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For necessary expenses of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, established by the Act of July 29, 1970 (Public Law 91-345, as amended by Public Law 102-95 and Public Law 108-81), \$993,993 (Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005)

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U.S. NATIONAL COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE (NCLIS)

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

<u>FY 2005</u> <u>FY 2006</u>

Appropriation: \$1,000,000 Budget request: \$993,000

Full-time-equivalent positions: 5* Full-time-equivalent positions: 5*

As with other advisory bodies, the Commission's annual appropriation is largely for its "salaries and expenses." Salaries and benefits for Commissioners and staff are the Commission's single largest expense, as they are for most advisory agencies. Salaries and benefits utilize 79% of the Commission budget requested.

Other Commission expenses can be summarized in two general categories: (1) travel and meetings; (2) administrative expenses, which include rent and associated security fees, the T-1 line for Internet access, and our inter-agency agreement with the Department of Education for administrative, human resources, and financial support services. Support for travel is essential since the Commissioners, located throughout the Nation, are intermittent federal employees, who travel to Washington, DC, and other locations for Commission meetings and other Commission business.

TOTAL	993	100%
Administrative	192	19%
Travel and meetings	15	2%
Salaries and benefits	786	79%
Resources for FY 2006 (in thousands)	\$\$ (in 000s)	Percent

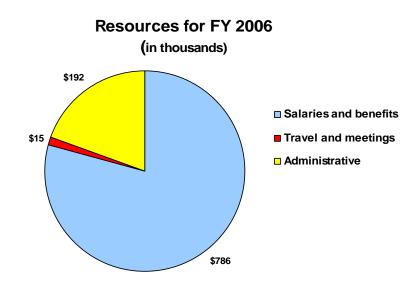
^{*}Number of positions does not include Commissioners (who all together are one FTE)

Facing current economic realities, and supporting the President's goal to spend taxpayer dollars wisely and hold down government costs, the following operational expenses will be very limited:

- Telephone and teleconferencing services
- Printing
- Postage, Express Mail, and Messenger Services
- Consulting services
- Temporary staffing and meeting support (transcriptions services, site rental, etc.)
- Training
- Facility maintenance fees
- Equipment service contracts

- Web hosting and electronic media storage contracts
- Information technology work station and server software licenses
- Software/equipment/reference and supply purchases
- Subscriptions and institutional memberships/professional meeting registrations
- Office machines and equipment purchase/rental
- General office supplies

A limited number of these items will be paid from off setting collections through anticipated NCES interagency agreement. As much as possible, Commission activities and initiatives will be supported through volunteer efforts of the Commissioners themselves, (they are unpaid except when in attendance at attendance at official Commission functions, for which they are compensated as intermittent federal employees), with staff when available or by funds contributed by partnership organizations, or donated to the Gift Account.



BACKGROUND

Public law 91-345 (20 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.), signed July 20, 1970, established the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science as a permanent, independent agency in the Executive Branch.

The Commission includes the Librarian of Congress, the Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and fourteen Commissioners appointed by the President and confirmed by the senate for five-year terms. President Bush appointed twelve new Commissioners in January 2004, bringing the Commission to full strength, and designated Beth Fitzsimmons of Michigan as Chairman.

Staff at the Commission includes the interim executive director (appointed in November 2004), a director of operations, a director of statistics and surveys, an administrative officer with records management and archives specialization, and a special assistant for technology. Specialized consultants and temporary support staff are engaged to provide additional essential services for the agency. In the past, NCLIS staff has also included a deputy director, a director of legislative and public affairs, and research associates, as well as support staff and consultants in varying numbers according to funding levels and program requirements for individual fiscal years (see "Appropriations History", page 20).

The Commissioners and staff recognize their obligation to organize their work in such a way that—as a federal agency—the Commission supports presidential initiatives. For both FY 2005 and FY 2006, these initiatives are winning the war on terror, protecting the homeland, and strengthening the economy. That requirement is met in this appropriations request for FY 2006.

The Commission also recognizes that an agency of the federal government, NCLIS must match the President's Management Agenda Initiatives. Agency management has made special efforts to ensure that the Commission's work supports these elements.

