



### **TEL Fast Facts**

- In 1999, the Tennessee Electronic Library was created by the Tennessee Legislature.
- The entire library community in Tennessee, especially Tenn-Share, the Tennessee Library Association and Friends Of Tennessee Libraries.
- Available to all Tennessee residents.
- TEL has grown from 18 databases from GALE (vendor) to over 40 databases from 6 vendors, paid for with a mix of state and federal dollars.

### Why is TEL Important?

- Prior to TEL, libraries had to purchase their own databases.
- Most public libraries were unable to purchase databases for patrons to use because they were prohibitively expensive.
- It levels the playing field for small and rural public libraries and their patrons who now have 24/7/365 access to materials.

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### Where is TEL?

- Your library's homepage (but you don't need a library card to use it!)
- Anywhere a Tennessee resident has access to the internet (you can google it!)
- ELVIS has left the building
- Geo-location software

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## What are public library patrons looking for?

- Genealogy
- Jobs
- Test Prep
- Kids' activities!
- Answering Basic Reference Questions
- Research for papers/reports
- Reading material
- Language learning/ESL

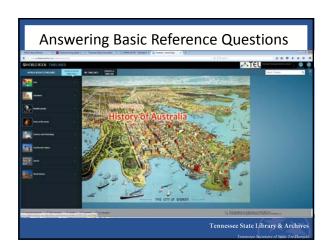
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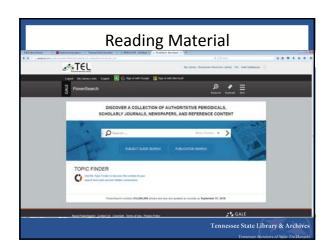








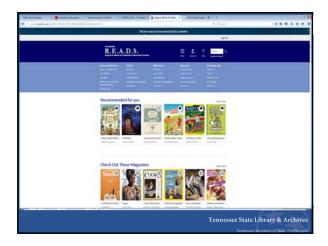






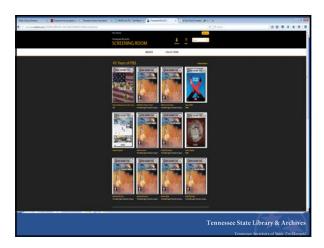
### **TEL Updates**

- Statewide library staff training
- More Sophisticated Geolocation Software
- Individual Statistics by Library









### **READS Fast Facts**

- Went live on March 1, 2009
- Available to all library card holders in good standing in the regional library system.
- Contains ebooks, audiobooks, periodicals and streaming video.
- Paid for with State and Federal money.

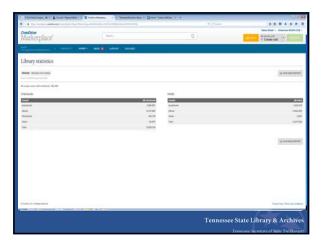
### Why is READS important?

- Offers a wide range of subjects, many that smaller libraries cannot afford to purchase.
- It levels the playing field for small and rural public libraries and their patrons who now have 24/7/365 access to materials in multiple formats.
- It allows patrons the privacy to read what they like

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### Where is READS?

- Your library's homepage
- Anywhere a Tennessee resident in the regional library system has access to the internet
- Available on virtually any device: computer, smartphone, Ipad, tablet

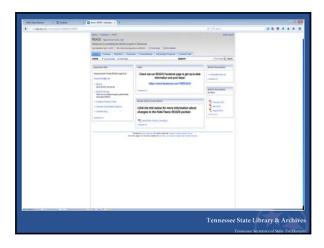


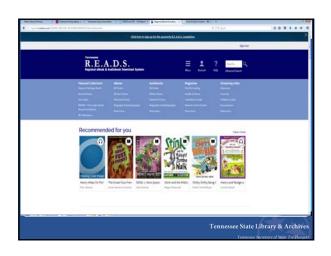
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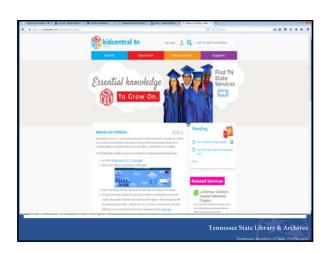
### **READS Updates**

- Facebook page
- Libguide
- Curated Lists
- Partnerships with other entities (KidCentral, Imagination Library, Governor's Children's Cabinet)
- Quarterly newsletter

