

POLICY: **INTERLINK**

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COMMITTEE: Governance	PASSED: January 2009
TOPIC: InterLINK	AMENDED: 24 March 2016; 26 May 2016
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PURPOSE

This policy acknowledges value of NVDPL membership in InterLINK and describes the Library Board's InterLINK representative's role.

POLICY

One trustee of the NVDPL Library Board serves on the InterLINK Board of Directors, selected at the first NVDPL Board meeting of the year. An alternate is also selected at the first NVDPL Board meeting of the year. The Director of Library Services is a member of the InterLINK Administrators Advisory Committee.

The Trustee representative is the voice for NVDPL on the InterLINK Board as directed by the Board or by Board motion. (The alternate may vote and speak at InterLINK Board meetings when the representative is not able to attend upon informing the InterLINK secretary of their attendance).

The InterLINK representative's duties, functions or responsibilities are:

- To attend InterLINK board meetings and committee meetings as required
- To represent the interests of NVDPL to InterLINK Board, and InterLINK Board to NVDPL
- To attend InterLINK events on behalf of NVDPL
- To keep the NVDPL Board well informed of InterLINK issues and activities
- To act as an advocate for resource sharing and open access for public libraries

BACKGROUND

InterLINK is a valued partner organization which supports resource sharing activities amongst 18 member libraries, thus enhancing the Library's service and collections capacity. InterLINK's mission is to promote the provision of open access to library services and to develop collaborative services. Services to member libraries include:

- Facilitates open access to 18 member libraries for all residents and provides delivery service
- Coordinates Audiobook services
- Supports Interlibrary Loan
- Manages and distributes net compensation funds to net service providers
- Coordinates collaborative activities to support and benefit members
- Develops partnerships to support InterLINK and expand open access
- Provides a forum for member communication

- Acts as an advocate for libraries

The NVDPL Library is a member of Public Library InterLINK. The complete list of current members:

Bowen Island Public Library Association
Burnaby Public Library
Coquitlam Public Library
Fraser Valley Regional Library
Gibsons & District Public Library
Lillooet Area Library Association
New Westminster Public Library
North Vancouver City Public Library
North Vancouver District Public Library
Pemberton & District Public Library
Port Moody Public Library
Richmond Public Library
Sechelt Public Library
Squamish Public Library
Surrey Public Library
Vancouver Public Library
West Vancouver Memorial Library
Whistler Public Library

North Vancouver District Public Library became a member of the Greater Vancouver Library Federation from its inception in 1975 and then became a member of InterLINK in 1992.

RESPONSIBILITY

The Board is responsible for maintaining this Policy.

The Director of Library Services is responsible for administering this Policy.