

MVLS Mission DRAFT

MVLS Mission Statement

The Mohawk Valley Library System educates, empowers and supports public libraries in Fulton, Montgomery, Schenectady and Schoharie Counties, helping libraries enrich their communities.

MVLS History

The Mohawk Valley Library System was organized in 1959 and chartered by the State Education Department in 1960 as one of 23 Public Library Systems in New York State. Library systems provide for public library services for all and foster collaboration among libraries, working primarily through the independent, local public libraries in the region. MVLS works with the 14 chartered public libraries in Fulton, Montgomery, Schenectady and Schoharie Counties. Governed by a 13 member Board of Trustees representing the four counties, MVLS operates under a state-approved Plan of Service.

Since 1984, MVLS has maintained a cooperative agreement with the Southern Adirondack Library System (SALS) through which the two systems work together to provide a computerized integrated library system, shared union library catalog, and full network and computer support for all member libraries in an 8 county area.

MVLS Services

- Resource sharing including cooperative purchasing, interlibrary loan and delivery
- An integrated library computer system with full network and workstation support
- Specialized services to specific groups including adult literacy and TASC, various impaired or disabled populations, the economically disadvantaged and those incarcerated
- Early literacy, family literacy, children's and teen services
- Programs for adult learners including literature, technology and business workshops
- Expertise, vision and innovation offered through Continuation Education and Consultation
- Networking, information exchange and collaboration among libraries and with other agencies
- Promotion of library services in the wider community