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Central Florida Library Cooperative, Inc.

The Central Florida Library Cooperative, Inc. (CFLC) is one of six regional multitype library cooperatives in the State of Florida. CFLC operates as a non-profit membership organization devoted to the sharing of resources among libraries and corporate information centers in 11 Central Florida counties: Brevard, Flagler, Indian River, Lake, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, St. Lucie, Sumter and Volusia.

Since its organization and incorporation in 1989, CFLC has grown from 25 member libraries to over 70 libraries and institutions. Our current membership consists of 14 county public library systems and municipal public libraries, all of the area's community colleges and public universities, several private academic colleges and proprietary schools, 2 public school districts, and many research, corporate and special libraries, representing some of Central Florida's largest and most prestigious companies. Staff of member libraries are encouraged to participate in their organization through active involvement on a variety of standing Committees and Special Interest Groups. We are also proud of our affiliation with other organizations and non-profit groups such as the Florida Nonprofit Resource Center and the Orange County Bar Association.

While the methods for attaining our goals have changed over the years to meet the diverse and ever-changing needs of our member libraries and their users, our overall mission remains "to identify and improve library resources and services, to strengthen cooperative library resource sharing, to enhance the effectiveness of member libraries and their staffs, and to meet the information needs of Central Florida residents by providing seamless access to the wealth of information available through our member libraries."

CFLC's focus on technology and "high-tech" training for Central Florida's citizens and information providers underscores our many programs and services. The Board of Directors and Staff of CFLC are very proud of our recently remodeled state-of-the-art Training Facility at our Maitland headquarters, where we offer a wide range of hands-on Internet and computer skills workshops and continuing

education workshops. CFLC is also committed to continuing to host a series of forums and lectures on topics of interest to our members and the community, featuring prominent speakers in librarianship and related professions.

The Cooperative is governed by a nine member Board of Directors, representing each type of [full] member institution. CFLC's daily operations are administered by Marta Westall, its Executive Director, assisted by a professional staff. We also encourage and welcome assistance from graduate interns from the University of South Florida School of Library and Information Science.