



EPA National Library Network Strategic Plan FY 2015-2017

The EPA National Library Network's strategic plan for fiscal years 2015-2017 is now available. This plan builds on the Network's accomplishments under the previous plan and incorporates projects and goals that will strengthen the Network's role in providing access to environmental information. The plan covers initiatives in four key areas:

- Library services
- Network governance
- Electronic and physical collections
- Communications, outreach and training

The strategic plan responds to well-documented user needs and seeks to strengthen EPA's network of libraries to ensure continued convenient and effective access to environmental information. It reflects significant contributions and input from the EPA National Library Network community, including library staff and Federal Library Managers, as well as many internal stakeholders.

The full plan is available on the Library Network website and has a publication number of EPA 260/R-15-003.

As the Library Network moves forward with implementing the plan, it welcomes feedback from EPA staff, the public, and the professional library community (epalibrarynetwork@epa.gov).

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Goals and Actions

The plan includes goals and measurable actions that support the realization of priorities for FY 2015-2017.

Library Services Goals

1. Increase service coordination
2. Enable user access with tools and resources
3. Ensure timely delivery of quality services across all libraries

Library Network Governance Goals

1. Develop and cultivate formal mechanisms for management and stakeholder input
2. Evaluate funding processes to ensure sustainability of library services
3. Increase coordination and participation in Library Network operations

Electronic and Physical Collections Goals

1. Increase discovery of and access to materials in library collections
2. Expand electronic access to EPA's environmental information
3. Enable Agency-wide access to electronic resources and research tools
4. Coordinate collection management at the Network level to ensure adequate subject coverage throughout the Agency

Communications, Outreach, and Training Goals

1. Expand awareness of Network libraries' offerings
2. Improve training opportunities
3. Develop and refine communication channels for Network librarians

Vision

The EPA National Library Network is an essential information partner with EPA staff and the public to support decision making, environmental awareness and protection of human health and the environment.

Mission

The EPA National Library Network serves the needs of EPA staff and the public by using the latest information technologies and developing innovative services to acquire, organize and deliver timely access to accurate information.