



## **Kentucky General Assembly Public Library Caucus**

### **Concept Paper**

The Kentucky General Assembly Public Library Caucus is a bipartisan organization for members of the Kentucky General Assembly who support public libraries through state initiatives. The Public Library Caucus will be composed of well-informed elected officials who provide a proactive and clear voice on issues affecting Kentucky's public libraries.

The major objective of the Public Library Caucus is to support legislation and budget initiatives in the Kentucky General Assembly that strengthen and advance public libraries throughout the state. The Caucus will support legislative efforts to help public libraries deliver services and programs to citizens, provide information through technology, partner with community organizations for children and youth activities, and serve as a community's social and economic anchor.

Members of the Public Library Caucus may participate in press conferences in support of public libraries, may testify before key committees in support of statewide public library initiatives, speak with and to colleagues about the positive impact of public libraries, and participate in the annual Library Legislative Day in the Kentucky General Assembly.

Co-chairs for the Public Library Caucus have been established in both the House and the Senate. The KPLA Advocacy Committee shall be the liaison to the Caucus, providing opportunities for members to become more fully informed about public library issues and seeking occasions for Caucus members to speak about the importance of public libraries.

The KPLA Advocacy Committee shall comply fully with Kentucky legislative ethics law.

Membership on the Public Library Caucus shall be automatically renewed each year unless otherwise requested.