



Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System
Olean Public Library
James Prendergast Library Association



Co-Central Library Plan, 2017-2021

Purpose Statement

Central Library Development Aid (CLDA) and Central Book Aid (CBA) are used to supplement member library reference and nonfiction collections, support system-wide databases, and provide reference services and training to member libraries.

1. CLDA funds will support training and research assistance to member library staff so that they may better assist patrons
2. CBA funds will expand access to nonfiction and reference materials, and eMaterial databases available for member library use

Goal Statements

Goal 1—Collection Development and Resource Sharing

Member Libraries will have access to high quality research collections and training at their Co-Central libraries

Actions:

1. CBA funds will be used to fill non-fiction subject area gaps not well covered by other member libraries, keep central reference materials current, and develop foreign language collections to meet community needs.
2. CBA funds will be used to support central databases and eMaterials platforms.
3. Yearly, shared electronic databases will be evaluated for cost effectiveness and use.

Goal 2—Reference Services

Member Libraries will have access to high quality central reference services

Actions:

1. CLDA funds will be used to provide Member Library staff and patrons with remote reference services through phone and email.
2. Co-Centrals will explore options to expand virtual reference services such as chat and text.

Goal 3—Professional Development

Member Libraries will have professional development opportunities to improve reference assistance, readers advisory, and database navigation

Actions:

1. Each Co-Central will use CLDA funds to provide at least four professional development training opportunities to Member Libraries in areas such as reference, readers advisory, circulation, and databases.
2. Co-Centrals will support System-led training opportunities by providing space and technical assistance.
3. Co-Central staff will regularly share knowledge and expertise through system newsletters, email lists, and other channels.

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