The key statutory functions of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) can be summarized as follows:

- NCLIS *identifies the needs* of the people of the United States for library and information services.
- NCLIS *translates those needs* into recommendations for national policy.
- NCLIS *advises the President*, the Congress, state and local governments and others on implementation of national policy.

To carry out these functions, NCLIS:

- Conducts studies, surveys and analyses of the nation's library and information needs;
- Appraises the adequacies and deficiencies of current library and information resources and research and development activities;

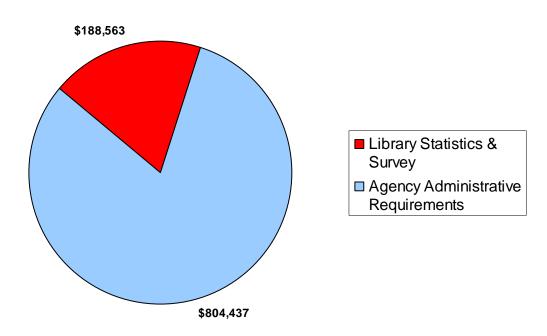
- Conducts meetings, hearings and forums;
- Issues reports and publications.

This budget request is organized by a master list of program areas around which NCLIS shapes its yearly priorities. These program areas are vast, complex and critical to meeting the needs of the American people for library and information services. NCLIS is uniquely mandated and uniquely qualified—particularly with its new focus and its specialized members—to undertake initiatives relating to these important topics. With appropriate support, it will do so increasingly and deliberately in collaboration with other agencies and departments of the federal government and with other public and private partners. However, under the Commission's current financial restraints, the first two of these program areas cannot be implemented during FY 2006. They are described here, to show what we will attempt to do with volunteer efforts of the Commissioners and the possibility of contributions from outside partners or donations to the Gift Account.

1.	Policy Planning and Advice	\$0
2.	Information Policy	\$0
3.	Library Statistics & Surveys	\$188,563
4.	Agency Administrative Requirements	\$804,437
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TOTAL \$993,000

FY 2006 Program Areas



COMMISSION PRIORITIES

Priorities may shift, depending on requests from the Administration and the Congress, in response to unexpected technological and policy developments elsewhere, or plans made by Commissioners, the Executive Director and the staff as part of a continuing strategic process. Each program area is critical to the mission and responsibilities of the Commission; moreover, each area to the greatest extent possible, thereby maximizing the timeliness and utility of the Commission's advice to the President, the Congress and others with responsibility for programs that affect the library and information services available to the American people.

The six areas that the current Commission emphasizes are as follows:

- 1. Emergency preparedness and the role of libraries as community distribution centers for emergency preparedness and disaster response information
- 2. Health communication and an expanded role for libraries in the distribution of consumer health information and in promoting healthy lifestyles for all Americans
- 3. Adequacies and deficiencies of current library and information resources and services, and the effectiveness of current library and information science programs [Note: This function is a specific statutory responsibility for the Commission.]
- 4. Information dissemination about the relationship based on scientific research and evidence between school libraries and educational achievement
- 5. Library services for the aging [Note: This function is a specific statutory responsibility for the Commission.]
- 6. International library and information science issues, particularly information about America and the role of libraries in describing the United States to citizens of other countries (with specific focus on the U.S. Department of State "American Corners" initiative and the program's impact), and the role of libraries (however-defined) and library-like organizations as distribution centers for HIV/AIDS information for citizens of developing countries

FY 2006 Program Descriptions And Objectives

The Commission's programs and projects for FY 2006 include long-standing areas of activity for the Commission. For FY 2006, the Commissioners desire to continue working toward fulfillment of the proactive leadership position envisioned in the NCLIS statute and called for by the unprecedented rate of change in the library, information science, knowledge management, and knowledge services arenas.

The appointment and confirmation of the full Commission last year enhanced the capacity of the Commission to fulfill its statutory mission in addressing the library and information needs of the American people. The Commissioners' individual expertise in their professional lives, as well as their personal interest in the larger library and information science sphere, have equipped the Commission to move forward in pursuing its priorities. NCLIS will continue to fulfill its role to the fullest extent possible given its appropriated resource levels and the development of both wider and more substantial collaboration and strategic partnerships with other organizations, and receipt of donations to the agency Gift Account.

