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## **Library Cooperatives**

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**257.40 Library cooperatives; legislative intent.**--It is the intent of the Legislature to meet the educational and informational needs of the residents of this state by encouraging and assuring cooperation among libraries of all types for the development of library services. It is the further intent of the Legislature to foster cooperative programs to meet the needs of state residents which cannot be met independently by local libraries; to build upon the strength of local libraries and to augment their resources with regional and statewide services; to maintain local autonomy and to make cooperation in regional or statewide activities voluntary; and to recognize programs of cooperation undertaken by libraries and provide for state financial assistance to encourage library cooperative development.

History.--s. 1, ch. 92-110.

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**257.41 Library cooperatives; organization; receipt of state moneys.**--

(1) Libraries that are under separate governances may establish nonprofit library cooperatives for the purpose of sharing resources. Library cooperatives shall be constituted of more than one type of library, including any combination of academic, school, special, state institutional, and public libraries.

(2) The Division of Library and Information Services of the Department of State shall establish operating standards and rules under which a library cooperative is eligible to receive state moneys. The division shall issue a certificate to each library cooperative that meets the standards and rules established under this subsection.

(3) A library cooperative that receives state moneys under ss. [257.40](#)-257.42 shall file with the Division of Library and Information Services on or before December 1 of each year a financial report on its operations and furnish the division with such other information as the division requires.

History.--s. 2, ch. 92-110; s. 5, ch. 99-238.

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**257.42 Library cooperative grants.**--The administrative unit of a library cooperative is eligible to receive an annual grant from the state of not more than \$400,000 for the purpose of sharing library resources based upon an annual plan of service and expenditure and an annually updated 5-year, long-range plan of cooperative library resource sharing. Those plans, which must include a component describing how the cooperative will share technology and the use of technology, must be submitted to the Division of Library and Information Services of the Department of State for evaluation and possible recommendation for funding in the division's legislative budget request. Grant funds may not be used to supplant local funds or other funds. A library cooperative must provide from local sources matching cash funds equal to 10 percent of the grant award.

History.--s. 3, ch. 92-110; s. 1, ch. 96-295.