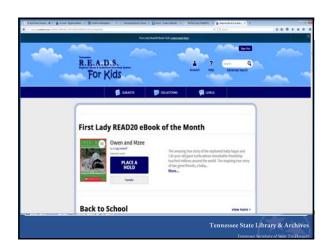






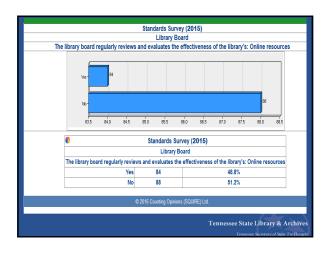








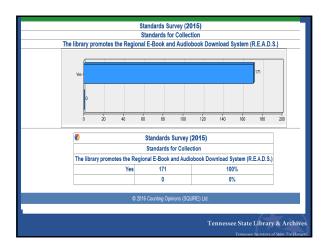
# READS and TEL in the Standards • Library board regularly reviews and evaluates the effectiveness of the library's online resources (Governance #4) • Library promotes the Regional E-book and Audiobook Download System (Collection #4) • Library staff has been trained to use the Tennessee Electronic Library and promotes its use to the community (Collection #5) • Library hosts at least one TEL training session for the public and staff annually (Collection #6) • Library will have a web presence including one-click access to TEL and READS with information about library programs and activities as well as library contact information (Technology #7)



Library board regularly reviews and evaluates the effectiveness of the library's online resources (Governance #4)
 Utilize statistics provided on Data Collection Libguide
 "The Library Board has a Technology Committee that reviews technology needs."
 "The board receives updates at meetings and reports on their experiences as users of these resources."

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Library promotes the Regional E-book and Audiobook Download System (Collection #4)

• Library Website

• Library Social Media Pages:

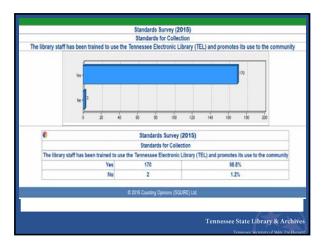
— Facebook

— Twitter

— Instagram

• Adding READS titles to print bibliographies

• Providing e-cards for READS access only



Library staff has been trained to use the Tennessee Electronic
Library and promotes its use to the community (Collection #5)

• Statewide "TEL Road Show" in May, 2017

• Piloted by Holston River (April 2016):

Gale - Emily Mageski, Ken Estell, and Sharon Norris

• In Context and the Gale Unified Interface

• Training and Facilitation Best Practices

• TEL Gale Resources to Support Health, Wealth, and Happiness

Learning Express - Shana Ashwood

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• Learning Express College Preparation & Graduate School Resources

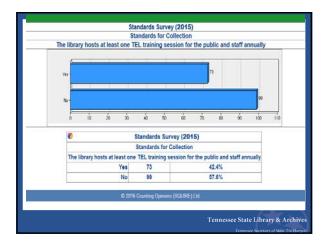
ProQuest - Wendell Butler

• HeritageQuest: An Introduction

• HeritageQuest: Beyond the Basics

Tennessee State Library & Archives - Erin Loree

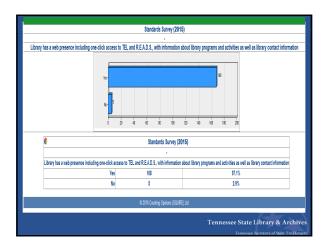
• Discover World Book Online



Library hosts at least one TEL training session for the public and staff annually (Collection #6)

• Ask the library staff to conduct a TEL training session during a board meeting.

• Partner with the local Senior Citizens Center.



Library will have a web presence including one-click access to TEL and READS with information about library programs and activities as well as library contact information (Technology #7)

 Find your library's website on the Tennessee Public Library Directory and ensure your library has one-click access to TEL and READS.







### **Important Links**

- TEL: http://tntel.tnsos.org/
   READS: http://reads.lib.overdrive.com/
- READS Kids Page: http://reads.lib.overdrive.com/kids/ READS Teen Page: http://reads.lib.overdrive.com/teens/
- READS Screening Room:
- http://reads.lib.overdrive.com/ScreeningRoom/
  READS Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/TNREADS/
  READS Libguide: http://tsla.libguides.com/READS

- READS Newsletter: http://sos.tn.gov/node/6107
  Data Collection Libguide: http://tsla.libguides.com/datacollection/
  Public Library Directory: http://tssos.net/TSLA/PLD/

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- READS Kids Page: <u>http://reads.lib.overdrive.com/kids/</u>
- READS Teen Page: <a href="http://reads.lib.overdrive.com/">http://reads.lib.overdrive.com/</a>teens/
- READS Screening Room: <a href="http://reads.lib.overdrive.com/">http://reads.lib.overdrive.com/</a>ScreeningRoom/
- READS Facebook Page: <u>https://www.facebook.com/TNREADS/</u>
- READS Libguide: <a href="http://tsla.libguides.com/READS">http://tsla.libguides.com/READS</a>
- READS Newsletter: <a href="http://sos.tn.gov/node/6107">http://sos.tn.gov/node/6107</a>
- Data Collection Libguide: <u>http://tsla.libguides.com/datacollection/</u>
- Public Library Directory: http://tnsos.net/TSLA/PLD/