



STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Purpose

The purpose of SCRLC is to serve its Members by improving reference and research library services, and to promote interlibrary cooperation in the use of such resources (Charter §2). SCRLC was established through a provisional charter issued by the New York Board of Regents on May 25, 1967 and an absolute charter granted on May 22, 1972.

Mission:

SCRLC empowers members through sustainable collaboration, advocacy, learning, and creativity.

Vision:

South Central Regional Library Council envisions a future where [all people](#) who live, work, and study in our communities have equitable, [sustainable](#), and reliable access to trustworthy information resources and are competent in [all literacies](#). Our members welcome and value all people, and [all people](#) feel that they belong in our member organizations.

Values:

- **Advocacy** that increases recognition of members' impact and societal importance.
- **Collaboration** that builds enduring relationships and empowers members to meet their communities' needs.
- **Diversity, Inclusion, Justice, and Accessibility** in support of respect, well-being, and the humanity of all.
- **Equity** of access to credible information and the literacy skills necessary for critical thinking.
- **Future-forward thinking** that anticipates trends and adapts to the evolving needs of our members.
- **Intellectual Freedom and Privacy** that upholds and protects the right of all people to seek information freely and without restriction, surveillance, or self-censorship.
- **Learning** that is responsive, relevant, engaging, and transformational.
- **Sustainability** of our organization, our members, and our physical and intellectual environments.

Strategic Directions:

The Strategic Directions succinctly express our vision, mission, and values, leading to their realization. They are integrated throughout the Plan of Service, informing the Program & Services goals, objectives, outcomes.

South Central Regional Library Council:

1. advocates for its members.
2. cultivates learning.
3. serves as a catalyst for diversity, equity, inclusion, justice, and accessibility.
4. facilitates partnerships and collaboration.
5. encourages future-forward thinking.
6. prioritizes sustainability.

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