

NORTH STATE COOPERATIVE LIBRARY SYSTEM

FACTS ABOUT THE SYSTEM

FISCAL YEAR 2007/2008

HISTORY:

North State Cooperative Library System (NSCLS) was founded in 1969 with state funds. It is an "association by joint resolution" of twelve public library members: Butte County Library, Del Norte County Library District; Humboldt County Library; Lassen Library District; Modoc County Library; Orland Free Library; Plumas County Library; Shasta County Library; Siskiyou County Library; Tehama County Library; Trinity County Library; and Willows Public Library.

In 1971, a federal grant through the Federal Library Services and Construction Act extended services to include the university, college, school, and special libraries of the region. The academic library affiliates of the system are: Butte College; C.S.U Chico Meriam Library; College of the Redwoods; College of the Siskiyous; Feather River College; Humboldt State University; Lassen College; Shasta College, and Simpson University.

The area served by the System encompasses twelve counties: Butte, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Trinity Counties covering 35,999 square miles. The population, according to recent CA Department of Finance estimates is 732,645. There are 20.4 persons per square miles in North State.

NORTH STATE COOPERATIVE LIBRARY SYSTEM MEMBERS:

See System brochure or current NSCLS ILL Manual for addresses, hours, and the head librarian of member libraries.

ADMINISTRATION:

NSCLS Headquarters: 55 E Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95404; 707-544-0142

NSCLS System Administrator: Annette Milliron

NSCLS Council Chair for 2007-2008: Betsy Emry, Library Director, Siskiyou County Library, 719 4th Street, Yreka, CA 96097, (530) 841-4179

NSCLS Council Chair for 2006-2007: Marilyn Cochran, Library Director, Orland Free Library, 333 Mill Street, Orland, California 95963, (530) 865-1640

Fiscal Agent: City of Willows, 201 N. Lassen St., Willows, CA 95988, (530) 934-7041

SYSTEM COMMITTEES:

Automation

Budget and Finance

Children's Services

Legislation

Media Development

Personnel

Programs and Services

Public Relations

Reference, ILL Services and Underserved Task Force

Ad Hoc Young Adult Services

COLLECTIONS:

Books - over 3,098,734 volumes available through member libraries.

Periodicals - over 11,155 available through member libraries.

Documents Units - over 398,765 available through member libraries.

Microforms - over 1,009,094 available through member libraries.

Videos - over 34,249 available through member libraries.

Audio Recordings - over 62,468 available through member libraries.

Compact Discs - over 3,999 available through Listen-In collection at Plumas County Library.

Books on CD - over 119 titles available through Listen-In collection at Plumas County Library.

DVD (Digital Video Disks) - over 1,247 titles available through Orland Free Library.

NSCLS SERVICES:

1. **Equal Access** - Library cards from any one member library are honored at all libraries for complete service.
2. **Delivery Service** - To twelve member libraries and nine affiliates via System vans.
3. **Communications** – Computers are in all public library headquarters and NSCLS Headquarters. The units provide electronic mail service (EMS) and database capabilities. A toll free number provides remote libraries with instant access to other libraries and to System Headquarters. Telefacsimile (fax) units are at the headquarters of all NSCLS public libraries, academic affiliates and at System Headquarters.
4. **Interlibrary Loan** - Books, pamphlets, audiocassettes, videocassettes, compact discs, magazines, and newspapers, are loaned and available on delivery. Each library searches NSCLS' group catalog and other databases and sends requests to the holding library. Library staff try to fill as many requests as possible from resources in NSCLS. By checking databases and the California Catalog (CalCat), NSCLS libraries provide their patrons with access to materials in libraries throughout California and the United States.
5. **Reference** - Local headquarters libraries refer unanswered reference questions to the System Reference Center at North State Headquarters in Santa Rosa. Joe Cochran is the Reference Coordinator for the North State, North Bay Cooperative and the Mountain Valley Library Systems. Libraries send questions whichever way is the most convenient to them. E-mail, voicemail or the reference question web-form on the NSCLS webpage. Joe's direct line and e-mail are: joenbcls@sonic.net 1-800-479-6733 ex 106
6. **North State Publications** –
 - Cataloging Manual, 1992 (Revised)
 - Children's Services Training Manual, 2004 (Revised)
 - Directory of Public and Academic Libraries in the North State Cooperative Library System, 1998
 - Directory of Public and Private K-12 School Libraries in the North State Cooperative Library System Service Area, 1997
 - ILL-ILR Manual, 2005 (Revised)
 - NSCLS Song Index (1997) – <http://www.sjvls.org/songs/> (Updated continuously)
 - Personnel Manual North State Cooperative Library System, 2005 (Revised)
 - System Advisory Board Manual, 1997 (Revised)
7. **Photocopies** - The System provides photocopies of periodical articles and information to answer reference questions when it is not practical to send bound volumes, microfilm, or reference books. Member libraries provide free photocopies of periodical articles, reference information, and printed pages from microfilm on a reciprocal basis.
8. **Cassettes and Compact Discs** - "Listen-In," originally a special project to provide audiocassettes for nonreaders, now offers over 6,400 tapes on many subjects to all types of users. In 1988, Listen-In began circulating compact disc recordings of music of all genres. There are over 3,900 compact disc titles available. In 2003, Listen-In added recorded books on compact discs to its holdings and circulates them as well. Listen-In has been moved to the Plumas County Library. Contact them for loans (530)283-6310.
9. **DVD Service** - NSCLS DVD collection has been moved to the Orland Free Library. Contact them for loans (530) 865-1640.
10. **Consulting** - NSCLS System Administrator and Reference Librarians provide consultant services for System development and other services, as required.
12. **Workshops** - The System, in conjunction with member libraries, other Systems, and the State Library, develops and presents regional and local workshops on various subjects and fields of library work.

