



# Texas Digital Library: Digital Library Collaboration in the Lone Star State

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# Agenda

- Mission
- History and Context
- Core Values
- Members
- Services
- The Future

What we're on about

# THE TDL MISSION

# Mission Statement

- The Texas Digital Library enables each of its member libraries to advance a program of digital initiatives in support of research, scholarship, and learning in Texas.

# So, basically...

- TDL is a shared and collaborative resource for the hosting, creation, support and management of scholarly works and publishing tools
- We see the work of libraries changing drastically in the next few decades
- TDL is intended to assist members stay on - or get ahead of - the curve

How we got here

# HISTORY & CONTEXT

# The State of Texas

- Dozens of universities of all sizes
- Multiple university systems
- A few major research schools and several emerging research schools
  - UT Austin
  - Texas A&M
  - University of Houston (e)
  - Texas Tech (e)

# The State of Texas

- No State, System or School Mandates
- Performing similar work
  - Find standardization and economies of scale
  - Reduce cost of projects, staff, hosting, etc...
  - Bring in schools with constrained budgets
- Many geographically distributed schools
  - Dispersed community
  - Siloing

# Starting in 2005

- Began working groups (Metadata, ETDs, etc...)
- Brought up open source tools
- Software oriented
- Began building a community of Texas libraries and librarians
- Primarily managed by UT and TAMU

# Today

- 15 Members
- Focused on member services, community
- Continuing work on software
- Conferences, Groups, Spin-Offs (TxETDA)
- Active leadership from library directors – strategic planning, executive committees, etc...

