

**Tenn-Share Membership Committee Report
October 29, 2009**

**Co-Chairs: Chris Ryan and Sandy Oelschlegel
Membership Coordinator: Deanna Nipp-Kientz**

Committee Members: Deborah Babb, David Hajdik, Bill Hook, Melissa Brenneman, Dinah Harris, Rita Shacklett, Kimberly Waller, Kathryn Bennett, Cheri McGowan, Marion Bryant

Activities

September 8, 2009: Committee chairs sent membership dues reminders to all non-renewals (Exhibit 1), which included reminders about the Ingram Book discount program.

October 6, 2009: Committee members sent Fall Tenn-Share Newsletter to all members (Exhibit 2). The newsletter included a final call for membership renewal, reminders about DataFest and Fall Conference, and invitation to October Board meeting.

Planned Activities

December 2009: Contact constituents for Board nominations, solicit ideas for Fall Conference 2010, invite to/ask for agenda items for Board Retreat, remind about Library Legislative Day.

April/May 2009: Contact constituents to encourage renewal, remind of T-S benefits, invite to/ask for agenda items for June Board meeting.

Membership Coordinator's Report(s) will be presented separately by Deanna Nipp-Kientz

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Ryan
Sandy Oelschlegel

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.