

Public Mandates and Priorities

PMAP – 1: Adhering to IN Library Standards Established in 590 IAC 6.

Effective January 1, 2011 a revised set of State Standards for Indiana Public Libraries were established by the Indiana Library and Historical Board to

- 1) encourage libraries to maintain a minimum level of service; and
- 2) to establish criteria for eligibility to receive state and federal funds.

The funds affected include:

- State Technology Grants
- E-Rate Funds for Internet connectivity
- Discounts on state-wide services for which the IN State Library charges (i.e. InfoExpress)
- PLAC distribution
- Other State Funds
- LSTA grants

As defined by 590 IAC 6-1-2, JCPL is a Class A Library. Class A libraries are held to higher standards than either Class B or Class C libraries. The standards encompass all aspects of library operations including but not exclusive of staffing, hours of operations, planning, budgeting, programming and technology.

Implications for JCPL

- JCPL must comply with every standard without exception in order to be eligible for state and federal funding.
- JCPL, as a Class A Library, will have to continue to allocate a significant portion of the Operating Fund budget to hours of operation and staffing.
- In order to maintain JCPL's exceptional status, more resources will have to be allocated to collections/technology and programming.