

2022 Legislative Priorities

Minnesota Library Association (MLA)

To Support Lifelong Learners by Improving Minnesota Library and School Services

- By securing increased funding and a corresponding formula change for Minnesota's regional public library systems to provide the essential support needed by citizens, students and lifelong learners to reach their educational, personal and professional goals. (SF1131/HF1710)
- By defining a school library media center and its staff, and by encouraging school districts to increase student and classroom teacher access to licensed library media specialists. (SF1477/HF1856)
- By securing increased funding for the multicounty multitype systems, in particular for their work to develop and support school media centers and their staff.

To Assist Communities in Securing Accessible and Productive Library Facilities

- By advocating for investment in infrastructure to repair, modernize, and construct public library facilities to ensure safe, accessible and welcoming library spaces for Minnesotans. (HF337)
- By advocating for investment in public higher education facilities that improve access to library resources and digital learning space.

To Expand Broadband and Digital Access to All Minnesotans

- By encouraging investment in broadband to ensure affordable, high-capacity internet access is available to all Minnesotans.
- By expanding resources for the E-Library of Minnesota that enables every library and school in Minnesota to have access to the highest quality online resources, including research databases, career prep tools, and more.

To Protect Intellectual Freedom and Equitable Access

- By monitoring and addressing legislation impacting libraries and by protecting intellectual freedom by opposing library censorship.