

Library Commission Passes Strategic Plan

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Every five years MLS develops a new Strategic Plan to help staff and administration focus on responses to specific goals of the library system. Recently, development of the new plan was kick started by meetings of five focus groups—

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three with staff and two with library commissioners. The information and ideas that came out of those meetings supplied what was needed for the first stage in the planning process.

In addition, through workshops and networking we have been able to see

what public libraries across the country are doing to reach their public service goals. Locally, **Kay Bauman**, MLS Deputy Executive Director for Library Operations, and her staff researched the city, county and state strategic plans.

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The Ad Team then met with the Managers of Library Operations for further brainstorming, and finally all the data and creative ideas came together in a proposed Strategic Plan.

We think our Planning for Results will allow MLS to maintain, through the first five years of Oklahoma's second century, its traditional position as our state's leader in public library service.