13. **Cooperative Program** - BALIS, 49-99, Mountain-Valley, North Bay and Peninsula Library System have agreed to use UPS for inter-system delivery. The UPS contract helps 104 libraries in Northern California to share resources conveniently.
14. **Children's Services:** The System has published a "Children's Services Training Manual," now in its 4th edition published in 2002 for distribution system wide, statewide and nationwide. The System Advisory Board supports children's programs with publicity materials and funding. A puppet collection is also owned and circulated among member libraries.
15. **Data Base Development** -The System coordinates and maintains a shared online catalog of member libraries' holdings called the OCLC Group Catalog. The catalog is always current and is used for bibliographic verification and for Interlibrary Loan. The URL for the catalog is www.calcat.org.
16. **Internet and World Wide Web** - North State libraries offer public access to the Internet and have home pages that are linked to from North State's web page at <http://www.nscls.org>.
17. **Video Teleconference Resources** - Some academic and public libraries have Video Teleconference capability. Currently the academic sites are Butte College, C.S.U. Chico, College of the Siskiyous, Lassen College and Shasta College. Public libraries having Video Teleconference units are Butte County (Chico Branch), Humboldt County, and Plumas County.

RURAL INITIATIVE

The California State Library's Rural Initiative is an LSTA funded project that directs additional resources to the state's geographically isolated public libraries. Based on a strategic plan for services that is updated regularly, the Rural Initiative continues to address the most critical needs identified by California rural libraries. It attempts to overcome great travel distances as well as severe weather and terrain issues that often impact the ability of remote libraries to participate in training, meetings, and networking opportunities.

The Rural Initiative works closely with [Infopeople](http://www.infopeople.com) to provide training to rural libraries in California. Infopeople also supports the Rural Initiative by providing website hosting, archiving of webcasts and videoconferences, and maintenance of the resource clearinghouse. The Rural Initiative, in cooperation with North State Cooperative Library System and Infopeople has increased training opportunities for rural libraries through a combination of on-ground and virtual training methods. There are no costs to the individual libraries for the Rural Initiative Infopeople workshops-- costs are covered by the Rural Initiative Grant. In addition, workshop participants or their libraries may be reimbursed for travel costs (other than lunch), and for the cost of hiring a substitute to cover desk time while a staff member participates in a workshop.

Four geographic areas of the state have been identified as places to reach the majority of rural libraries. The point person for North State is Margaret Miles, director of the Plumas County Library. For more information, go to the Rural Initiative webpage: <http://rurallibraries.org/training/faq.html>.

FUNDING SOURCES TO SUPPORT NSCLS SERVICE PROGRAMS BY FISCAL YEAR:

	<u>CLSA</u>	<u>LSTA</u>	<u>TBR</u>	<u>OTHER/LoC</u>
2000/2001	264,696	533,233	244,827	358,762
2001/2002	261,131	124,059	192,105	194,322
2002/2003	254,590	214,864	222,846	
2003/2004	230,461	253,355	200,000	82,481
2004/2005	237,952	281,398	208,064	
2005/2006	215,091	372,350	187,201	
2006/2007	217,850	190,280	178,827	

NSCLS STAFF:

Annette Milliron	System Administrator	NSCLS Hqs.- Santa Rosa
Patty Hector	Assistant System Administrator	NSCLS Hqs. – Santa Rosa
Dennis Cawthon	Driver/Clerk E.H. Rtes. 1 & 3	Willows

Tony Dover	Driver/Clerk E.H. Rtes. 1 & 3	Willows
Karl Johnston	Driver/Clerk E.H. Rtes. 1 & 3	Willows
Keith Melton	Driver/Clerk E.H.(Rtes. 2 & 5)	Redding

FUTURE:

The System supports the continuation of federal and state funding for library systems. It looks forward to creating networks of informational resources regionally and nationally that will provide improved interlibrary reference and loan service. .

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OTHER CALIFORNIA LIBRARY SYSTEMS:

- North Bay Cooperative Library System (**NBCLS**), Santa Rosa
- Mountain-Valley Library System (**MVLS**), Sacramento
- Bay Area Library and Information System (**BALIS**), San Mateo
- 49-99** Cooperative Library System, Stockton
- Peninsula Library System (**PLS**), San Mateo
- Monterey Bay Area Cooperative Library System (**MOBAC**), San Mateo
- Silicon Valley Library System (**SVLS**), San Mateo
- San Joaquin Valley Library System (**SJVLS**), Fresno
- Inland** Library System, Riverside
- South State** Cooperative Library System, Pasadena
- Black Gold** Cooperative Library System, Ventura
- Metropolitan Cooperative Library System (**MCLS**), Pasadena
- Santiago** Library System, Pasadena
- Serra** Library System, San Diego