Library Technology Roundtable

June Board Report

The Library Technology Roundtable has been active. At TLA Annual the Roundtable held a preconference discussion with librarians from across the state about how the roundtable could better serve their needs. We held a meeting of the board at the conference, as well as monthly meetings beginning in March. The group passed a three year plan which outlines the strategic goals of the Roundtable. The high level of interest among Tennessee Librarians in the topic of library technology is quickly outgrowing the purview of a roundtable. According to the bylaws, “a roundtable is a membership unit established to promote a field of library interest not within the scope of any single section”. Library Technology is a pervasive topic within libraries, and exceeds the purview of any single section. As an example, consider the ALA model which separates Library Information Technology as a separate division within the organization. There is strong interest among constituents, as evidenced by the development of committee structures within the roundtable. A status analogous to that afforded to LITA at ALA should be provided to Library Technology. The library technology roundtable strongly supports a conversation for restructuring TLA to engage portions of our constituents which the current organization fails to represent. We refrain from introducing an action item at this time, pending discussions at the June board meeting.