

Library Vision 2014



**North Dakota
Library Coordinating Council**

Introduction

With the crafting of Library Vision 2014 the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council seeks to establish a statewide vision and mission statement for the libraries represented. Six goals are identified as the means to achieve these ends and are based on input gathered from across the state. Each of these six goals is significant to the development of North Dakota library services. Libraries are committed to future change and to strengthening the statewide community of libraries. Libraries will continue to work together to improve the quality of library services in North Dakota. As libraries in communities across North Dakota serve their diverse patrons, these goals provide a pathway to expand, share, inform, and educate.

Vision Statement

The people of North Dakota will have convenient and timely access to relevant information for education, work, and recreation through our statewide community of libraries.

Mission Statement

To meet the information needs and provide a positive library experience for all North Dakotans.

Goal A

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

- Enlarge and strengthen the comprehensive statewide online library catalog
- Provide shared electronic resources accessible to all citizens in all locations
- Provide library and information access and services for all North Dakotans regardless of age, socio-economic status, location, ethnicity, disability, literacy level or native language
- Encourage political subdivisions without local library services to enact a mill levy for library services
- Share library resources by continuing and strengthening the statewide interlibrary loan and document delivery system

Goal B

Enhance library resources including electronic, multimedia, print, and future formats

- Expand shared electronic resources
- Encourage cooperative purchasing
- Participate in the creation of a statewide digitization plan
- Encourage collaboration in the digitization of materials
- Preserve materials created by North Dakotans and about North Dakota

Goal C

Sustain lifelong learning by facilitating the education of North Dakotans

- Provide training in using information resources
- Promote educational opportunities for individuals who staff libraries
- Educate library stakeholders about the benefits of statewide resource sharing
- Recruit the next generation of librarians
- Develop a mentoring program to enhance professional development and library service

Goal D

Strengthen the North Dakota State Library in its leadership role of coordinating and enriching service in the state

- Expand library services to meet the goals of Library Vision 2014
- Extend accessibility of library resources to North Dakotans
- Secure funding necessary to achieve the goals of Library Vision 2014
- Utilize the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council as an advisory board

Goal E

Promote awareness of library programs and services to enhance quality of life

- Familiarize North Dakotans with the important role that libraries and librarians play in the world of changing information needs and delivery
- Emphasize the role of libraries in economic development
- Involve the people and governing bodies of North Dakota in advocating for Library Vision 2014
- Create awareness of the need to make choices about the accuracy of information
- Continue to promote communication and cooperation among all types of libraries in North Dakota

Goal F

Recognize the role of the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council in planning, promoting, coordinating, and evaluating the services and programs of libraries in the state

- Serve as the state advisory council on libraries for federal funding programs
- Establish goals for Library Vision long range plans
- Achieve the goals of Library Vision 2014 through education, advice, development of guidelines, and allocation of funding
- Approve the distribution of Library Vision grants
- Facilitate the development of a comprehensive statewide online library catalog, promote statewide resource sharing, and encourage electronic networking among all types of libraries

Appendix A: History and Development of Library Vision

History of Library Vision 2004

In October of 1995, in consultation with the State Library staff and the officers of NDLA, Eric Sakariassen, Chair of the ND Governor's Advisory Council on Libraries, formed a Library Study Steering Committee to discuss concerns and issues within the state's library community. The goal was to present a clear picture of where North Dakota library services stand today and how they might look in the future. From the beginning, committee participants took it upon themselves to go beyond these initial directives and defined a set of priorities in a planning document for statewide library services which is entitled Library Vision 2004. The committee met six times, sponsored four statewide open forums, two in Bismarck, one each in Minot and Carrington, and created as many as five working subcommittees in preparing recommendations.

Library Vision 2004 states objectives and recommendations to meet those objectives, for six interdependent priorities necessary in providing what was identified as essential library services in North Dakota in the year 2004 and beyond. The plan was designed to fit an eight-year time frame, spreading implementation across four legislative bienniums. Library Vision 2004 recommendations improve North Dakota Libraries and enhance citizen access to information services in support of education, life-long learning, and economic vitality. The purpose of Library Vision 2004 was to provide people with improved access to information in a welcoming environment where they can obtain the guidance of trained librarians. The proposal addresses problems which are serious and growing: the knowledge explosion, the increasing costs of information, declining financial resources for libraries, providing all citizens with access to networked information, advancing North Dakota's competitiveness in the global society, and preparing North Dakota for its future.

