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An interlocal agreement was signed in June 1996 by Baker, Bradford, and Union County Commissions after investigation of other Cooperative structures and agreements in Florida.

The library directors and interested citizens from each county met and forwarded recommendations to each county's advisory board and County Commission for approval. A governance structure was developed and approved. The director of Union County Public Library was appointed acting administrative head and the Cooperative, with the assistance of a consultant, developed a long range plan for the Cooperative and each library during the summer of 1996.

In May 1997, that same acting administrative head was appointed director of the Cooperative.

The Cooperative supports the three member libraries in areas of networking, Internet connections', automation, continuing education and outreach services in the areas of children's programming. A bookmobile is planned in the future.

Virginia K. Bird, Director
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