

NTLP Closure Update

April 12, 2013

We have received numerous inquiries about various details of NTLP's plans for closing out projects. We are still working out many of the logistics and will release information as we make progress. Thanks for your patience during this busy period.

CLOSURE; POST-CLOSURE CONTACT INFORMATION

NTLP will, for the most part, **cease interacting with libraries on April 30, 2013**. The plan is to terminate all NTLP staff on that date *except for* the accountant and those staff (and contract staff) who are paid under the 2013 TSLAC Cooperation Grant.

The NTLP **office in Fort Worth will close** on May 31, 2013. Post-closure contact information for NTLP and for (former) NTLP staff will be posted on the NTLP website as soon as that information is confirmed. In accordance with NTLP's bylaws and TSLAC's directions regarding items previously purchased with state funds, all available **equipment and supplies will be made available for distribution to libraries** as much as possible. Watch your email for details on how and when your library can participate in the give-away.

GEODESITY (eBook Platform) PROJECT

Work on the **Geodesity** project will continue under the 2013 TSLAC Cooperation grant while we attempt to find a new home and parent entity for the project. Watch for updates on the NTLP website as we work through these issues. The Geodesity founding libraries will be brought into the loop for discussion once we have a better idea of what the options are.

VENDOR DISCOUNTS; OTHER VENDOR RELATIONSHIPS

The **vendor discounts** available to NTLP Partner Libraries through NTLP Commercial Partners will continue to be available through the end of the fiscal year. **The NTLP website** will continue to be available at least through the end of the fiscal year so that Partner Libraries can log in to access the discount details.

We are working to resolve issues related to the group purchase of **Mango Languages**. Libraries involved in this project can expect to be contacted individually regarding the details.

ResumeMaker will continue to be available to patrons of NTLP Partner Libraries through the end of the fiscal year.

DIRECTORY OF LIBRARY PROGRAM PRESENTERS

We recognize the continuing interest in NTLP's new **online directory of library program presenters**, which has been delayed because of limited availability of staff. If it becomes possible to bring this project to completion before the end of the fiscal year, partner libraries will be notified by email and with a notice on the NTLP website.

EMAIL MAILING & DISCUSSION LISTS; DOMAIN NAMES

Email mailing and discussion lists through ntrls.org will continue to be available through the end of the fiscal year, but organizations using them are encouraged to find replacement services, such as Google Groups.

Internet domain names NTLP has registered on behalf of library organizations will be renewed on schedule until the end of the fiscal year, but organizations are encouraged to assume responsibility for their own domain names. NTLP will be sharing information on these topics with the affected organizations.

CONTINUING COMMITMENTS

After April 30, 2013, **former NTLP staff will work on a volunteer basis** to fulfill existing commitments on behalf of NTLP, including:

- Responding to TSLAC and the Texas Attorney General with regard to the NTRLS cash reserve and any remaining **NTRLS close-out** issues
- Financial reporting until NTLP obligations are completely closed out
- Overseeing project tasks and reporting associated with the **2013 TSLAC IMPACT GRANT PROJECT (eReader Labs)** through the end of the state fiscal year (dona will correspond with contact person at each of the 10 participating libraries.)

- Overseeing project tasks and reporting associated with the **2013 TSLAC COOPERATION GRANT PROJECT (GEODESITY)** through the end of the state fiscal year
- Providing the previously scheduled **NTLP TRAINING EVENTS** (True Colors, Who's Being Difficult, and Book Repair) through the end of May 2013
- Providing support for **training events under UNTHSC's Health Literacy grant** through the end of the fiscal year
- Providing administrative and technical assistance to the **North Texas Library Consortium** through the end of the calendar year, with the exception of the fiduciary role, which will be transitioned away from NTLP ASAP
- Handling collection development assistance and other administrative assistance for the **North Texas Libraries on the Go Overdrive Consortium** through the end of the fiscal year, with the exception of the fiduciary role, which will be transitioned away from NTLP ASAP
- Providing support by email and phone for **Plinkit** for NTLP Partner libraries through the end of the fiscal year (We regret that in-person on-site support from (former) NTLP staff will no longer be possible.)
- Enabling circulation of the **eReaders and Tablets Petting Zoo collection** to those libraries that booked it before the announcement of NTLP's closing, through the end of the fiscal year.

SUPPORT & CONSULTING SERVICES

Watch the NTLP website for information about sources of ongoing **support and consulting services** for libraries.

DURING THE TLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The NTLP laptop labs will be used for the Hands-On Lab sessions as arranged previously. The Internet Room, organized by former NTLP staff member Paul Waak, is not an NTLP project and will not be affected by NTLP's change in status.

Due to time demands relative to closing, only Judy will actually attend the conference. Carolyn and dona will be there only to fulfill their commitments for presenting sessions (and possibly to visit the Exhibit Hall briefly on the same day). If you need to see us during any of that time, please make an appointment. We love you and want to spend time with you, but we're very busy and under a lot of stress! If you know you'll be in Fort Worth for the conference, you might want to make an appointment – in advance – to come by the NTLP office and see some of the equipment and furniture that is available for distribution to libraries.

NTLP'S IDENTITY AS A 501(c)(3)

NTLP's **identity as a 501(c)(3)** corporation will be maintained on paper if at all possible. A volunteer Board of Directors and volunteer staff will do the necessary paperwork to keep the entity alive in case funding becomes available for reopening at some point in the future. Most accounts, contracts and licenses that exist under the name of NTLP will be terminated or transferred. A select few commitments under the NTLP name (such as Google Apps email accounts and the Adobe Content Server license for Geodesity) will be maintained if at all possible, provided the associated costs can be covered.