

FEDLINK Committees and Working Groups

We need your voice.

When federal libraries and information professions work together, we can be strategic with procurements, promote optimum and cost-effective common services, coordinate and share resources, and tailor continuing professional education specifically for our field. That's the FEDLINK mission.



To thrive, FEDLINK needs your insight, experience, and expertise to support these efforts. FEDLINK has standing and ad hoc committees to guide FEDLINK and working groups and advisory councils to support FEDLINK's initiatives.

To add your voice to this dynamic organization, please consider joining one or more of FEDLINK's working groups and taking advantage of these leadership opportunities. Take a look inside for a tour of the groups to find the one that best fits your interests and career. For more information, please call 202-707-4813 or send email to fliccfpe@loc.gov.



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Standing Committees

Awards Committee

Meets 2-4 times in the Winter and Spring



The Awards Committee manages the annual awards of the Federal Library, Federal Librarian and Federal Library Technician. From proposing nomination criteria to preparing the list of finalists for the FEDLINK Advisory Board, this group guides staff in the development of the nomination and selection process. New initiatives include identifying other awards for information professionals and promotion of the FEDLINK Awards program.

Budget and Finance Committee

Meets 2-4 times in the Winter and Spring

The Budget and Finance Committee assists the staff in developing an annual budget. The budget is presented to FEDLINK members and approved by the Library of Congress. The committee strives to provide members the most cost-effective FEDLINK services and conducts financial surveys of members and vendors to determine future budgets, products and services.

Membership and Governance Committee

Meets as needed

The Membership and Governance Committee advise FEDLINK on issues and questions of membership and governance. In particular, it advises on interpretations of the FEDLINK Bylaws and makes recommendations, and focuses on the selection and eligibility of members.

Nominating Committee

Meets 2 times in the Fall

The Nominating Committee proposes a slate of three to five candidates annually to be nominated for election to the FEDLINK Advisory Board.

Working Groups

American Indian Libraries

Meets Bimonthly

Initiatives

- ~ Creates a web-based resource clearinghouse
- ~ Identifies collaborations for preservation, digitization, cataloging and reference services
- ~ Develops event and training opportunities

Description

FEDLINK's American Indian Libraries Working Group works tangentially with the Library of Congress Ad Hoc Committee to form the American Indian Library Initiative (AILI) that spans efforts both by the Library of Congress and FEDLINK's member agencies and organizations. FEDLINK's working group will develop strategic goals and to support its member agencies in their effort to

- ~ Build an information culture among all levels from local to local and from local to national
- ~ Create a clearinghouse of resources among participants
- ~ Identify federal efforts to support American Indian Libraries in their preservation, digitization, cataloging, and reference services efforts
- ~ Integrate event and training opportunities on core information competencies
- ~ Promote existing federal resources in legal and STEM knowledge collections of value to American Indian libraries.

Education

Meets Bimonthly

Initiatives

- ~ Sponsors FEDLINK and Spring and Fall Expos
- ~ Hosts Great Escapes Library Tours
- ~ Creates and manages Handbook of Federal Librarianship
- ~ Offers Training Programs

Description

FEDLINK's Education Working Group plans and sponsors educational programs designed to meet the professional development of federal librarians and other library staff and to introduce the latest information policies, procedures, issues and technological developments that may affect federal libraries and information centers. The working group supports programs in the following areas:

- ~ information policy and the information profession;
- ~ management of information services
- ~ collection and resource development
- ~ organization and access of resources.
- ~ reference and user support.



FedGrey Working Group

Meets Bimonthly

Initiatives

- ~ Hosts GreyLit Conference biannually
- ~ Develops web-based Cold War resources
- ~ Highlights Open Access initiatives

Description

Grey literature is “information produced on all levels of government, academics, business and industry in electronic and print formats not controlled by commercial publishing, i.e., where publishing is not the primary activity of the producing body.” (as defined by the Grey Literature Network Service, 2004) To explore joint initiatives and collaborative opportunities between the U.S. and international grey literature communities, FEDLINK became an associate member of GreyNet International. FEDLINK’s FedGrey Working Group promotes federal library and information center interest, expertise and utilization of grey literature through discussion, research and access within the federal information community.

