

# Library Vision



**North Dakota  
Library Coordinating Council**

## Library Vision **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 a minimum of every 4 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**

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

### **Mission Statement**

Strengthen libraries to improve communities.

The goals of LV2024 are not ranked or prioritized.

## **Goal A**

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

- Facilitate and promote the sharing of library resources
- Encourage automation of non-automated libraries
- 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 services across the state
- Promote the value of library services
- Encourage partnerships among libraries and non-library entities

## **Goal B**

### ***Enhance library resources in a variety of formats***

- Encourage collaborative purchasing
- Provide and expand access to shared online resources
- Continue to develop and implement a statewide digitization plan
- Aid in the collection of materials created by North Dakotans or about North Dakota
- Develop and sustain local collections to meet patron needs

## **Goal C**

### ***Enrich professional development***

- Support training in and development of information literacy skills
- Promote professional development for library staff at all levels
- Promote the training and education of public library board members
- Support attendance at regional and national library association conferences
- Provide training on grant writing for libraries
- Support opportunities for libraries to develop a brand and increase marketing and public relations efforts
- Promote educational opportunities for library staff to increase knowledge of advocacy

## **Goal D**

### ***Advocate for literacy***

- Encourage the development and support of literacy programs and 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

## **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 NDLCC, they began the process of revising the document. The draft version, compiled from the NDLCC 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 NDLCC adopted the final version of Library Vision 2020 on July 30, 2014. The document was effective on January 1, 2015.

The NDLCC held a series of focus groups across the state in the fall of 2019. A subcommittee was formed to update the document. The NDLCC reviewed the document in February of 2020. The library community offered feedback in March-April of 2020 and the new version was adopted in May of 2020 and effective on July 1, 2020.

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