Connect and Collaborate! Getting to Know MN Regional Library Systems

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Karen – ask group if they have questions, introductions
Fundamentals

- Systems, Structures & Statutes
- Funding
- Library Jargon/Acronyms

• Karen -- overview
### Systems, Structures & Statutes

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

- **What is a Multicounty, Multitype Library System?**
  - 7 regions
  - Public, Academic, School and Special

- Mollie – talk about the systems
- Use the regional library maps to show where the regions are located.
- Discuss how similar types (public) and different types (multitype systems) libraries are connected together in various ways through the regions.
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Mollie -- review all three statutes

134.20 REGIONAL PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEMS

“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 is given to support services that include but are not limited to: communication among participants, resource sharing, delivery of materials, reciprocal borrowing, and cooperative reference service. -- will go into description later in the presentation
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.
Funding Libraries

- Local
- State
- Federal
- Other

• Karen – basic examples of funding
• Discuss the variety of funding streams for libraries in these categories -- include information on Minimum Level of Support
• Include operational funding (Local tax levy, RLBSS) and service program funding (RLTA, e-rate, LSTA).
What is RLBSS?

- Regional Library Basic System Support
- $$$ from the state that support regional public library systems
- Divided among the 12 regional public library systems
  - 70% of the formula is based on population and area

• Mollie – start with basic description
What is RLBSS?

- Regional Public Library Systems use RLBSS to provide:
  - Delivery
  - Resource Sharing
  - Reciprocal Borrowing
  - Communication Among Members
- Advocacy Efforts

• Karen – Mollie Give examples of how systems are different -- unique ILS to achieve same goals, how delivery system is structured in each region, etc.
Library Jargon

- MOE
  - LGA/CPA
  - AMC/LMC
- ALA, MLA, PLA, ITEM, ARLD
- LSTA, IMLS, MDE

Karen – MOE, LGA, CPA, AMC, LMC
Mollie – ALA, MLA, PLA, ITEM, ARLD, LSTA, IMLS, MDE
Give basic definitions
Solicit specific questions the audience would like answered….
Divide group in half or groups of three
Question #1:

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

- How many multicounty, multitype library systems are in the state of Minnesota?
Question #3:

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

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

- What are two intended uses of RLBSS dollars by regional public library systems?
Thanks for Attending!!

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