



2014 Legislative Platform

- The Minnesota Library Association and the Minnesota Educational Media Organization support the appropriation of \$3 million dollars for the 2014-2016 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 supports an increase of \$6 million for a total of \$9.75 million in funding for the Telecommunications Equity Aid (TEA) program as well as ongoing funding of the current \$2.3 million appropriation for the Regional Library Telecommunications Aid (RLTA) program to ensure equitable access to broadband and Internet services and to address the rapidly growing demand for increased bandwidth in K-12 schools and public libraries. This support encourages the further development of fiber optic network connections by service providers to public libraries, school media centers, school districts, and publicly supported academic libraries.
- The Minnesota Library Association and the Minnesota Educational Media Organization encourage the State of Minnesota to pursue an investigation of the wide variance of pricing in eBooks for libraries as compared to individuals, and an exploration of possible remedies to this uneven and discriminatory sales model.

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