

VISION STATEMENT

HISTORY

The systems are funded primarily through state appropriations and the federal Library Services & Technology Act, administered by the Nebraska Library Commission. Libraries, media centers and other information-providers in Nebraska belong to the system serving their geographic region. Membership is voluntary, and there is no charge for participation.

Each system is a non-profit corporation governed by a local system board, with programs managed and monitored by an administrator. Board members are nominated and elected by members of the system, and are broadly representative of public libraries, school libraries and media centers, academic libraries, special libraries, and users of such libraries.

The focus of activities is library development, with the ultimate goal the improvement of library services to the citizens of Nebraska. The systems envision a world where libraries and individuals have direct and equal access to the diverse resources needed for education, work, and leisure.

Nebraska Regional Library Systems have been privileged to host the Nebraska Library Leadership Institute, in its 6th year as of 2011, at St. Benedicts Center in Schuyler. There have been 166 graduates of the program from public, academic, school and special libraries. The success of the Institute's graduates in providing vision and front-line efforts to the library profession can be seen in multi-type library settings and communities of all sizes across the state. We've witnessed tremendous differences that go beyond benefiting just the library to the community as a whole. In addition to the support of NRLS, the Institute has received financial support from Nebraska Library Commission, University of Nebraska Lincoln Libraries, and Nebraska Library Association.

The following Vision for Nebraska Librarians was created by the participants of the Nebraska Library Leadership Institute, July 10-14, 2011.

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- Strive for personal and professional growth,
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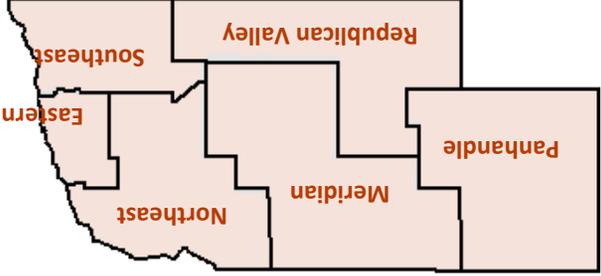


Serving Nebraska Libraries
Since 1982

Nebraska Regional Library
Systems serve libraries of all
types and work to
improve library service to all
Nebraskans.

SYSTEMS

INFORMATION



www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/index.html

SERVICES

- Fostering cooperation among libraries across the state
- Continuing education and professional development of librarians and trustees
- Consulting with library members through onsite visits, telephone, mail and e-mail
- Providing and facilitating training opportunities for librarians and library supporters
- Promoting librarians and libraries and the vital service they provide to Nebraska citizens
- Advocating support for Nebraska libraries and the citizens they serve to the Unicameral, local governments, businesses and others

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