



## **Goal**

The goal of the Kentucky Sister Library Project is to strengthen public libraries in the state by creating partnerships that prove mutually beneficial through the sharing of information, experience, and ideas. Libraries with more resources partner with libraries with fewer resources. Through this collaboration, libraries with unmet needs will have access to resources that will assist them in achieving their goals. The result? A win-win situation.

## **What are the Benefits of Participating?**

Smaller libraries benefit by gaining access to a wide array of resources through the larger sister library. Examples include:

- Professional staff expertise in all areas: Human Resources, Technical Services, Childrens' Services, Adult Services, Programming, etc. Answers are only a phone call or an email away to your big sister library.
- Help with projects: Real life projects that have happened include cataloging a collection of books; a logo design for a small library; staff exchanges; and staff training.
- Possible donations of materials such as shelving, computers, furniture, and books.

Medium to larger libraries benefit in the following ways:

- Opportunities for staff development by allowing employees to take the lead in working on projects at a different library system.
- Opportunities to learn about different regions, communities, and patron bases.
- Staff members may utilize their creativity in working on projects and solving problems for libraries with limited resources.
- Gain perspective on the challenges facing libraries with limited resources.

All libraries can benefit in the following ways by participating:

- Opportunities among staff members to connect -- getting to know library workers across the state builds a stronger sense of library community.
- Builds good will between institutions.
- Both libraries receive the chance to develop a long term, solid working relationship, built on experience and trust.

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