

DISTRICT & LIBRARY ACRONYMS AND TERMS

ALA	American Library Association ALA is headquartered in Chicago, Illinois and its purpose is to advance and advocate the profession of librarianship.
ARSL	Association for Rural and Small Libraries ARSL builds strong communities through advocacy, professional development, and elevating the impact of rural and small libraries.
AUN	A nine-digit number permanently assigned to a PA library or a library system by the PA Department of Education.
CCA	County Coordination Aid A tier of funding distributed to some county systems (formal or informal) to increase efforts and collaborate on enhanced library services among all participating libraries
CE	Continuing Education State Law requires each public library director earn at least eight hours annually, and staff working 20 hours or more a week must earn six hours every two years.
CIPA	Children’s Internet Protection Act This act requires Internet filtering in schools and public libraries which receive federal funding. **Essential for compliance for E-Rate funding support.
CSLP	Collaborative Summer Learning Program Themes and manuals for national summer learning programs
DAC	District Advisory Council The District Advisory Council is made up of 16 members from the district and meets 3 times per year to disseminate news, strategic planning, district budgeting and a forum for library directors and trustees.
DEIA	Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility
DLC	District Library Center There are 29 DLC’s statewide. Commonwealth Libraries designates DLC’s based on the strength and size of the library. James V Brown Library is the DLC for the North Central Library District, The North Central Library District is comprised of 11 counties and 40 public libraries.
E-Rate	Created by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, E-Rate refers to the discount schools and public libraries can receive on telecommunication and Internet costs. The discount is based on the rate of NSLP (National School Lunch Program) rate in each library’s service area. E-Rate applications are filed yearly.

EIN	Entity Identification Number Obtained through Sam.gov. Any library receiving federal funds needs to have one.
FEIN	Federal Employee Identification Number A number issued by the IRS to identify an individual employer (e.g., the library).
FTE	Full Time Equivalent Full time equivalent is the total of the library weekly staff hours, divided by the number of hours in the library's standard work week, but no less than 35 hours. This figure is reported on the public library's annual report.
GAC	Governor's Advisory Council on Library Development The GAC is composed of 12 members appointed by the Governor. Members serve four-year terms and meet at least three times a year. The GAC, as stated by the Library Code, is "to promulgate rules and regulations for the approval of plans for the use of State funds".
IDS	Interlibrary Delivery System IDS provides a mechanism by which materials can be shipped from one library to another for the purpose of fulfilling interlibrary loan requests. Currently used primarily by the DLC to send interlibrary loan packages.
IFC	Intellectual Freedom Committee A committee of the Pennsylvania Library Association whose goal is to support members and libraries going through censorship attempts.
ILL	Interlibrary Loan The process by which a library can request materials it doesn't own from another library. This allows library patrons with access to materials statewide and nationwide. Much of the ILL process takes place through Access PA.
ILS	Integrated Library System Also known as automation system. This is a cataloging and circulation system. For some systems, this may include acquisitions and serials.
IMLS	Institute of Museum & Library Services IMLS is an independent federal agency that provides library grants, museum grants, policy development, and research.
ISP	Internet Service Provider A commercial or nonprofit organization providing Internet connections to individuals and organizations.
JVB	James V Brown Library The district library center for the North Central Library District.

LFE	Local Financial Effort The amount expended by a library as reported on the State Annual Report. It is composed of local government support, fines, fees, etc. LFE cannot drop from one year to the next by State law. Loss of Incentive Aid may result if LFE drops. LFE is the figure upon which incentive state aid is based.
LIBRARY SERVICE AREA	State designated area for which a library receives state aid.
LSTA	Library Services and Technology Act This is a federal grant program administered by Commonwealth Libraries. This competitive grant provides money for projects to improve library services.
NCLD	North Central Library District Encompasses Bradford, Potter, Tioga, Clinton, Lycoming, Sullivan, Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Union and Snyder Counties.
NNLM	Network of National Libraries of Medicine A collaboration of members, the Network is comprised of academic health sciences libraries, hospital, pharmaceutical and other special biomedical libraries, public libraries, information centers and community-based organization.
OCL	Office of Commonwealth Libraries Pennsylvania's state agency that administers state funding and accounts for the standards which libraries follow. Sometimes known as "the State;" Under the umbrella of the Pennsylvania Department of Education
OCLC	[No longer stands for an acronym] - Provider of WorldCat This is a national database of libraries' holdings and catalog records. Libraries who belong to OCLC use OCLC for cataloging and interlibrary loans. District member libraries can request ILL support through JVB for OCLC's services.
OPAC	Online Public Access Catalog This is the automated version of the old card catalog. Most major libraries have their catalog online, so staff/patrons may refer to the "online catalog" or just the "catalog."
PaLA	Pennsylvania Library Association PA's counterpart to ALA; Works with lobbying group to gain support for library funding
PDE	Pennsylvania Department of Education Parent agency that oversees the Office of Commonwealth Libraries. Other agencies include Pre-K, K-12, and post-secondary public education.
PLA	Public Library Association

	A division of the American Library Association. Supports the needs of public library professionals.
SALSA	State Aid Library Subsidy Application Each state aided library completes this in the summer.
STATE AID	Money received from the State to enhance library services. There are different levels of State Aid each of which have more stringent standards that have to be met in order to qualify. The different levels are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Quality Libraries Aid ● Incentive for Excellence Aid ● County Coordination Aid ● District Library Center Aid Equal Grant Aid
TIMS	Teacher Information Management System Certification portal for librarians to verify the status of their certification level
UEI	Unique Entity Identifier a number issued by the System for Award Management (SAM) to identify businesses and other entities that do business with the federal government.
UNION CATALOG	The joint catalog of holdings of two or more libraries
WAFL	Waiver Assessment for Libraries In conjunction with the SALSA, this document determines if the library needs to apply for a waiver for state aid standards.