



## Database News & Offers

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## From the Database Coordinator

### A Tenn-Share Primer

I am very pleased with all the new participants in our group electronic resource discounts (highlighted below). But since so many of you have not ordered through Tenn-Share before, you sure have a lot of questions! I'm hoping this primer will clarify some of the issues that have come up.

#### Tenn-Share membership:

Your library must be a Tenn-Share member to take advantage of the discount offers. Our membership renewal period is May through October of each year; however, you can join at any time. If a whole school district wants to join, there are discounts off the single-school dues. Contact Melissa Brenneman, [execdir@tenn-share.org](mailto:execdir@tenn-share.org) for information on district-wide dues.

To join: <http://www.tenn-share.org/membership/join>

#### Accessing the Tenn-Share web site:

Most of the information on discount offers is available on the Tenn-Share website. However, because it includes pricing, free trials, and other items that the vendors don't want available to the world, access to those pages is limited to Tenn-Share members. Once your library is a member, you must create an account for the Tenn-Share web site. You make up your own username and password (it can be the same as your TASL login, if you like!). And please include your school name so we can verify your membership! Once you create your account, I have to manually change your status to "member." I do this as quickly as I can, but sometimes it may take up to a day if I am away from my computer.

To create a web site account: <http://www.tenn-share.org/user/register>

If you have an account but can't log in: <http://www.tenn-share.org/user/password>

If you log into your account but can't access the member pages, your permissions are wrong and you can email me

([databases@tenn-share.org](mailto:databases@tenn-share.org)) with your username.

To order a product through Tenn-Share:

Now you're a member, and you've read the information on the web site, and you want to subscribe. What next? First, you'll want to let me know (at [databases@tenn-share.org](mailto:databases@tenn-share.org)) that you want to subscribe, along with any product options, years in the contract, etc. That will get you on the list. When I start processing the orders I will send you a confirmation email, stating all the options, dates, prices, etc. Your email reply to that message confirming the purchase will be your official commitment. We do not require purchase orders or any other paperwork. About a week or so after that, you will get an invoice for the purchase from Tenn-Share through email.

To see all the offers: <http://www.tenn-share.org/resources/databases>

A note about the Tenn-Share surcharge:

Tenn-Share does not receive any state money - we are totally funded through membership dues (which is why everyone has to be a member to participate) with some additional money generated by a small surcharge on the purchases we invoice.

**The surcharge that will be added to the vendor price** for most K12 subscriptions is in the \$20-\$25 range. The exact amount will be included on your confirmation email for each subscription.

To view the surcharge amounts: <http://www.tenn-share.org/resources/members>

See below for our current K12 discount offers. Some have a **deadline of December 15th** so please don't delay. We'd love to have you take advantage of all Tenn-Share has to offer!

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## Movie License USA

- The Annual License covers movie showings in the school building 24/7 (before, during or after school)
- Unlimited movie showings by anyone in school building regardless of whether or not they are affiliated with school. Coverage includes teachers in the classrooms, parent groups, child care programs, outside organizations using your facility, etc.



- License runs consecutively from a start date that you choose (Tenn-Share group starts 1/1/12)
- Movie may be obtained from any legal source (rental store, personal collection, etc.)
- Cost is based on total student enrollment at the school or building.
- *New!* Anime License is now available for a separate fee.

For pricing and all the details, see <http://www.tenn-share.org/node/648>. Current subscribers are eligible for the discounted pricing as well.

**Deadline: December 15th**

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## BrainPOP



BrainPOP creates animated, curriculum-based content that engages students, supports educators, and bolsters achievement for grades K-12 in numerous subjects. The contract dates can be chosen by the individual library.

For pricing and all the details see <http://www.tenn-share.org/node/656>. Current subscribers are eligible, although if your original purchase was discounted, you may not realize much savings. Savings for current subscribers are applied at your next renewal date.

**Deadline: December 16th**

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## netTrekker

netTrekker provides 300,000 standards-aligned digital resources that support the complete K-12 curriculum. The product is already used in many Tennessee schools.

For more information and pricing, see <http://www.tenn-share.org/node/655>. Current subscribers are eligible for the discount as well.

**Deadline: December 16th**

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## Capstone and PebbleGo

Capstone offers enhanced eBooks that go above and beyond what a standard eBook offers. CIL Enhanced eBooks provide text highlighting, audio support, smart search options, and educator support. With more than 450 titles, unlimited user access, CIL Enhanced eBooks are the most innovative eBook product at the most affordable price.



PebbleGo, the award winning PreK-3 database for reading and research, offers two specific databases for early readers. With hundreds of topics and content areas, PebbleGo Animals and PebbleGo Earth and Space will entice the youngest of readers to explore and learn independently.

For pricing and all the information, see <http://www.tenn-share.org/node/660>. We do need a minimum of 11 subscribers in the group to receive the discount. Current subscribers are eligible.

**Deadline: December 15th**

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## Streaming Videos

Discounts on two streaming video products are being offered, Ambrose Video and Alexander Street Press's VAST collection. Both include numerous videos appropriate for middle/high school audiences.

**Ambrose** offers 62 series of programs, which can be ordered by the series or by individual program. See <http://www.tenn-share.org/node/647>. **Deadline: December 15th**

**Alexander Street** offers its comprehensive VAST collection of videos. See <http://www.tenn-share.org/node/663>. **Deadline: December 28th.**

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## EasyBib



EasyBib Library Edition provides students with tools to enhance critical thinking skills and research habits, improve information literacy, and learn how to prevent plagiarism. OCLC recently launched a partnership with EasyBib and created

this customized version of EasyBib.com. It incorporates your library's branding and resources, includes additional citation styles, Web site evaluation tools and more. A School Edition is available just for K12 schools.

For more information and to request a quote see  
<http://www.tenn-share.org/node/670>

**Deadline: March 31st**

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## Learning Express

Learning Express is offering Tenn-Share members a discount on products that add-on to Learning Express in TEL. These include:



- Job & Career Accelerator - a comprehensive job search and career guidance system
- Popular Software Tutorials - online, interactive training tutorials that teach users how to use popular software
- Computer & Internet Basics - easy-to-follow online, interactive training tutorials

For more information, free trial access, and pricing, see  
<http://www.tenn-share.org/node/659>

**Deadline: March 31st** (but bonus access if you subscribe before Dec 31st!)

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## Free Resources: 12 Ways to Create Quizzes and Tests for Free

From "A Media Specialist's Guide to the Internet" Blog, here is a list of twelve free resources to create quizzes and tests for your students. They range from instructions on creating a test with Excel to master-test.net.

<http://mediaspecialistsguide.blogspot.com/2011/10/12-ways-to-create-quizzes-and-tests-for.html>