NASSAU LIBRARY SYSTEM
PLAN FOR CENTRAL LIBRARY SERVICES 2027-2031

MISSION

The Central Library (Levittown Public Library) and Co-Central Library (East Meadow Public Library) and the Contract Libraries (Hempstead Public Library and Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library) of the Nassau Library System provide extensive collections of print, non-print, and online resources for System-wide use. The libraries also employ staff with specialized skills in order to meet the reference needs of the NLS member libraries and their patrons.

GOALS AND INTENDED RESULTS

GOAL 1: Maintain and expand multiple points of access to information and reference resources for member libraries and their patrons.

- Continue to provide access to print and online information to all member libraries and their patrons.
- Inform member libraries about relevant government information and provide access to government information via the virtual United States Government Documents Collection.
- Serve as the System's point of access to the resources of the Foundation Center.
- Provide access to in-depth music and art materials as well as related specialized reference service via a contract with the Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library, with particular strength in these subject areas.
- Provide increased access to materials for speakers of other languages via a contract with the Hempstead Public Library, with particular strength in this area.
- Offer professional development opportunities to member library staff on resources and services funded by Central Library Services Aid (CLSA).

INTENDED RESULT: Enhanced resources and reference services available to member libraries and their patrons.

GOAL 2: Improve the awareness of elected state officials, funding authorities, and the member libraries of the unique and essential role and contributions of the Central and Co-Central Libraries through ongoing advocacy efforts.
INTENDED RESULT: Increased support for the Central and Co-Central Libraries.

GOAL 3: Promote greater understanding and use of the Central and Co-Central Library services and resources and provide continuing opportunities for the member libraries' input.

- Continue the collaborative relationship between the Central and Co-Central Libraries, the NLS Service Center, and the member libraries. Actively participate as a member of the MLD Executive Board.
- Inform member library staff about the resources and services of the Central Libraries, and how to access them, as well as state guidelines for CLSA.
- Further develop the collaborative relationship between the Central and Co-Central Libraries and the member libraries via the Central Library Advisory Committee.

INTENDED RESULT: Central and Co-Central Libraries that are informed by and responsive to member library priorities.

GOAL 4: Cooperate with other NYS Library Systems whenever beneficial and cost effective.

- Continue membership in LILRC's Research Loan Program.
- Work with LILRC and SCLS on regional projects as appropriate.
- Send Central and Co-Central Library staff to training offered by LILRC and SCLS as appropriate.

GOAL 5: Support NLS and the Member Libraries' compliance with Commissioner's Regulation 90.3.

- Issue State Mandated Access Cards to residents of Nassau County who are untaxed for local library service and therefore unserved by a local library.
- Accept and process reserves for State Mandated Access cardholders.

INTENDED RESULT: Basic library service for untaxed and unserved Nassau County residents.

METHODS OF EVALUATION

The methods listed below will be used:

- Number of CLSA titles added each year; statistics on usage of databases and online services.
- Input and feedback will be sought from the Central Library Advisory Committee, Member Library Directors, the Member Library Directors' Executive Board, NLS, and member library staff.
- Periodic review of relevant library literature for best practices and service innovations for purposes of comparison and inspiration.

The information obtained will be used for continuous improvement of Central Library Services, the amendment of this plan as necessary, and the formulating of future plans of service.

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Attachment A:

Central, Co-Central, and Contract Libraries:

Levittown Public Library – Central Library
1 Bluegrass Lane
Levittown, NY 11756
516-731-5728
www.levittownpl.org

East Meadow Public Library – Co-Central Library
1886 Front St.
East Meadow, NY 11554
516-794-2570
www.eastmeadow.info

Hempstead Public Library – World Language Collection
115 James A. Garner Way
Hempstead, NY 11550
516-481-6990
www.hempsteadlibrary.info

Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library – Art and Music Collection
1125 Broadway
Hewlett, NY 11557
516-374-1967
www.hwpl.org