

## **Fox Valley Library Council 2013-2014 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 an annual meeting of the general membership, and communicate regularly with all members and prospective members.
2. Offer an annual program that meets the needs and interests of library staff at all types of libraries.
3. Encourage involvement by school and academic librarians through attendance, planning, and presenting of annual program.
4. Continue to improve and update the FVLC web site. <http://www.focol.org/fvlc/>
5. Continue to improve and update the FVLC LinkedIn group: <http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Fox-Valley-Library-Council-4932053>

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

1. 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.
2. Cooperate with Outagamie Waupaca Library System (OWLS), Winnefox Library System (WLS), and FVLC member libraries to explore new avenues for resource sharing.

**GOAL C:** Safeguard and promote intellectual freedom.

1. Share information regarding legislative activity at the state and national levels that affects information access and library service.
2. Encourage member libraries to assist and support challenged libraries in protection of intellectual freedom through appropriate action.
3. Maintain an organizational membership in Wisconsin Library Association through which FVLC shall support intellectual freedom and challenge censorship.
4. Support the intellectual freedom role and functions of the Cooperative Children's Book Center.

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

1. Solicit input from all types of libraries via FVLC-L to plan annual program.
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.

**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 use of FVLC-L and LinkedIn group as a means of communication among FVLC members.

GOAL F: Encourage a more active role for FVLC directors-at-large, through programming and education functions.

1. Update the membership list and directory.
2. Review the FVLC website and LinkedIn group and update information as needed.
3. Promote the availability of education grants.
4. With other members of the board, promote, plan, and present annual program, encourage input from FVLC membership

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