLC WorldCat:
Average savings per library \$7,869 56 libraries = \$440,680

The addition of OCLC WorldCat has benefits to the library community as a whole in addition to the actual subscribers. Worldcat.org can be searched for free by anyone, and Tennessee is well on the way to a statewide catalog for academic libraries.

Membership

Once again the TENN-SHARE membership record was broken, with an all-time high of 588 members. Sixty-five academic, 117 public, 375 school and 31 special libraries joined TENN-SHARE this year.

TENN-SHARE Board 2007-2008

The TENN-SHARE Board met four times this year:

- September 13, 2007 at Nashville Public Library
- February 21-22, 2008 at Scarritt Bennett Center, Nashville
- April 1, 2008 via video teleconference from TBR sites in Johnson City, Knoxville, Nashville and Memphis
- June 9, 2008 at The Brentwood Library

The February meeting is a two-day retreat; the June meeting is an opportunity for outgoing and incoming Board members to exchange information; both serve as planning sessions for the year's activities.

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Replaced on January 2, 2008 by

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