1. POLICY PLANNING AND ADVICE

The Commission staff, supported by the volunteer efforts of the Commissioners, will make every effort possible to engage in the following kinds of activities:

- Respond to all inquiries from the White House and the departments of the Executive Branch on matters having to do with policy relating to libraries, information science, knowledge management, and knowledge services, and the role of the federal government in establishing policy in these disciplines. The Commission will also take the initiative to offer information, comments, and professional advice on matters that are within the purview and expertise of the Commission, when appropriate.
- Answer all memoranda from the Legislative Reference Division of OMB within the required time frames.
- Answer all inquiries from Congress on legislation related to libraries, information science, knowledge management, and knowledge services, and take the initiative to offer information and comments on matters that are within the purview and expertise of the Commission, when appropriate.
- Answer all memoranda from the Knowledge Services Group of the Legislative Research Service of the Library of Congress within the required time frames and take the initiative to offer information and comments to LRS, the Library of Congress, and Congressional staff on all items that are within the purview and expertise of the Commission

- Collaboratively work with the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) in activities of mutual interest and on issues of mutual concern. [IMLS is an independent federal agency that serves as the primary source of grant support for the nation's museums and libraries, but IMLS does not have an advisory role, except informally; it is the role of the Commission to advise the President and Congress on matters of policy having to do with library and information services.]
- Advise the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) on federal grant programs to libraries
- Maintain and strengthen working relationships with officials throughout the government, including the Departments of Education, Labor, State, and Commerce, the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the National Institute for Literacy (NIFL), the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA), the Department of Homeland Security, and other agencies so that NCLIS provides timely input on national and international policies affecting library and information services
- Maintain working relationships with FLICC (Federal Library and Information Center Committee) and officials in professional associations and educational institutions to focus on the Commission's statutory responsibility, with the objective of developing new avenues for formulating, exchanging, or conveying policy, plans, and advice.
- Distribute NCLIS publications, news reports, and working documents, specially through the utilization of the NCLIS Web site

2. Information Policy

At the request level, specific activities that could be offered in this program area, but in only a limited way using available staff and volunteer Commissioners, include:

- Organize informal discussions, meetings, and other networking opportunities that lead to the creation of a model program in a single state for developing libraries as the community knowledge nexus for emergency preparedness and disaster response information, seeking to establish an expanded role for libraries that enhances their ongoing efforts in providing other types of community information.
- Continue informal efforts to develop interest in and a commitment to the preparation of a "report card" on American libraries, a national assessment of the nation's library and information services.
- Continue exploring how to disseminate information about how school libraries contribute to improved educational outcomes, targeting community organizations, school administrators, local politicians with funding authority, the media, and all others who have an interest in the role of libraries in educational achievement.

- Continue discussions about improving library services for the elderly and the utilization of older Americans as employees in libraries, leading to a meeting to serve as a post-conference for the White House Conference on Aging that takes place in October, 2005.
- Support limited Commissioner and staff participation in professional conferences in the library, information science, knowledge management, and knowledge services communities (particularly with the presentation of papers, speeches, panel participation, etc.). The objective is to help ensure that the Commission has the information it needs to respond to the concerns and activities of the constituent members of these organizations and that these association members have the information they need about NCLIS initiatives and other relevant federal activities. As these activities are also the opportunity for Commissioners and staff representing NCLIS to describe the Commission, the activity also ensures that the members, officers, and other leaders of these associations develop a clear understanding of the Commission's mission and its role in advising the President and Congress on policy relating to libraries and information services.
- With respect to international information policy, continue to plan for NCLIS participation in international affairs, including these areas:
 - o Respond to global or international issues and concerns
 - o Define the Commission's participation as a delegate to the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), scheduled for Tunis in November, 2005
 - Support Commissioner and staff participation in International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and international conferences as funding is available
 - Participate in the LIBECON project, an international database of statistics on libraries
- Respond to requests from the U.S. Department of State and others for the Commission to brief international visitors on U.S. information policy
- Publish and disseminate study findings about how libraries and library-like organizations serve the information needs of citizens of developing countries, and to present the results of this study at an international conference of information and communication technology (ICT) scientists. [For FY 2005, this initiative was funded by the U.S. Department of State's International Contributions for Scientific, Educational, and Cultural Activities (ICESCA) program, through UNESCO.]
- Continue informal discussions with appropriate federal government agencies and with library and information science professionals specializing in international information exchange. The subject of these discussions is to be the role of libraries in providing citizens of other countries and cultures with information about the United States.

