

Executive Director's Report
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I must admit that 2012 has started with a bang! Do you ever think things will finally slow down next month or next year, and it just doesn't happen? This is a good problem to have as it means NTLTP is blasting forward.

All of the NTLTP staff attended at least part of ALA mid-winter in Dallas. This was a great opportunity since it was in our own backyard. Staff took time to network with vendors and libraries, as well as attended interesting information sessions. Since getting back from this, we are busy negotiating vendor discounts and making connections for future collaborations. It was time well spent.

The new preferred vendors list was approved by the Board and posted on the webpage. Thanks to all that served on the committee to read and score the bids. Here are the current vendors:

Audiobooks: Baker & Taylor
Leased Books: Brodart
Music: Baker & Taylor
Print Books: Baker & Taylor
Videos: Baker & Taylor

There was not a preferred vendor for ebooks. NTLTP is currently considering several ebook options for future vendor discounts and ebook platforms.....stay tuned.....this is an exciting time.

We are also currently busy with two audits, our annual audit for our 990 and 501c3 status and our every 4 – 8 year state audit. These audits are very important for accountability and responsibility of the funds entrusted to the leadership of NTLTP. The final reports are not yet completed, but the auditor's comments have been favorable. Our strong ratings allow us to seek grants that will allow us to continue serving libraries.

The Partner Advisory Committee had our kick-off meeting at the Rainforest Café in Grapevine. A bit unusual which highlights the unusual direction for NTLTP – we are not typical either. The initial charge for this committee is to determine priorities for NTLTP staff. We are still in a gathering mode, as I continue to meet with library directors concerning what services they are most interested in NTLTP providing them.

The Public Library Administrators of North Texas (PLANT) invited me to speak at their February meeting to share the highlights and goals of NTLTP. The reception was very positive. Fort Worth Library asked me to facilitate their Library Advisory Board retreat day which included a spotlight on 21st century libraries and how NTLTP plans to play a significant role in all libraries futures.

All staff have been busy consulting with libraries on technology, ILS, new director's orientation, weeding, collection development, Overdrive, NTLC, and various other topics. We have begun to offer a few webinars for continuing education and looking into the future of conferences.

I shared a quote at PLANT that is attributed to Peter Drucker, "There is nothing more wasteful than becoming highly efficient at doing the wrong thing." So my mantra for NTLTP is "We are beneficial

because we are highly efficient at doing the RIGHT thing – and being willing to change quickly to do the right thing!” The future for NTLP is exciting. We are here to stay.....