Minnesota Library Structures: Simplified

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Public Library Fundamentals

- Statutes
- Systems & Structures
- Funding
- Governance
- State Resources
“Two or more counties or two or more cities located in two or more counties may, through action by their governing bodies under section 471.59, establish and maintain a regional public library system.”
"...Regional library basic system support aid shall be provided to any regional public library system where there are at least three participating counties and where each participating city and county is providing for public library service support..."
134.351 MULTICOUNTY, MULTITYPE LIBRARY SYSTEMS

(a) Sharing of resources among all participating libraries;
(b) Long-range planning for cooperative programs;
(c) The development of a delivery system for services and programs;
(d) The development of a bibliographic database;
(e) A communications system among all cooperating libraries.
Systems & Structures

- What is a Regional Public Library System?
  - 12 regions
  - Federated/Consolidated

- What is a Multitype Regional Library System?
  - 7 regions
  - Public, Academic, School and Special
System boundaries
Multitype and Regional Public Library Systems
Public Library Funding Jargon

- Minimum Level of Support
- Maintenance of Effort
  - LGA/CPA
  - AMC/LMC
- Local vs. State contribution
Funding Libraries

- Local
- State
- Federal
- Other
RLBSS Equalization
shares by region: FY2009-FY2017
Governance

- Library boards and directors
- Public/School/Academic/Other
- Minnesota Statutes (Chapter 134) and Minnesota Rules (Chapter 3530)

http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/dse/Lib/sls/
Policies & Procedures

- **Policies** - high level, set by library board
- **Procedures** - instructions on how to implement policy

**Example - Unattended Children**

- **Policy**: No child under eight may use the library without an adult present.
- **Procedure**: If a library staff member finds a child under eight alone in the library, he/she will determine the parent or guardian name and use the loudspeaker system to page this person. If that person is not in the library, the staff member will call the local police department to ensure the safety of the child.
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State Resources

Minnesota State Library Services

- Federal and state grant programs for libraries and schools
- Regional Library Basic System Support (RLBSS)
- Multitype State Support
- Regional Library Telecommunications Aid (RLTA)
- LSTA (Federal library services grants)
- MN Public Library Construction grants
- Arts & Cultural Heritage Legacy Amendment funds
- Minnesota Braille and Talking Book Library
QUIZ TIME!!
Question #1:

- How many regional public library systems are in the state of Minnesota?
Question #2:

- What are the differences between library policies and procedures?
Question #3:

What statute defines regional library basic system aid?
Question #4:

- What statute defines multicounty, multitype library systems?
Question #5:

- What are the four measurable items that determine RLBSS?
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Thanks for Attending!!

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