# Florida Library Association Outcomes & Standards for Florida's Public Libraries 2015 Acknowledgements and Methods

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### Methodology

- Discussion of standards revision at the 2013 and 2014 Florida Library Association Conference meetings of the Florida Public Library Standards Interest Group
- Survey of Florida public library directors in 2013
- Three in-person and two online Standards Committee meetings held during 2014-15
- Current Standards Review Subcommittee study of 2006 standards for redundancies, topics not covered and out of date information
- Other State Standards Subcommittee analysis of standards from all other states that have them
- Statistics Subcommittee analysis of Public Library Data Service (PLDS) nationwide statistics for fiscal year 2013 (access courtesy of John Moorman, Consultant/Facilitator) and a peer comparison of Institute for Museum & Library Services (IMLS) statewide

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fiscal year 2013 statistics for Florida, Texas and Pennsylvania (access courtesy of the Florida Department of State, Division of Library & Information Services)

- Resources Subcommittee analysis of multiple documents and websites that were identified as potential resources for the Committee's work
- Out-of-the-Box Subcommittee consideration of new and innovative ways to address public library standards
- Outcome and standards writing by individual Committee members and small groups of members
- Compilation and editing of the document by the Committee's consultant/facilitator
- Review of draft document by the Executive Board in April 2015
- Presentation at a program held at the 2015 Florida Library Association Conference
- Presentation of a revised draft to the FLA Executive Board