

Director's Report
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NTRLS, the state-funded system, is closing down at the end of August, but NTLP, the independent nonprofit organization, will continue to provide consulting, continuing education, and other support services for libraries of all kinds, without geographical restrictions.

The closing of System offices has been the topic of discussion for over 12 months now. It is hard to believe the time is here. This is a time of contradiction as NTLP staff work to close out the System accounts and services, while planning for the future of NTLP. Really, it is an exciting time as it is a time for innovation and results.

I really want to highlight the staff in this report as everyone has been working at warped speed working with our partner libraries and ensuring strong services in the coming year. With the many changes this past year, it may have been hard to stay informed of NTLP activities.

[Judy Daniluk](#), our Director of Internet Services, stays busy keeping the webpage relevant and up to date, as well as consulting with our partner libraries with their Internet and online needs. She is vital to the success of our consortiums, conferences, NTLP social media sites, as well as known as Judy "Plinkit" for her coordination of the TSLAC Plinkit project. Judy follows library trends and is our "make it happen" person for webpage advancements.

[Paul Waak](#), our Director of Resource Sharing Services, has been working with the TANG libraries and is the coordinator of the NTLP Ebook Platform. (any ideas for a catchy name for this project?) This project is huge and is consuming Paul's time and thought process. Paul also consults with libraries on technology and library management issues on a regular basis. He has also been instrumental in working with our consortiums and vendors for discounts.

[dona weisman](#), our Director of Consulting Services (and yes she spells her name in lower case), has been exceptionally busy lately planning for the very successful TechNet that was held August 9th. Please visit the [NTLP webpage](#) for handouts from the conference. As usual, dona planned a very professional event with nationally recognized library speakers. She is our expert for programming, accessibility, municipal and state non-profit codes, and is one of the first people to meet our new directors. She is available for our partner libraries consulting needs and will make sure the right consultant is on the task!

We also have hired three contract staff to help keep the office organized and moving forward. When you call, you may get Lynn Gritta. Many of you know Lynn as she worked for NTRLS for several years. She is assisting all office staff as needed during the closing process. She is familiar with our office and has been a strong member of the team. Also, Sherrie Caraway is the Accountant for NTRLS closure and NTLP growth. She has over 15 years' experience in working with non-profits and is vital during this transition. And finally, Samantha Simpson is

our new Vendor Contract Coordinator. Samantha also worked for NTRLs for several years as Samantha Edwards and it is great working with her again. She is working with vendors to create new discounts and services for partner libraries. Be sure and check the [NTP Partner benefits](#) page frequently for new discounts.

The NTP fiscal year begins October 2012. New invoices will be sent for [FY13 NTP dues](#) as requested. Please note that invoices will not automatically be sent even if you are a NTP Partner this year, you must complete the application to generate an invoice. The FY13 application will be posted September 1, 2012.

Also, mark your calendars for September 19th for the annual NTP Partnership meeting. The meeting will be in Denton at the Visual Arts Center from 10 – 12:30 with breakfast provided. More details will be sent out soon via listserv. Everyone is welcome whether a partner library yet or not. This will be a time to learn what the future plans are for NTP and answer questions. Watch for details in your email inbox!

I am anxious – in a good way – to see what all the next year holds for NTP. Come along for the ride!