

Resolution on Library Statistics

- WHEREAS, Libraries and media centers provide access to the world's recorded knowledge and information which is crucial to support educational, economic, governmental, scientific and technical, and cultural developments in the United States; and
- WHEREAS, The collection, analysis, and timely dissemination of statistics about libraries and media centers, and their services, including through the depository library program, is necessary to determine the adequacy of citizen access to information and the condition of the network of agencies providing such access; and
- WHEREAS, The U. S. Center for Education Statistics provides the national framework essential to the collection or compilation of library statistics; and
- WHEREAS, The U. S. Center for Education Statistics, in response to suggestions from the library community, has expanded communications with librarians and professional organizations; begun exploring better ways to collect data on libraries, and is issuing the results in a more timely manner; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the American Library Association commend the U. S. Center for Education Statistics for recent achievements; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That the American Library Association communicate to the Department of Education and the U. S. Congress support for adequate appropriations for the U. S. Center for Education Statistics to ensure comprehensive, accurate, and timely collection, analysis, and dissemination of statistical data about libraries and media centers.

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