- Using international contacts already established, continue discussion about the feasibility of undertaking a study of digitized information and the role of libraries.
- Address issues relating to scholarly publishing and non-U.S. ownership of scientifictechnical-medical (STM) research, to determine the viability of conducting a study and/or holding hearings on the subject.
- Continue to respond to requests or proactively seek opportunities for Commissioners and senior staff to represent the United States abroad. [Foreign travel in response to requests to represent the United States is funded by U.S. Department of State or the host country and is not included in this budget request.]

3. LIBRARY STATISTICS AND SURVEYS

In FY 2006, this program area will undertake the following activities:

- Negotiate an agreement with the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) to continue the Library Statistics Program, and fulfill the terms of the agreement negotiated with the NCES to continue the cooperative Library Statistics Program.
- Continue to plan, develop, and/or sponsor or co-sponsor national sample survey(s) on public, academic or school libraries to assess their ability to meet the current and future information access needs of individuals with disabilities.
- Compile, document, and analyze existing data sets with the goal of making the data usable for the library communities, and to supply research results to the policy community.
- Publish research results about U.S. libraries and information organizations.
- Work with the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the National Center for Education Statistics, and others in the federal government to structure, strengthen and shorten cycles of needed and useful data collection (including rapid-response sample surveys), analyze and conduct research pertaining to library and information services. In general, increase the emphasis on products, outputs and outcomes in all measurement and research.
- Maintain liaisons with people, organizations, and corporations in the library community which are involved in collecting, distributing, and analyzing data reported by the many types of libraries that form the tapestry of libraries in the US. These liaisons are informal and formal, involving memberships on committees and attendance at meetings.
- Continue active participation as a voting member in the National Information
 Standards Organization (NISO) and with other library statistics-related committees in

the United States. Continue participation with the European Union statistics initiative as a member of the Strategic Advisory Committee of LIBECON, a research study into international library economics.

Resources for FY 2006

Salaries and benefits	\$188,563
Consulting services	0
Travel and meetings	0
Printing	0
Other	0
TOTAL	\$188,563

4. AGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

In FY 2006, the activities of this program area will be to:

- Continue to develop a small but highly qualified staff.
- Plan, conduct, and follow up on two NCLIS meetings, with at least one including a hearing or forum to gather information on the library and information needs of the nation.
- Carry out recommendations of previous years' assessment of information resources management and information systems and procedures, including:
 - Continue to develop the NCLIS Web site, including greater interactive capability, using volunteers efforts of graduate students and Web experts in the information industry
 - o Increase desktop publishing and publishing on the Web
 - o Expand use of electronic communications among Commissioners and staff
 - Strengthen the records management program, including evaluating the Commission archives and preparing historical material for transfer to the National Archives and Records Administration, as well as assuring ongoing mechanisms to identify, preserve and schedule for transferring appropriate Commission materials
- Maintain appropriate administrative services for the management of the Commission office and staff, including use of administrative services from other agencies to support Commission legal, payroll, personnel and financial services requirements.

Specific activities since the appointment and confirmation of the new Commission (that is, from February through September 2004 and throughout FY 2005) have included the

following necessary activities, primarily through the use of consultant services and temporary support staff. In FY 2006, these activities will be greatly curtailed:

- ❖ Implementation of the Commissioners' strategic plan for NCLIS
- ❖ Implementation of the recently developed electronic-based communications plan, a framework for both internal and external communications (this plan includes the distribution of news releases and other communication activities)
- * Editorial management for NCLIS publications, white papers, news releases (especially reports of NCLIS projects, such as the scheduled "model program" report based on the 2004 NCLIS Blue Ribbon Consumer Health Information Recognition Awards for Libraries or the proposed public relations materials summarizing scientific research linking educational achievement and school libraries), etc.
- ❖ Continued development of the awards prototype, using funds donated to the Library Awards Initiative of the NCLIS Gift Fund.