Human Resources

Meets Bimonthly

Initiatives

- ~ Leads discussions on 1410 Librarian Series
- ~ Acts as liaison to OPM and other professional organizations on personnel issues
- ~ Develops competencies for federal librarians,
- ~ Creates and manages the Federal Librarian Professional Development Roadmap
- ~ Offers mentoring

Description



The FEDLINK Human Resources Working Group develops positions and strategies to support professional personnel standards and recruitment initiatives. It promotes policies and actions that enhance the recognition and status of professional librarians in their evolving dynamic role for the 21st Century. The group interacts with the U.S. Office of Personnel Management and the U.S. Department of Labor to update standards, to identify and surface changing core competencies, and to identify, track, and evaluate new avenues for professional development.

Information Technology

Meets Bimonthly

Initiatives

- ~ Offers educational programs to keep federal libraries current on innovations and applications
- ~ Develops best practices for purchasing and using technology
- ~ Produces resources on information technology trends

Description

The Libraries and Emerging Technologies Working Group helps federal libraries and information centers become aware of and prepare for technology infused change and provides the knowledge required to positively influence decisions at all levels. The working group monitors technologies, practices and tools that have potential application in the Federal space and provide insight and commentary on how these emerging technologies might be incorporated into the services and business processes of libraries and information centers.



Library Technicians

Meets Bimonthly

Initiatives

- ~ Develops and hosts professional education programs
- ~ Spotlights recognition for technicians
- ~ Initiates research, projects, and curricular design
- ~ Collects web-based resources for career enhancement

Description

FEDLINK’s Library Technician working group provides a forum for of federal library technicians, paraprofessionals, and support staff to work together to improve the training, promotion, career development, and recognition of their series. It develops and offers training events, opportunities for career enhancement, and helping to establish a clearing house of skill sets for library support staff. The working group identifies core competencies for technicians and works to change the overall perception of the GS-1411 series as it relates to professional library work.

Preservation

Meets Bimonthly

Initiatives

- ~ Assesses federal preservation and digitization needs
- ~ Hosts educational programs
- ~ Promotes disaster plans development
- ~ Identifies funding from outside and inside the federal government
- ~ Researches, identifies, recommends, and promotes sound digital preservation policies, procedures and best practices



Description

This working group develops strategies for the long term preservation of and access to federal library resources. To do this, the group supports and promotes adherence to standards and recommended practice in federal preservation and access activities. It also develops recommendations for digitization programs that ensure responsible stewardship of federal digital assets. The group regularly sponsor is educational programs and fosters cooperation with other national and regional preservation groups. It also oversees the FEDLINK preservation services contracts and works with the U.S. Government Printing Office to offer library binding contracts that meet the needs of federal libraries and information centers.

