The Standards: A Brief Overview

The Standards are reviewed about every 5 years.

– *The last revision was in 2010*

A lot has changed in library services since the current format was developed.

– *Digital items, gathering spaces, programming, etc.*

These considerations called for a much more comprehensive review process.

The Standards: The Process

A task force of more than 32 library professionals from across the state, representing 15 systems.

– *Steering Group and 3 focus teams (Admin & Governance, Collections & Services, Access & Facilities)*

Groups were established in 2015 and process culminated after the Standards Revision Summit on April 5, 2017.

Final document was published in March 2018.

The NEW Standards!

What has changed--

- *More concise*

- *Technology has been incorporated into other categories*

- *Quantitative standards are more granular*

- *Added statutory and system membership requirements*

- *Tier structure*

Tiered Standards

Tier One: The minimum standard of service that should be available to all residents of the state; all must be reached

Tier Two: An expansion beyond Tier One; all of Tier One, then at least all but 2 of Tier Two (not in same category)

Tier Three: The highest standard of service; all of Tiers One and Two, then at least all but 2 of Tier Three (not in same category)

Questions?

How to Use the New Standards

The New Standards

- *How to find the Sixth Edition (2018) from*

  https://dpi.wi.gov/

- *A walking tour of the document*

- *A helpful checklist*

How to Use the New Standards

Self-evaluation tool

– *Identify areas of strength*

– *Recognize areas for improvement*

➢ ***Set goals and develop strategic plan***

➢ ***Provide data needed to assist in gaining community support***

  ➢ ***Here is an example***

How to Use the New Standards

The New Standards

– *A few words about the Quantitative Standards*

- *Where they are located*

- *How they are calculated*

- *What they are good for… and what they are not good for*

Service v. Municipal Population

– Service Population more accurately reflects the services that a library provides

– Any of the methods provided in Appendix C will work, depending on a library's unique situation

– Municipal population *might* be beneficial when discussing funding with the library's municipality

➢ **Trustees may wish to discuss this with the library director to determine the most appropriate population calculator**

Example: Hypothetical Public Library

– Municipal population = 10,000

– Extended service population = 19,500

➢ **Which would you use?**

– Municipal population = 5,000

– Extended service population = 5,500

– **What about this one?**

What's Next: A Web Interface

– Not in production yet; funds already available

– Snapshot of the library's current levels of standards

- Compared to libraries statewide
- Compared to "like" libraries
  – *What does "like" mean?*

Also:

– Space planning update

– Inclusive Services companion tool

– Glossary

Thank You!

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