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Salaries and benefits	\$785,878
Consulting services	0
Travel and meetings	15,122

Resources for FY 2006

Tra ,122 **Printing** 192,000 Other

> **Total** \$804,437

AMOUNTS AVAILABLE FOR OBLIGATION

(in thousands)

APPROPRIATION

	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Request
Salaries & Expenses	\$1,003 ^[1]	\$994.1 ^[2]	\$993 ^[3]	\$993
REAL TRANSFERS FROM				
National Center for Education Statistics	200	150	150	150
Department of State/UNESCO	68	7.5	58	0
National Telecommunications and				
Information Association (NTIA)	5	0	0	0
Government Printing Office		25.5	0	0
NCLIS Gift Account	0	0	.6	1
NCLIS Library Award Gift Account	0	80	30	10
TICLIS LISTALY AWARD OUT ACCOUNT	<u> </u>	00	30	10
TOTAL ADJUSTED BUDGET				
AUTHORITY	\$1,279	\$1,228.6	\$1,202	\$1,152

Note: The current reimbursable program from the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) is expected to continue. Other programs, similar to the FY 2004 joint project with the Government Printing Office (GPO) to conduct Data Analysis Studies on Information gathered under the auspices of the Federal Depository Library and Cataloging and Indexing Programs, may also be established, but there are no specific commitments at this time. The current reimbursable program from the Department of State ICSECA Program is not expected to continue in FY 2006.

Reflects the across-the-board reduction of .65% (\$6,565) in FY 2003.

^[2] Reflects the across-the-board reduction of .59% (\$5,900) required by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004 (H.R. 2673).

^[3] Reflects the across-the-board reduction of .8% (\$8,008) required by the consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005.

BUDGET AUTHORITY AND OUTLAYS

(in thousands)

BUDGET AUTHORITY	Estimated FY 2005	Requested FY 2006	Change FY 05 to FY 06
Appropriations only OUTLAYS	\$993	\$993	\$0
Appropriations only OUTLAYS, GROSS	\$993	\$993	\$0
Including Transfers and NCLIS Gift Accounts	\$1,232	\$1,154	(\$78)
FTE PERSONNEL [1]	5	5	0

^[1] Does not include FTE allocation for Commissioners' salaries.

BUDGET AUTHORITY BY OBJECT CLASS

(in thousands)

OBJECT CLASS	Requested FY05	Requested FY06	Change FY05 to FY06
Staff Salaries	\$ 487.6	\$ 526.4	\$38.8
Commissioner Salaries	51.2	60.9	9.7
Benefits	128.6	198.6	70.0
SUBTOTAL, PAY	667.4	785.9	118.5
Travel	30.0	15.1	(14.9)
Rent	182.0	132.0	(50.0)
Communication, utilities, postage	15.0	0	(15.0)
Printing, reproduction	3.0	0	(3.0)
Consulting services	13.6	0	(13.6)
Other contractual services	23.0	0	(23.0)
Govt/interagency services	56.0	60.0	4.0
Supplies and materials	2.0	0	(2.0)
Equipment, Non-Capital	3.0	0	(3.0)
SUBTOTAL, NON-PAY	325.6	207.16	(118.5)
SUBTOTAL, DIRECT OBLIGATIONS	993	993	0.0
NCLIS GIFT ACCOUNT	30.6	11.0	(19.6)
REIMBURSABLE OBLIGATIONS	208.0	150.0	(58.0)
TOTAL OBLIGATIONS	\$1,231.6	\$1,154.0	(\$77.6)