Research and Metrics

Meets Bimonthly

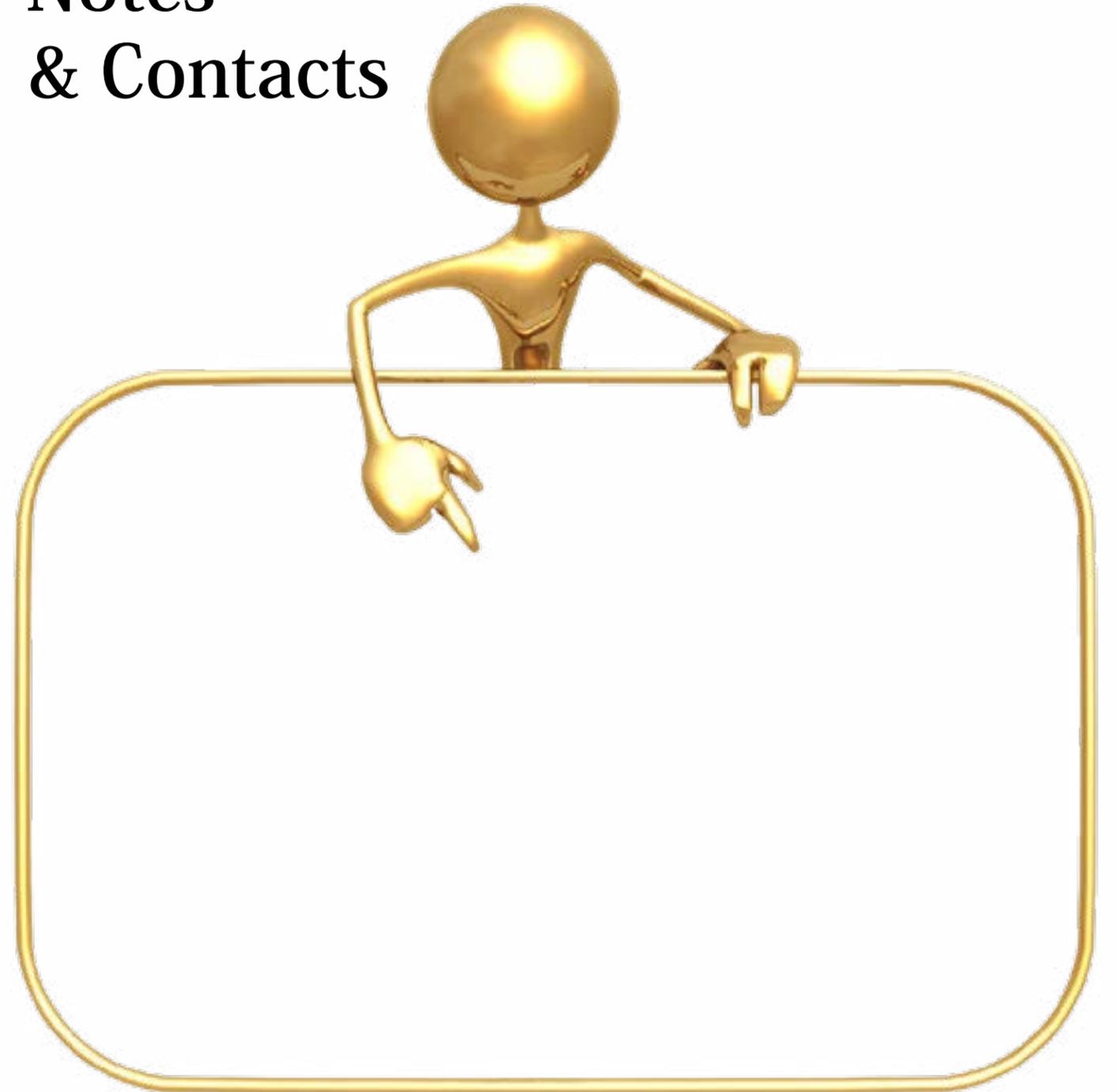
Initiatives

- ~ Identifying trends among members, vendors, and information science thought leaders;
- ~ Identifying priorities for research and inviting collaboration;
- ~ Creating a research agenda base on identified trends and priorities;
- ~ Conducting research consistent with these priorities and agenda; and
- ~ Providing the federal community and larger LIS community with useful research information.

Description

Research coordination across the federal enterprise is essential to making sound, smart investments with the resources available. To that end, FEDLINK, in collaboration with its members and other national organizations, investigates current trends and issues facing the information community. With relevant metrics, data sets, analysis, training, and education, FEDLINK ensures that federal libraries and information centers nationwide have the expertise and other resources necessary to make critical decisions about their services and programs. The working group has six areas as priorities for research: Demonstrating Value, Collections Management, Information Marketplace, Information Technology, Management Tools, and Cross Cutting Areas. In addition to managing the biannual Federal Library Census, the working group also supports FEDLINK's Research Agenda.

Notes & Contacts



More Information

To learn more about FEDLINK, its committees, working groups or programs, send FEDLINK an email to fliccfpe@loc.gov.

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