

Report from Tennessee SELA Representative

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The Tennessee Library Association is sponsoring Staff Development Workshops across the state in October and recently finished a series of workshops on Marketing Your Library.

Our yearly conference will be held on March 17 to 19, 2010 in Memphis.

The Southern Festival of Books is being held in Nashville on October 9-11.

Librarians across the state have formed a consortium to negotiate database prices for the group. They surveyed all the libraries in the state, school, public, special, and higher education libraries to see which databases are the most popular. From that they developed a list of the top 100 databases. They then started negotiating with vendors for better prices for about thirty of those databases so far resulting in significant savings for the libraries in the state. Tenn-Share, a group that was already working on group pricing for Tennessee libraries, and Lyris are also involved in this process.