

Fox Valley Library Council 2009-2010 Annual Plan

MISSION: The mission of the Fox Valley Library Council, Inc. (FVLC) is to provide a forum for facilitating close cooperation and communication between the libraries and information centers of the Fox Valley area in order to meet citizens' information needs. To achieve this mission FVLC has adopted these goals:

GOAL A: Provide a forum to facilitate close cooperation between libraries and information centers in the Fox Valley.

1. Hold at least two regularly scheduled meetings annually, and communicate regularly with all members and prospective members.
2. Continue to offer programs that meet the needs and interests of library staff at all types of libraries.
3. Encourage involvement by school and academic librarians through attendance, hosting and presenting of programs.
4. Continue to improve and update the FVLC web site. <http://www.focol.org/fvlc/>

GOAL B: Provide access to information resources for the citizens of the Fox Valley.

1. Continue to encourage the inclusion of all member libraries in Badgercat or similar resource sharing tools.
2. Continue citizens' direct access to information resources through courtesy cards, NEW ERA (Northeast Wisconsin Educational Resource Alliance) library cards, and indirect access through interlibrary loan.
3. Cooperate with Outagamie Waupaca Library System (OWLS), Winnefox Library System (WLS), and FVLC member libraries to explore new avenues for resource sharing.
4. Advocate continued state funding of BadgerLink as a benefit to all libraries and citizens of Wisconsin.

GOAL C: Safeguard and promote intellectual freedom.

1. Monitor and respond to legislative activity at the state and national levels that affects information access and library service.
2. Respond to censorship challenges of member libraries through appropriate and/or requested organizational action.
3. Encourage member libraries to assist and support challenged libraries in protection of intellectual freedom through appropriate action.
4. Maintain an organizational membership in Wisconsin Library Association through which FVLC shall actively support intellectual freedom and challenge censorship.
5. Support the intellectual freedom role and functions of the Cooperative Children's Book Center and maintain membership in the Friends of the CCBC.

GOAL D: Provide opportunities for FVLC members to learn of developments in the field, to grow professionally, and to exchange ideas and information.

1. Regularly solicit input from all types of libraries via FVLC-L and plan educational components for regular meetings.
2. Continue to promote networking opportunities between colleagues of all types of libraries.
3. Promote relevant workshops and informational programs to members.
4. Provide education assistance grants to staff of FVLC member institutions and encourage grantees to share that learning experience with the FVLC Board and members.
5. Encourage electronic communication via the FVLC listserv including the dissemination of reports from FVLC members who are members of state or national level committees.

GOAL E: Continue to investigate ways to recruit and maintain membership.

1. Encourage continued membership and recruitment of new members.
2. Continue to evaluate membership dues structure and invoicing procedures.
3. Cultivate public/school or public/special partnerships to encourage membership, attendance and participation in FVLC by colleagues from all types of libraries.
4. Encourage the maintenance of the membership database and directory by FVLC members.
5. Encourage use of FVLC-L as a means of communication among FVLC members.

GOAL F: Investigate ways to make the FVLC Board a vital part of the library community.

1. Encourage a more active role for FVLC directors-at-large, through programming and education functions.
2. Encourage ongoing communication between the FVLC Board and the Education Committee Chair.
3. Evaluate the possibility of including the Education Committee Chair as a member of the FVLC Board as a director-at-large.

ACTIONS:

- Provide a bimonthly update to members on FVLC-L.
- Update the membership list and directory.
- Review the FVLC website and update information as needed.
- Promote the availability of education grants on FVLC-L.
- Invite the Education Committee Chair to attend board meetings.

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