

Executive Director's Report  
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Thanks for taking the time to read this report. I know many, if not all, of you are busy with budgets, summer reading, and hot temperatures. Some of you are looking forward to August vacations and a breath of fresh air. While you are scheduling August, be sure and mark August 9, 2012 as the next TechNet – it promises to be informative and enjoyable. More information will be posted at [Http://www.ntxlibpartners.org](http://www.ntxlibpartners.org) soon.

I know many of the library staff are working on next year's budget and facing a tough fiscal year closeout. As is common knowledge, NTLP will cease being a TSLAC System as of August 31, 2012. We are changing our fiscal year also and will now operate on a October – September budget year. September 2012 is a bonus month for partners and each library will need to apply for 2013 partnership in September/October. The fee chart has remained consistent from FY2012 but your library's cost may have changed due to population or budget changes. <http://ntxlibpartners.org/partnership2013>. It needs to also be noted that partnership fees will not be prorated for FY2013, regardless of which month you join. This is necessary for continuance of benefits for all partner libraries. Discounted services and vendors are only available for paid partner members.

If you haven't heard, NTLP is also working on an Ebook Project to better serve our partner libraries and their Ebook needs. Paul Waak, Director of Resource Sharing Services, is coordinating this project and is making great strides. He has been visiting publishers and discussing contracts. Again, we are keeping you posted on our website [www.ntxlibpartners.org](http://www.ntxlibpartners.org) as well as our Facebook, Twitter and Blog accounts.

If you are planning on attending TLA's Annual Assembly this July, look for Paul and my programs. Each of us are presenting short sessions on technology tools and I am presenting on being a private investigator and how that applies to library reference.

Finally, I have been asked how NTLP is doing? These next couple of years are truly transitional for us, but rest assured we are still strong. NTLP administrative staff have been planning for the end of Systems for a couple years, just in case. We have a strong Board and are looking for more Board members that are anxious to contribute and build sustaining funding for the next 60 years. Through our library partners we are able to continue with robust vendor discounts, in-depth consulting, continuing education and conferences, consortial agreements, and communication among library staff on issues and trends. We are seeking grants, completing RFPs for library and consulting services, and in the process of creating a funding development plan.

Thanks to Dr. Gleniece Robinson and Dr. Harry Robinson for meeting with me to discuss the NTLP strategic plan for services and funding. Their partnership with NTLP is appreciated. Thanks also to all of the library directors and staff that serve on the NTLP Development and Partner Advisory Committees – their insight is so valuable. Please know I would appreciate hearing ideas and solutions from everyone

– just email me! Or text..... And now an important quote from that great philosopher – Piglet from Winnie the Pooh:

“When you wake up in the morning, Pooh," said Piglet, "what's the first thing you say to yourself?"  
"What's for breakfast?" said Pooh. "What do you say, Piglet?" "I say, I wonder what's going to happen exciting today?" said Piglet.

It is never boring in library land!

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