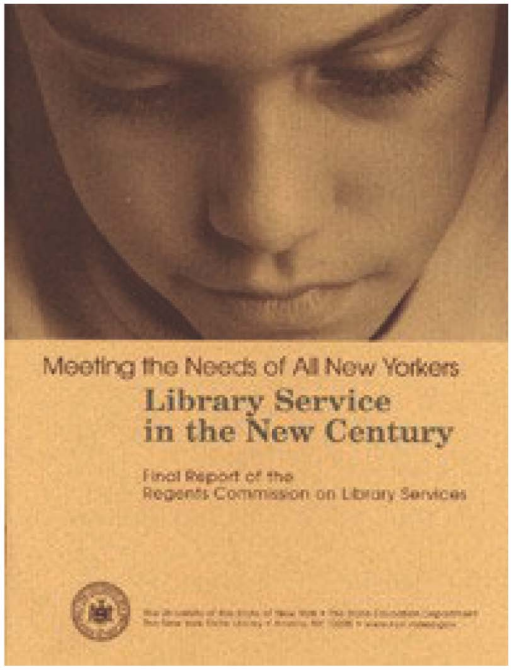
Meeting the Needs of All New Yorkers

Library Service in the 21st Century



The 10 recommendations of the Board of Regents Commission on Library Services provide the foundation for library policy in New York State.

1 Statewide Internet Library

Deliver high-quality, reliable digital information to all New Yorkers.

2 Strong School Libraries

Provide strong school library media programs including professional staff, adequate resources, and technology.

3 Local Public Libraries

Promote local public library service for all New Yorkers through the formation of Public Library Districts.

4 Equitable Library Service

Reduce disparities in public library funding and promote service excellence in all types of libraries and library systems.

5 Public Library Construction

Support public library construction, expansion, and renovation.

6 Urban Libraries

Help urban public libraries meet the unique needs of diverse, densely populated communities.

7 Literacy

Strengthen library literacy programs.

8 Specialized Library Resources

Increase access to and preserve for future generations the specialized resources of academic, special, and research libraries.

9 Skilled Library Staff

Enhance the library workforce to meet information needs.

10 New York State library

Strengthen the State Library's leadership capacity for improving library service for all New Yorkers.

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