

## 1998-2000 Biennial Report

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TENN-SHARE continues to grow and gain prominence as the organization that facilitates resource sharing among Tennessee libraries of all types. As the results of the last two years are reviewed, it is amazing to see what has been accomplished.

- Penny Frere, TENN-SHARE's first Executive Director was hired in July, 1998 and began work on September 1. She immediately began making herself available to groups throughout the state to speak on the Tennessee Electronic Library.
- TENN-SHARE Board Members work with the Tennessee State Library & Archives staff to draft a proposal for statewide access to electronic databases. The original TENN-SHARE proposal developed by Linda Phillips is used as the basis.
- A TEL concept document developed by the Subcommittee on Electronic Databases of the Tennessee Advisory Council on Libraries is endorsed by the TENN-SHARE Board.
- The Tennessee Electronic Library becomes a reality.
- Two successful fall conferences were held. In 1998 Vanderbilt hosted the TENN-SHARE fall conference, "Tennessee Electronic Library - Almost a Reality" and the 1999 fall conference, "Making the Most of the Tennessee Electronic Library" was held at MTSU.
- TENN-SHARE Collection Development Committee conducted a database needs survey to determine member needs for access to electronic databases.
- The TENN-SHARE Long Range Plan was updated with a revised mission statement and plans for new relationships, collaboration and training.
- A training survey was conducted to identify the most critical needs of the membership. Training workshops are being offered this summer.
- TENN-SHARE sponsored a pre-conference at TLA on Web Page Design.

- TENN-SHARE now has its own domain name. Go directly to the website using our URL: [www;TENN-SHARE.org](http://www.TENN-SHARE.org).
- The Executive Director and the Collection Development Committee have negotiated numerous trial access opportunities for member libraries to preview electronic databases.
- TENN-SHARE, TLA and the Friends of Tennessee Libraries held an exciting and successful legislative day unlike any Tennessee Librarians have done before. It can only get better.
- Membership continues to grow with over 300 member institutions .

These are just the highlights. None of this could have been accomplished without the work of the Board, the Executive Director and the various committees. Please continue to give your support to Cathy Evans, Winston Walden and the rest of the TENN-SHARE Board over the next two years.

Thanks to each of you for your support.