

Florida Library Network Council Meeting Minutes

The entire membership of the Florida Library Network Council met on Wednesday, October 6, 2010 at the State Records Center, Tallahassee, Florida, to discuss electronic library core resources as required by 1006.72 F.S.; and to discuss long range planning.

The Council took the following actions.

Council Action at October 6, 2010 Meeting

Whereas 1006.72 (3), *F.S.*, Statewide Core Resources, for purposes of licensing electronic library resources of the Florida Electronic Library, requires that library representatives from public libraries, school districts, Florida colleges and state universities shall identify the statewide core resources that will be available to all students, teachers, and citizens of the state. Judith A. Ring, Division Director, convened a meeting of the Florida Library Network Council on October 6, 2010, to discuss electronic library core resources. After due consideration, the Council voted unanimously to adopt the current portfolio of electronic resources available through the Division's Florida Electronic Library program as constituting the "statewide core resources that will be available to all students, teachers, and citizens of the state."

The Florida Electronic Library (FEL) is a unifying point of access for direct Web-based library services for all Floridians. It complements the print resources in Florida library collections and serves as a gateway to all of Florida's print resources and archival materials. The FEL can be found at the following Web address: <http://www.flelibrary.org>.

The FEL's service components include:

- Access to licensed commercial content. Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) FirstSearch and Gale make up the majority of the FEL databases. The databases include the full text of magazines and journals for both general and professional reference, including those that are targeted towards grades K-12, and support for small business and entrepreneur development.
- Provision of FloridaCat, a union catalog of Florida library holdings.
- Statewide support for online resource sharing. The FEL will partner with OCLC and Tampa Bay Library Consortium to test the new OCLC-hosted interlibrary loan service called *Navigator Lite*. *Navigator Lite* will allow Florida residents to search WorldCat or FloridaCat for items not held by their local library and then request them online.
- The *Ask a Librarian* program, a virtual, collaborative reference service for Florida that complements the online database content.
- *Florida on Florida*, a catalog of digital materials related to Florida, including maps, photographs, postcards, books, and manuscripts from digital collections held by libraries, archives, museums, and historical societies throughout Florida.
- In-depth training using the FEL and its resources. Topics include Homework Help, Health Resources, Academic Resources, and how to get the most out of the FEL through the use of Web 2.0.