SUMMARY OF CHANGES FROM FY 2005 TO FY 2006 BUDGET

Full-Time Staff Salaries – In FY 2006 the Commission staff will remain at the level of the FY 2005 budget request. The increase covers cost of living pay increases effective January 2006. The increase also reflects the fact that for part of FY 2005, the position of Executive Director was vacant, and then it was filled with an Interim Executive Director at a GS-15 level. In 2006, a permanent Executive Director will be appointed at a SES level. [\$38,800]

Other Salaries – Commissioners' FY 2006 salary is budgeted at 1 full-time-equivalent position as it is in the FY 2005 budget proposal. This projection assumes that all current positions remain filled. Commissioners are classified as intermittent government employees and are paid when on official business for NCLIS. In FY 2006 the rate of pay for Commissioners will continue to be equivalent to the daily rate of pay for a Senior Executive Service position (SES). An average of 8 working days per Commissioner plus 10 extra working days for the Commission's chairman are budgeted for FY 2006. [\$9,700]

Civilian Personnel Benefits – The increase in staff benefits includes matching anticipated employee Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) contributions and anticipated increases in costs for health care and other benefits. Commissioners require only OASDI and Medicare matching funds as benefits, and these are estimated at 7.65%. [\$70,000]

Travel and Transportation of Persons – Travel for NCLIS is different from many agencies because travel is required for Commissioners to meet to conduct the basic business of the agency and to otherwise represent the Commission. The Commission will meet only twice for management of programs, planning, development and communication of policy recommendations, and establishing consensus or directions on issues. The budget request covers Commissioner travel and expenses for two meetings. It does not include other Commissioner travel or staff travel expenses. [-\$14,900]

Rental Payments to GSA – In order to reduce costs the Commission office moved to a new location in March 2005 with 50% less operational space. The request amount includes office space rent and real estate taxes that are passed on to the Commission. [-\$50,000]

Communications, Utilities, Postage – Funding for this object class is not included in this request. (-\$15,000)

Printing – This object class covers minimal and required expenses for notices in the Federal Register and annual publication of Commission regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations. Funding for this object class is not included in this request. [-\$3,000]

Consulting Services – This object class includes policy analysts and researchers with the skills and availability to work intensively on short term projects in support of NCLIS programs, applied research using data generated by the Library Statistics Program, and Commission-sponsored surveys. Funding for this object class is not included in this request. [-\$13,600]

Other Contractual Services – This object class covers lease, repair and maintenance of equipment, maintenance of computers and the local area network, meeting space, booth fees for Commission exhibits at national and international meetings, temporary staffing for administrative support, Web-site hosting, electronic data storage, transcription services, and memberships in organizations such as the National Information Standards Organization (NISO), International Federation of Library Associations and Organizations (IFLA) and American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIST). Funding for this object class is not included in this request. [-\$23,000]

Government (Interagency) Services – This object class includes the memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Department of Education for administrative and fiscal services, and payments to other government agencies for intergovernmental services, such as security and background investigations on Commission nominees and senior staff. The amount projected has been adjusted for price increases and no Commission member vacancies. [\$4,000]

Supplies and Materials – This object class covers all office supplies, subscriptions to professional journals and periodicals, and the purchase of books for the NCLIS reference library. Funding for this object class is not included in this request. [-\$2,000]

Equipment – This object class covers replacing and upgrading NCLIS office and computer equipment. This includes upgrading computer hardware and software as well as expansion of the Commission's network to support faster and more reliable Intranet and Internet services for Commissioners and staff and to improve communication with NCLIS constituents through the Commission website. Funding for this object class is not included in this request. [-\$3,000]

APPROPRIATIONS HISTORY (in thousands)

