

2012 Legislative Platform

Minnesota's Academic, Public and School libraries and media centers are vital to the educational, economic and cultural life of this State. The following represent the interests of the State of Minnesota through libraries and media centers in 2012:

- The Minnesota Library Association and the Minnesota Educational Media Organization support the appropriation of \$10 million dollars for the 2012-2014 biennium for the construction of public library buildings through the State's currently authorized matching program (Minnesota Statutes 134.45).
- The Minnesota Library Association and the Minnesota Educational Media Organization support the further development of fiber optic and other broadband improvements for all Minnesota libraries and school media centers.
- The Minnesota Library Association and the Minnesota Educational Media Organization support continued funding for K-12 school and public library telecommunications and Internet connectivity through the Telecommunications/Internet Access Equity Aid and Regional Library Telecommunications Aid programs currently in place. In addition, MLA/MEMO supports the 2010 recommendations of the Ultra High-Speed Broadband Task Force in regard to implementing increased broadband capacity to K-12 Schools and public libraries.