

## 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.