

Statement of Support for Local Libraries

The Florida Library Association strongly supports quality library services and adequate library funding at the local, state, and federal levels. Libraries serve vital roles in their communities, providing public access to information resources; educational and training programs; information upon request; and access to the Internet and personal computing applications. These services are critical for developing an informed citizenry; allowing all citizens to access government services; assisting job seekers; providing support for small businesses; and enhancing economic development.

Adequate funding is essential for libraries to provide these services to the people in the communities they serve. To meet the needs of their communities appropriately, all libraries require trained staff, sufficient facilities to accommodate local needs, core collections and resources, and current information technologies. The Florida Library Association endorses the essential, enhanced, and exemplary levels of services for the state's public libraries as outlined in the *Florida Public Library Standards*. (http://www.flalib.org/publications_tab_files/FLPubLibStds_Apr_2010.pdf)

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