

Library Legislative Platform 2010

Minnesota's Libraries support:

- An allocation of \$10 million for **Public Library Accessibility and Improvement Grants**.
- Capital budget proposals to improve **MnSCU library facilities** for: Alexandria Technical College; Minnesota State Community and Technical College – Moorhead; Hennepin Technical College—Eden Prairie; South Central College—Faribault; Minnesota State University, Moorhead; Technical College library renovations on eight campuses.
- The recommendations of the **Ultra High-Speed Broadband Task Force** in regard to implementing increased broadband capacity to K-12 schools and public libraries.
- The finalization and adoption of the **State Technology Standards** to ensure student success.
- The adoption by the Department of Education of the 2009 Refresh of MEMO's **Information and Technology Literacy Standards**.

MLA and MEMO will be reviewing and taking positions related to the following report:

- **Legislative Auditor's Report** (due out March 2010) regarding public library governance, organization and structure at the regional level, and funding.

As legislative opportunities arise, MLA and MEMO support:

- Funding for the **Minnesota Braille and Talking Book Library** at a level that ensures its vital services and programs are readily available to the vision impaired.
- A strong **State Library Services** agency and State Library Plan which ensures support and stable library services of all types for Minnesotans.
- **LGA/CPA** funding as these programs provide significant and essential support for consistent local library services across Minnesota.
- Funding for **programs in early learning and literacy**, including those that use the resources and expertise of libraries across the state.
- Stable and adequate funding for the **general education formula**.
- Dedicating permanent school trust fund revenues to **technology and school library media programs**.