

Executive Director's Report
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Okay – can you all believe it is Summer Reading time again? It already feels hot outside, thank goodness for the cool sanctuary of the library – loud usually – but at least out of the heat.

Due to an illness, I had to miss TLA but dona, Judy and Paul all were able to attend and visited with many library staff and exhibitors. NTLP is busily working with vendors for more group discounts for partner libraries. Also remember that we will prorate your partnership with NTLP for the remainder of the FY2012. We have seen several new libraries join from all over north Texas and we welcome them all. It seems that libraries join for several reasons: NTLP has a specific benefit they are interested in such as group discounts, grant writing and using the 501(c)3, building a strong network of libraries in this area that support one another, advocacy and larger consulting projects such as Image Audit reports, Collection Analysis reports, etc... Thank you all for your continued support. We have over 50 active partner libraries at this point.

Paul is soon headed to the Book Expo in New York to speak with publishers about building an ebook platform with NTLP. This is certainly a hot topic right now and NTLP is a leader in looking for a solution. You will definitely be hearing more about this endeavor.

NTLP has applied for 3 grants with TSLAC to continue supporting our libraries with LSTA funds. We will apply for more and hopefully hear this summer that we have been awarded these grants so that libraries continue receiving necessary support.

We are also working on an Advocacy video to be posted on You Tube and library websites as soon as production is completed. This is a very unique endeavor to make the public aware of the financial struggles of all libraries and will be open for any library to post on their webpage or blog. Promise you, this is nothing like any you have seen before.....keep watching.

The Partner Advisory Committee and the Development Committee met in tandem to discuss the upcoming strategic plan for FY2013. We will have a NTLP Board of Directors retreat on June 21, 2012 to come together in building our plans. All will be presented to all NTLP libraries late summer for input and voting.

Again, as the libraries ramp up for Summer Reading, NTLP is ramping up for new projects and benefits we can offer partner libraries in FY2013. The next round of partnership fees will be due in October 2012. As you are working your library budget this spring and summer, remember to add this to your budget!