Guiding principles that govern our decisions and actions

# CORE VALUES

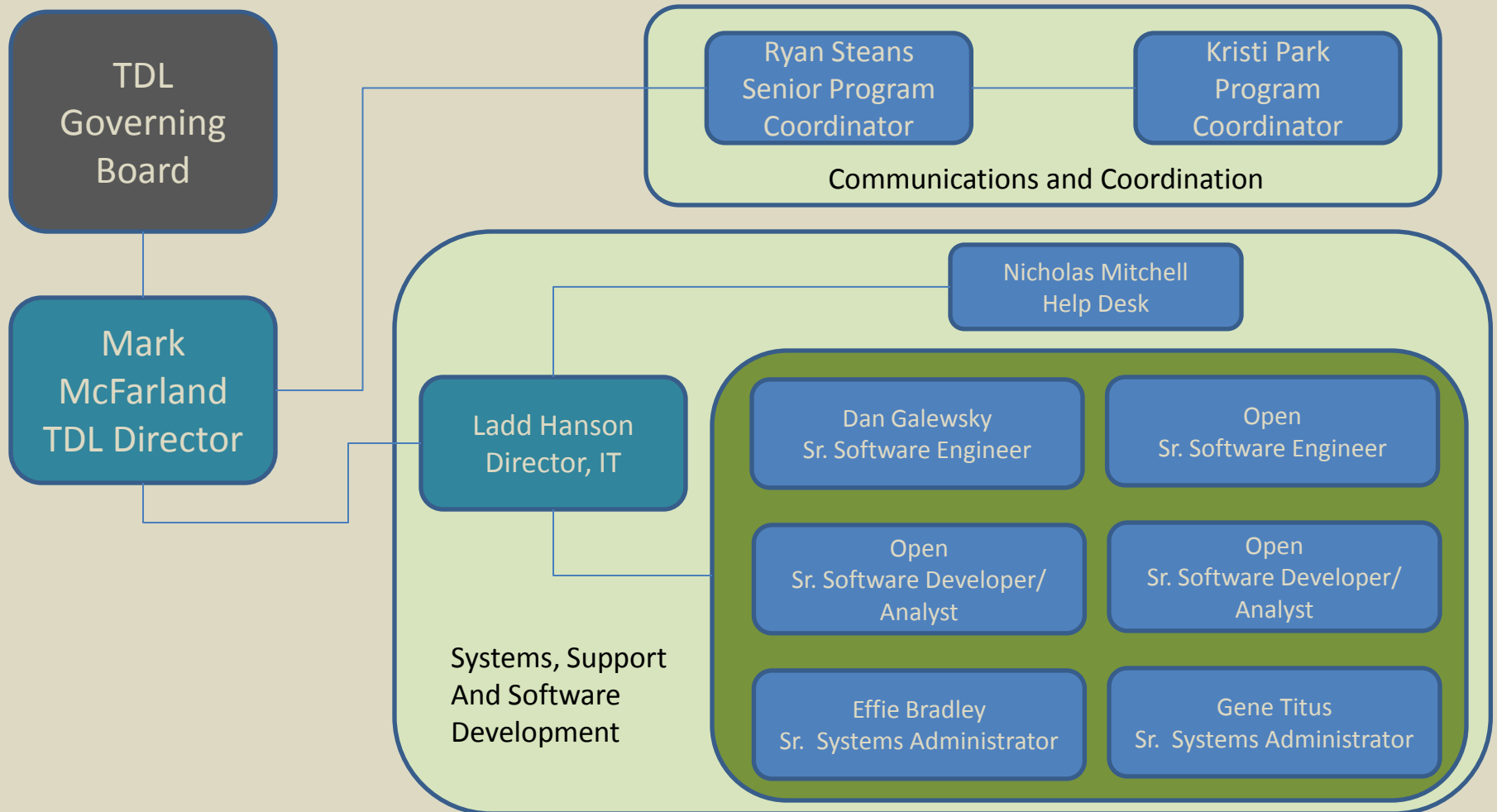
# TDL Core Values

- Respect
- Sharing, Collaboration & Partnership
- Leadership
- Member Directed

Developing a community of resources

# SERVICES & MEMBERSHIP

# TDL Organizational Infrastructure



# Working with Members

- Metadata librarians
- Outreach librarians
- Systems staff
- Developers

\*developed at TDL

# Open Source Software

- DSpace repository services (12)
  - Member, TDL federated and Special (TWDL)
- Open Journal Systems (PKP) - 29
- Open Conference Systems (PKP) - 10
- WordPress
- MediaWiki
- Vireo\*

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# Software Development Projects

- Vireo – Electronic Thesis and Dissertation Submission and Management
- (TxLOR) Texas Learning Object Repository
- Preservation
  - PresNet/ Dark storage with TACC
  - Digital Preservation Network
- Membership with PKP, DuraSpace and others

# Community

- TDL Communications
- TDL Training (all services)
- Groups
  - Vireo Users Group
  - Metadata Working Group
  - Conference Committee
  - Preservation Group
- Conferences
  - Texas Conference on Digital Libraries
- Workshops
  - Preservation
  - Scanning
  - ETDs
  - More...!
- Collaboration and Connections (USETDA, OR, PASIG, etc...)

# Tiered Membership

- Tier 1

- Texas Tech University
- Texas A&M University
- University of Houston
- University of Texas at Austin

- Tier 2

- Angelo State
- Baylor University
- Texas A&M International
- Texas A&M Corpus Christi
- Texas A&M Galveston
- Texas A&M Kingsville
- Texas A&M Qatar
- Texas State
- UT Brownsville
- UT Southwestern Medical Center
- UT Medical Branch at Galveston

- Tier 3 – consortial and affiliate memberships

# Governance

- Member Board (all 15)
- Governing Board
  - Elected positions
  - Four Tier 1, Three Tier 2
- Executive Committee
  - Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer/ Secretary

Goals and Initiatives for the next few years

# WHAT'S AHEAD

# Leaders coming together

- Governing Board met November, 2011
- Formal Strategic Planning Process

# Strategic Initiatives 2011-2014

1. Increase scholarly information hosted on TDL platforms by 2000% by August 2014.
2. Market TDL services to each member institution, including to 15 academic departments or units within TDL member institutions.
3. Develop 20 additional collaborative special collections.
4. Mine relevant talent and expertise in Texas to extend the capabilities of TDL.

# Acting on the initiatives

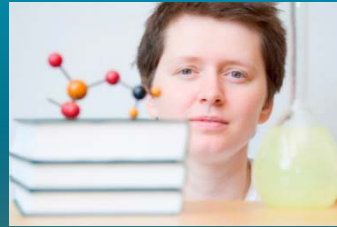
- Surveying
- Report to Member and Governing Board
- Action Plan with steps for each Initiative
- Timeline for Action Plan that is agreed upon by Governing Board
- Member Commitment

# Challenges

- Member issues
  - Communication loop between TDL and members
  - Participation in TDL activities
  - Staffing – appropriate to tasks
  - Outreach – are we reaching out to faculty?
- Staff turnover
- Cultural differences
- Staff entropy (current works well enough, Smith Cororna)
- Membership issues (Growth and Retention)
- Dollars (cost of service, cost of membership)

# The Future

- Libraries will be digital
- We have to meet customers where they live and not hope they'll find us
- We are vendors to our audience
- If we don't do this, the market will fill the gap
- Open Access will change the playing field
- Continuing with current models will end poorly



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