



The Florida Library Association, a chapter of the American Library Association, is the state association of libraries, their employees and supporters, and organizations and businesses providing services to libraries.

Underlying this diversity is a common interest in libraries and the provision of access to information. The Association provides activities and programs that have earned it a leadership position for all areas of librarianship.

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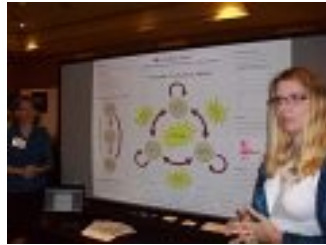
- advocates for all types of library services in Florida and beyond,
- works with other professional organizations relevant to library and information service,
- provides increasing opportunities for library employees to advance their knowledge and skills, and
- collaborates closely with the information industry, facilitating productive links with the library community.

More than a century after its founding, FLA continues to be a vital, active organization that speaks on behalf of libraries and tackles challenges to libraries and information access.



Advocating for Libraries

FLA develops positions on public policy issues related to libraries, provides information and data about libraries to state government officials, the media and citizens, and advocates on behalf of the states' libraries in legislative matters.



Providing Educational Opportunities

The annual FLA Conference provides opportunities to learn about new programs, trends, and library-related issues, to acquire new skills, to share information, and to see new products. Continuing education programs are offered in locations throughout the state.



Supporting Libraries

FLA supports citizens' rights of access to ideas and information in all formats and provides assistance to libraries facing challenges to intellectual freedom.

FLA develops and reviews standards for Florida public libraries that establish benchmarks by which library resources and services can be measured.



Networking/Collaborating with Others

Through its programs and organizational structure, FLA offers members opportunities to develop relationships with people and organizations in the state's library community, the information industry, other library associations, and cultural heritage institutions.



Growing New Leaders

Opportunities exist within FLA to develop leadership skills by working on committees, serving on the Executive Board and leading member groups. FLA offers scholarships to develop a skilled and knowledgeable library workforce.

Facilitating Communication

FLA Web Site – The site is home to information for members, organization leadership and anyone interested in libraries in Florida. Among other roles, the web site is a portal to publications, job information, current activities, and legislative advocacy information.

www.flalib.org

Florida Libraries – This semi-annual publication features reviewed articles about programs, services, research and individuals in the state's libraries.

Facebook – FLA uses this social media site to share information on current activities of the organization and other hot topics related to libraries.

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=8132540939>

Email Lists – An active email list provides a forum for members to exchange information and discuss library related issues.

http://www.flalib.org/list_menu.php

FLA Blog – The FLA blogs are available to members for reporting new library services, resources and activities, and as a forum to highlight other issues relating to libraries throughout Florida and beyond.

<http://flalib.blogspot.com/>



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