

2014 PL Standards Review Questionnaire

Question #2: Are there any standards that are not currently addressed that you would like the taskforce to consider?

- Other levels of Library Certification?
- NO
- I don't have the answer for this but there has got to be a better way to determine the value of the Library rather than circulation statistics and program counts. For example, there are some Libraries that have a specialization that actually draws people to the city. Therefore, bringing money to the area businesses surrounding the Library. Perhaps a Library fills a specific niche for community partners by providing meeting room space or collaborating for a specific group or cause. There has got to be a way to reward libraries for community involvement/betterment.
- Unsure if this is even possible - but as long as we still have a board of trustees, it would help all public libraries if board members were at a minimum required to be computer / internet / technology literate. Libraries (& directors) suffer when a board does not want to move forward unless they are required by standards.
- No
- As we lose more and more of our budget, is it right thing that we lose our ratings as well?
- No
- n/a
- No
- I would like to see some expectations for market research - keeping in touch with customers and their changing needs.
- No
- A requirement to provide e-resources such as eBooks for users through individual library, consortium, or items available via ISL.
- No.
- None
- I would like the State Library to recognize the current challenges smaller libraries

face and realistically support our efforts to provide the best possible service to our patrons. They could start by addressing some of the current standards that were instituted to punish small libraries, i.e. if you are not in compliance your budget will be denied. The DLGF already threatens that at every possible regulation. Can the State Library return to supporting libraries rather than threatening them?

- No
- I hope you're spot-checking libraries to make sure they truthfully answer the questions on the annual report. Many are not.
- Requiring financial information to be visible on the library's website.
- None that I can think of right now.
- Neutral
- NO
- As an Evergreen Indiana, I would like to see financial support for other Libraries joining the consortium. The help we received was a part of our decision to migrate to Evergreen Indiana.