

Tenn-Share Membership Committee Report (2009-10)

February 5, 2010

Note: Membership Records Coordinator's Report(s) will be presented separately.

Co-Chairs: Chris Ryan and Sandy Oelschlegel

Membership Records Coordinator: Deanna Nipp-Kientz

Committee Members: Deborah Babb, David Hajdik, Bill Hook, Melissa Brenneman, Dinah Harris, Rita Shacklett, Kathryn Bennett, Marion Bryant, Leah Allison (interim).

Activities (since last report)

January 16, 2010: Committee chairs sent Winter Newsletter to all members (Exhibit 3).

General Activity Calendar (from Important Dates 2009-10 publication)

July 2009: Contact constituents to remind them that membership renewals were sent..

August 15 – September 1, 2009: Contact all members to encourage renewal, reminder about Ingram policy, remind about DataFest/Conference, solicit nominations for Resource Sharing Awards, invite to/ask for agenda items for Fall Board meeting, solicit nominations for open Board positions.

September 17-30, 2009: Final call to non-renewals encouraging renewal , providing renewal process info/links and outlining benefits of membership.

October 15, 2010: Membership Records Coordinator sends final membership list to Ingram.

January 2010: Contact constituents and solicit ideas for Fall Conference 2010, invite to/ask for agenda items for Board Retreat, remind about Library Legislative Day, at least one membership benefit.

April/May 2010: Membership renewals are distributed. Separately, committee members contact constituents to encourage renewal, outline benefits, invite to/ask for agenda items for June Board meeting.

Exhibit 1: September 8, 2009 email to nonrenewals

As your Membership Committee Co-Chairs, we are writing to inform you about some important items that affect your institution. You are listed as primary contact, so please pass this information on to others at your institution, as necessary.

1) Don 't forget to renew your Tenn-Share membership!

Our records show that, as of Friday, September 4th, we have not received your membership dues payment. We recognize that all libraries across Tennessee are experiencing budget woes. Your Tenn-Share membership, however, provides value beyond just the mere cost of membership.

Today, we want to remind you of a time-sensitive benefit: The discount and free shipping on books, CDs, video/DVDs from Ingram Library Services. It is important that you renew your membership before October 15, 2009 to participate in the Ingram discount program. After that date, only currently paid members will be given the Tenn-Share discount on orders via Ingram.

For more information about the Ingram Books discount or other Tenn-Share benefits, please visit our new web site at: <http://www.tenn-share.org/membership/benefits> .

2) We will be assigning your account to one of the library representatives shown on our Board of Directors list at: <http://www.tenn-share.org/organization/board> . Your library representative will be in contact with you several times this year about Tenn-Share benefits and activities (p.s.....like the DataFest and Conference, October 29 & 30, Nashville Public Library).

3) Finally, if you have not received your invoice, are not the primary contact for your institution's invoice, or believe you have received this email in error, please reply and let us know.

We value your membership and look forward to hearing from you!

Tenn-Share Membership Coordinators
Sandy Oelschlegel, Preston Medical Library at the UT Graduate School of Medicine
Chris Ryan, Lupton Library at UT Chattanooga

Exhibit 2: Fall Tenn-Share Newsletter for all members

Hello Tenn-Share Members! Thanks to all of you for renewing your membership with Tenn-Share. (If you have not yet renewed, there is still time..... select the Join! link at <http://www.tenn-share.org/>).

Fall is finally here, which means it's time for the Tenn-Share DataFest, Fall Conference, and Board of Directors meeting (to which all members are always invited!). Fortunately, these 3 important events are all being held in the same time frame in Nashville, so mark your calendars:

October 29, 2009

DataFest, Nashville Public Library, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Check the website at <http://www.tenn-share.org/datafest> to get more info and to register. DataFest is FREE, but we ask that you register so we can plan for such things as handouts and seating, and to create personalized nametags for when you network with others.

School librarians please note: the School Library Collection Fair is held at the same time and place as DataFest. Two free events in one place. Good news for these sad economic times.

Tenn-Share Board of Directors Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Nashville office of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings. Go to <http://www.tenn-share.org/organization/board> for directions. If you have agenda items you would like to see the Board discuss or if you will be attending the meeting, please contact our Executive Director, Penny Frere, at execdir@tenn-share.org.

October 30, 2009

Fall Conference, Nashville Public Library, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Register at <http://www.tenn-share.org/node/241>. Join us for TEL's 10th Anniversary Party, see who wins this year's Resource Sharing Award and, of course, to learn how to do things *Smarter, Faster, Cheaper*, per this year's theme.

If you have any questions regarding Tenn-Share activities or your membership, use the Contact Us link on the website. We want to hear from you about issues that you consider important.

Exhibit 3: Winter Newsletter for all members

Happy New Year from Tenn-Share! Your Winter 2010 Newsletter appears below and is packed with information about Tenn-Share services and events.

DataFest 2009 was held again this year at the Nashville Public Library. Total attendance was 181 members, all enjoying a free member's benefit that provided opportunities for learning more about valuable resources available through Tenn-Share.

The companion event, Fall Conference, was also an opportunity to learn how to continue to provide library resources in tough times, with breakout sessions entitled "Smarter, Faster, Cheaper Resources." Members also had the opportunity to learn more about cutting edge technology from Keynote Speaker, OCLC's Product and Technology Advocate for the library community, Matt Goldner.

These events are just two examples of benefits to Tenn-Share members. The bi-monthly newsletter "Database News & Offers" will keep you informed of the discounts on database subscriptions from a variety of vendors. These discounts are available through group purchases:

- **Blackwell Synergy** - Online access to Blackwell Journals
- **MathSciNet** - Mathematical reviews on the web
- **OCLC WorldCat** – Add your library's holdings to WorldCat.org and get unlimited FirstSearch searches.
- **Oxford University Press** - Offers several Online Reference products
- **STAT!Ref** - Offers four different products in the medical field
- **Testing & Education Reference Center** - A database of practice tests and educational materials, such as the ACT and Peterson's College Guides, from Thomson Gale.
- **Wiley InterScience** - Online scientific, medical, and technical journals.

Please express your support for resource sharing in Tennessee by adding your comments to the Statement of Intent for Consortial Purchasing at <http://www.tenn-share.org/resources/databases/consort> . Let's continue to work together for the benefit of all Tennesseans!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

The next **Tenn-Share Board** meeting is February 4-5, 2010 at Brentwood Public Library. If you have ideas about what the board should be doing or if you would like to attend (members welcome!) please contact Tenn-Share from the Contact Us link on the home page at <http://www.tenn-share.org/> .

Also- Please mark your calendars for **Library Legislative Day**, Feb 24 and look for more information from TLA in the coming months.

So "What's not to love"?.... If you have not completed your membership yet (dues are for fiscal year July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010), please go to <http://www.tennshare.org/membership/join> and fill out the application. If you have already rejoined for 2009 Membership- Thank you.