



April 16, 2009

Annette Milliron, Executive Director
NorthNet Library System
55 E Street
Santa Rosa, CA 95404-4728

Dear Annette,

The California Library Services Act, Education Code Section 18700 et seq., is administered by the State Librarian, at the policy direction of the Library of California Board. Specific program requirements adopted by the Board are found in the State Administrative Code, Title 5, Sec. 20100 et seq. Program grants are awarded to eligible library systems on an annual schedule and administered locally by the System Administrative Council. Over the past few years the California State Library has encouraged and supported the consolidation efforts of cooperative library systems throughout the state to achieve efficiencies and realize further economies of scale.

To recognize the eligibility of the NorthNet Library System to apply for CLSA funds the Board approved on August 7, 2008 the joint notice of intent submitted on behalf of the Mountain Valley Library System, North Bay Cooperative Library System, and North State Cooperative Library System to consolidate its operations and services into a single Cooperative Library System, contingent upon all 3 necessary local System consolidation agreements and by-laws being approved and in force by June 1, 2009.

To assist in budget allocations, the Board also approved on August 7, 2008 the policy for allocation of CLSA System-level funding for Reference, Communications & Delivery, and Advisory Boards for the 2009/10 fiscal year that allows two or more CLSA Cooperative Library Systems to consolidate and retain the same funding level by simply adding together the allocations for each System.

We look forward to seeing the very first System Plan of Service for the NorthNet Library System and remain ready to assist you in any way we can to assure future success.

Sincerely,

Gerald Maginnity, Chief
Library Development Services Bureau