

Mission Statement

NFLS provides member libraries cost effective and efficient access to resources, support, and expertise, resulting in vibrant community resources that better serve their patrons.

Goals

In order to fulfill this mission of service to the people through libraries, NFLS sets the following goals:

- A. To ensure that all residents in the System area have legal and adequate access to the full variety of public library services and facilities.
 - 1) Assist in improving the quality of community library services as determined by local needs.
 - a. Assist local libraries in determining local needs.
 - b. Assist local libraries in planning services based on local needs.
 - c. Coordinate the resources of all participating libraries for the benefit of all.
 - 2) Advise interested communities considering the establishment of new public libraries and/or services.
 - 3) Establish policies that encourage and facilitate the exchange of materials and services among the NFLS member libraries for library users.
 - 4) Encourage the adoption of policies affirming the open access to materials reflecting all viewpoints and to advise in the support of these policies.
- B. To provide services/resources/materials through the System when it is not practical for individual libraries.
- C. To develop equitable financial and/or service arrangements to compensate member libraries for service to users beyond their primary clientele.
- D. To arrange for cooperation with libraries of different types and with adjacent library systems to make the most efficient use of regional library resources.
- E. To ensure that information on technological development in library and related fields be collected, analyzed and disseminated to member libraries.
 - 1) Utilize appropriate technological developments as a part of the System program of Services.
 - 2) Assist member libraries in planning for and implementing technological developments appropriate to their program of service.
- F. To maintain an awareness of programs, policies and issues on the state and national level that may reflect changing or new philosophies in library development and services; and to disseminate this information to member libraries.