

Library Vision 2020

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Introduction

The North Dakota Library Coordinating Council (NDLCC) was established on July 1, 1997 to plan, promote, coordinate, and evaluate the services and programs of libraries in the state. The NDLCC achieves this by:

- Inviting public awareness and engagement with its programs and activities
- Approving the distribution of Library Vision grants
- Serving as the state advisory council on libraries for federal funding programs
- Revising Library Vision strategic plans
- Achieving the goals of Library Vision through education, advice and the development of guidelines
- Facilitating the development of a comprehensive statewide online library catalog, promoting statewide resource sharing, and encouraging electronic networking among all types of libraries

The Library Vision document is revised every 4-6 years. It serves as the strategic framework which the NDLCC uses to prioritize grant monies and to fulfill its charge in the North Dakota Century Code.

Vision Statement

Empower our statewide community of libraries to provide for North Dakota's future using traditional and innovative methods to develop lifelong learning through the provision of convenient and timely access to relevant information and resources for education, work, and personal enrichment

Mission Statement

Strengthen libraries to improve communities

The goals of LV2020 are not ranked or prioritized.

Goal A

Assure equitable access to information resources and library services throughout the state

- Increase participation in the statewide online library catalogs
- Provide and expand access to shared online resources
- Provide library and information access, services, and collections to all individuals
- Assist city and county residents without local library services to work with their local government to develop library services
- Encourage the expansion of quality library service in areas currently served by a library
- Facilitate and promote the sharing of library resources

Goal B

Enhance library resources in a variety of formats

- Encourage collaborative purchasing
- Continue to develop and implement a statewide digitization plan
- Aid in the collection of materials created by North Dakotans or about North Dakota

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Goal C

Enrich lifelong learning

- Support training in and development of information literacy skills
- Promote and provide professional development for library staff
- Promote partnerships with non-library entities
- Promote the training and education of public library board members

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Goal D

Advocate for reading and the personal enrichment of library patrons

- Develop and sustain local collections to meet patron needs
- Support library activities for all ages
- Assist with the creation of an inviting environment for community activities within libraries
- Extend availability of library resources and activities through outreach
- Encourage the development of literacy programs and activities
- Promote the value of library services

Goal E

Strengthen the North Dakota State Library in its leadership role of coordinating, enriching, and providing awareness of library programs and services

- Coordinate and enrich library services as outlined in Library Vision 2020
- Secure funding to achieve the goals of Library Vision 2020
- Market the role of libraries in economic development
- Promote communication and cooperation among all types of libraries
- Support the recruitment and education of future librarians and library staff

History of LV2020

The North Dakota Library Coordinating Council discussed the best way to revise Library Vision 2014. The Council decided to build upon the process used to develop prior Library Vision documents. At the October 24, 2013 meeting of the NDLC, they began the process of revising the document. The draft version, compiled from the NDLC meeting of February 6, 2014 was shared with the North Dakota library community via the North Dakota State Library's website and email to various mailing lists utilized throughout the state.

The library community was invited to give feedback on the draft document by attending a series of Think Tanks hosted at four locations throughout the state or directly to State Library staff via email or phone. A Think Tank was also held for the NDSL staff. Over 80 members of the library community attended the Think Tanks to make suggestions and share feedback on the document. The Coordinating Council reviewed a second draft of the document at their meeting held May 14-15 in Bismarck. The document was shared with the library community a second time along with an invitation to provide feedback. The NDLC adopted the final version of Library Vision 2020 on October "X" 2014. The document was effective on January 1, 2015.

The NDLC will continuously review the document to determine progress in meeting its goals.