

What to Expect From Your Regional Consultant

What is KDLA?

The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives is a state government agency whose mission is to support and promote access to library services and to ensure that documentation of government activities is created, preserved, and made available for public use. For public libraries, the most visible aspect of KDLA is the regional consultant.

And what is a regional consultant?

A regional consultant is a librarian who serves a specific geographic area and helps your library navigate the complicated arena of contemporary libraries. We are here to help you and your director and library staff create a library that is an indispensable part of your community.

Some of the things a regional consultant does to serve libraries include:

- Attend board meetings to get to know your library and your community in order to offer the most relevant information possible to your library director and board;
- Advise your director (and the board) on policy development, personnel issues, public relations, grant writing, collection development and other library issues;
- Serve as a resource person to offer you new ideas and best practice information from around Kentucky and the world;
- Provide training and orientation for local trustees and library staff as requested;
- Guide you to use the Kentucky Public Library Standards to provide your community with the library it needs;
- Assist with the library's Annual Report and other government-required reports;
- Conduct meetings for the region's directors and other special groups of employees;
- Help you decide when to call for assistance;
- Assist you in making the best decisions for your library and your community.

Regional Consultants are here to help you make your library a place your friends and neighbors can't do without!