In tackling the difficult business of planning for the implementation of a statewide comprehensive database, recommendations were divided into three contributing elements. Each of these elements is necessary to building a complete library computer information network and each is dependent upon the others in making the plan function.

First, and by far the most expensive element, was Internet connectivity. Connectivity serves as the foundation for accessing the statewide comprehensive database and allows for access to the whole extent of information and services available on the Internet. The plan builds on the North Dakota Information Network infrastructure already in place by connecting public and school libraries to the system. This effort was well under way with the receipt of the Educational Telecommunications Council (ETC) grant for a network assessment and planning project.

The second element in the plan was to connect existing databases through telecommunications software and hardware that would allow concurrent searching of multiple databases but would appear to the user as if all records accessed resided locally.

The third element in the plan was to create or convert and load electronic records onto existing library online catalogs. This was perhaps the second most costly part of implementing the statewide comprehensive database and also one whose cost was difficult to estimate until the total number of library holdings is known.

Early in the committee discussions, the need to create a structure for the governance and administration of the shared responsibilities and efforts outside current structures operating in the State was identified. It was recognized that in statewide coordination of a comprehensive database, Internet connectivity, statewide interlibrary loan and document delivery, among other things, a way was needed to ensure participation without interfering in local governance of libraries. The consensus reached in how to achieve this goal took the form of a North Dakota Library Coordinating Council. The committee worked hard to avoid a top-down governance structure and opted

instead for one with a participatory representation.

The North Dakota Library Coordinating Council (NDLCC) was established July 1, 1997 (NDCC 54-24.4-01).

The Library Vision 2004 document has become a recognized and accepted framework for local, regional, and statewide library planning efforts.

History of Library Vision 2010

The factors that affect library services in North Dakota are in a state of constant change and although Library Vision 2004 has served its purpose well, NDLCC felt it was time to once again visit the topic and determine what revisions needed to be made to keep the document a viable and useful tool for the library community of North Dakota.

NDLCC held a meeting in Carrington, ND, on March 7, 2002. At that meeting, the Council decided to continue a process of examination and revision that actually has been happening since Library Vision 2004 first came into existence, and to create a new product to be called Library Vision 2010.

Librarians from every part of North Dakota's library community were invited to participate in one of the two "think tanks" that were held in separate locations (Minot and Valley City). Approximately fifty persons attended each session and both sessions demonstrated how interested and concerned the professionals are about the future of the state's libraries and librarians. Using ideas generated from these sessions and from the documents referenced at the end of this introduction, the NDLCC created a rough draft of Library Vision 2010. This draft was widely distributed to the library community. NDLCC sought additional feedback via e-mail, the 2002 NDLA meeting in Fargo, and an additional meeting in Dickinson.

NDLCC officially adopted Library Vision 2010 on November 15, 2002.

References

The following documents were used to develop
Library Vision 2010

Library Vision 2004

North Dakota Century Code

North Dakota Library Coordinating Council Minutes

Think Tank Session I, April 26, 2002; Minot

Think Tank Session II, May 3, 2002; Valley City

History of Library Vision 2014

To continue the cohesive and collaborative statewide planning process, the NDLC created a four year plan, Library Vision 2014. Building on the success of the Think Tanks used to gather input for the preceding Library Vision, the NDLC arranged three sessions in the spring of 2009. Think Tanks were held in Minot, Dickinson, and Fargo. Approximately eighty six librarians and community members attended the day long discussions based on the priorities identified in Library Vision 2010. The input gathered served as the base for the NDLC in their deliberations to refine the vision of library services. Library Vision 2014 was drafted during the fall of 2009 and distributed for further comments during 2010.

References

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Library Vision 2014

Library Vision 2004

Library Vision 2010

Library Law

North Dakota Century Code

Think Tank Session I, May 25, 2009; Dickinson

Think Tank Session II, May 29, 2009; Minot

Think Tank Session III, June 5, 2009; Fargo

Appendix B:
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