

Minnesota Library Systems Governance Summary
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Region	Statutory Basis	Number of Board Members	Composition
Arrowhead Library System (ALS) Federated	134.20, subd. 2	20	<p>Combination of members appointed by each participating county and members of local library boards elected by a vote of library boards in each county. Numbers of appointees and electees varies among the counties. Three board seats are specifically reserved for members of the Duluth Public Library board. County board appointees need not be commissioners.</p> <p><i>[Note: Generally ALS operates with a 20-member Board. If all potential seats on the ALS Board were filled, they would have 24 members. The three seats that are specifically designated for the Duluth Public Library board have been vacant for over 12 years, the last time all 3 seats were filled was the early 1980s.]</i></p>
East Central Regional Library (ECRL) Consolidated	134.20, subd. 2 and 471.59	18	<p>Combination elected official and citizen board. Three appointments by each county, of which not more than one can be a county commissioner. Based on current and previous practice, the composition includes one commissioner and two citizens.</p>
Great River Regional Library (GRRL) Consolidated	134.20, subd. 2	15	<p>Combination elected official and citizen board. Each of the counties has a commissioner on the regional board and the remaining slots are apportioned according to population. Todd, Morrison and Benton counties each only have a county commissioner representing them; Sherburne County has two citizen reps, one county commissioner; Wright County has three citizen reps, and one county commissioner; Stearns county has four citizen reps and one county commissioner.</p>
Kitchigami Regional Library (KRL) Consolidated	134.20, subd. 2	19	<p>Representative of city and county members and appointed by their respective county boards or city councils</p>

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Lake Agassiz Regional Library (LARL) Consolidated	134.20, subd. 2	23	<p>Combination of elected officials and citizens.</p> <p>Consists of one member for each of 7 counties and 5 cities, as well as every 6,000 people. Members must be residents of the political subdivision making the appointment. Only one, of the members of each area may be a member of the governing body making the appointment. Currently of 23 members, 10 are elected officials (city council members or county commissioners) and the rest are citizens with three vacancies).</p>
Metropolitan Library Service Agency (MELSA) Federated	134.20, subd. 2 and 471.59	8	<p>The Board of MELSA shall consist of one representative from each Member. The Board of Commissioners of each Member that is a county shall appoint, by resolution, its representative to the Board. The mayor and city council of the City of Saint Paul shall select the City of Saint Paul's representative to the Board. No representative may be an employee of any of the Members' library systems. Current practice is a county commissioner represents county members; citizen members represent the city members.</p>
Northwest Regional Library (NWRL) Consolidated	134.20, subd. 2	16	<p>The Commissioners of each participating county appoint one trustee which may be a member of the Board of Commissioners. The City Council of each participating city appoint one trustee who may be a member of the city library board (if there is one.) In addition each Board of County Commissioners shall appoint one additional member of each 6,000 people or major percentage (85%) thereof. No county shall have more than four representatives.</p> <p><i>[Note: Each Branch has either a Friends Group or Library Advisory Board. The NWRL Board is the official board for the library system.]</i></p>
Pioneerland Library System (PLS) Consolidated	134.20, subd. 2	35	<p>Members are appointed by their governmental units, consisting of one person appointed by the member (Note; PLS has 27 members-9 counties and 18 cities) In addition, each member shall appoint one additional person for each 9,000 persons residing within the member.</p>

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Plum Creek Library System (PCLS) Federated	134.20, subd. 2	18	Combination elected official and citizen board. One county commissioner and one citizen representative from each of the nine PCLS counties
Southeastern Libraries Cooperating (SELCO) Federated	134.20, subd. 2 and 317A	38	Citizen board One appointee from each public library board and a potential member from each of 11 counties. Currently three counties opt for individual members, eight counties delegate their appointee from the list of current appointees from that county.
Traverse des Sioux Library System (TdS) Federated	134.20, subd. 2	9	One board member from each county. TdS Bylaws state that Board reps have to serve on local city and county library boards to be on the TdS Board. Local Boards assign the reps. to the TdS Board.
Viking Library System (VLS) Federated	134.20, subd. 2	19	Citizen Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One representative from each member library board who must reside within community • One representative from each county. May or may not be commissioner and must live within county but not in community with member library. • Two additional members, one from the lakes area around Fergus Falls and one additional from Douglas County. Because of population densities in those areas.