Fiscal Year	Admin. Request to Congress	House Allowance	Senate Allowance	Appropriation
Supplemental 1972	200	Not considered	200	200
1973	406	406	406	406
1974	406	406	406	406
1975	502	409	409	409
1976	502	409	468	468
1977	517	517	493	493
Supplemental 1977				15
1978	607	598	598	598
1979	683	660	683	660
1980	668	668	668	668
Pay Supplement 1980)			18
1981	691	691	691	691
1982	750	702	702	674
1983		674	674	674
1984	553	553	674	674
1985	690	690	720	720
1986		690	690	660
Sequester 1986				-30
1987	690	660	690	660
Pay Supplement 1987	7			23
1988	791	750	791	718
1989	755	750	750	741
1990	770	750	770	750
1991	777	750	750	732
1992	911	750	911	831
1993	1,000	590	982	889
1994	904	904	904	904
1995	904	901	901	901
1996	962	450/829	829	829
1997	897	812	897	897
1998	1,123	1,000	1,000	1,000
1999	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
2000	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,295
2001	1,495	1,295	1,495	1,495
2002	0	1,000	1,495	1,000
2003	0	1,000	1,000	1,003
2004	1,000	1,000	1,000	994
2005	1,000	1,000	1,000	993

Note: Until the enactment of PL 102-95 in FY 1992, the statutory ceiling on the annual appropriation for NCLIS was \$750,000.

STAFFING HISTORY

Fiscal Year	Full-Time Equivalent Positions
1984	9.5
1985	11.0
1986	11.0
1987	9.0
1988	9.0
1989	10.0
1990	9.5
1991	6.5
1992	6.0
1993	6.0
1994	6.0
1995	9.0
1996	9.0
1997	9.0
1998	9.0
1999	9.0
2000	9.0
2001	9.0
2002	7.0
2003	5.0
2004	5.0
2005	5.0

COMMISSION MEMBERS

(FY 2005)

Appointed Commissioners	Term Expiration	Profession
C. Beth Fitzsimmons, Ph.D. Chairman Ann Arbor, MI	2006	Librarian and information executive
Bridget Lamont Vice Chairman Springfield, IL	2008	Librarian and former government executive
Jose Antonio Aponte Chipita Park, CO	2007	Public library director
Sandra Frances Ashworth Bonner's Ferry, ID	2004	Public library director
Edward Louis Bertorelli Milford, MA	2005	Government executive; library trustee
Joan R. Challinor, Ph.D. Washington, DC	2004	Historian
Carol L. Diehl Neenah, WI	2005	Retired school librarian; former library trustee
Allison Druin, Ph.D. University Park, MD	2006	Assistant professor, library and information science
Jack E. Hightower, Esq. Austin, TX	2004	Attorney; retired state supreme court judge; former Member of Congress
Patricia M. Hines Mayesville, SC	2005	Former federal government executive
Colleen E. Huebner, Ph.D. Bainbridge Island, WA	2007	Associate professor, public health and community medicine
Stephen Kennedy Dunbarton, NH	2007	Consultant, former computer executive and former state official
Mary H. (Mitzi) Perdue Salisbury, MD	2008	Former syndicated columnist and community health leader
Herman L. Totten, Ph.D. Denton, TX	2008	Professor, library and information science
Statutory Commissioners	Term Expiration	Profession
James H. Billington, Ph.D. Washington, D.C.	ex officio	Librarian of Congress
Carolyn T. Brown (Alternate for Dr. Billington) Washington, DC		Acting Director of Area Studies

Robert S. Martin, Ph.D. ex officio Director, Institute of Museum and Library Services

Mary Chute Deputy Director, Institute of Museum and Library Services

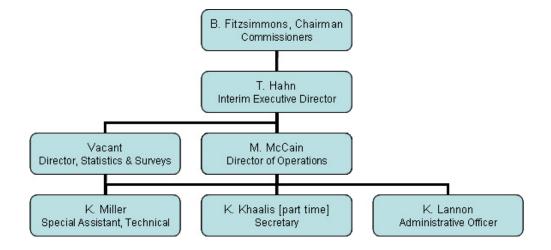
Alternate for Dr. Martin) Library Services

NOTES:

Terms of the Commissioners expire on July 19th of the years listed above. However, P.L. 108-81 allows a Commissioner to continue to serve until his or her replacement has been appointed, received Senate confirmation and has been sworn into office.

Historically, several Commissioners have chosen not to be compensated when working for NCLIS. However, budget projections assume that each Commissioner will be paid be paid salary for all in-service days.

NCLIS ORGANIZATION CHART



COMMISSION MEETINGS

FY 2005 Meetings

January 2005 Business session devoted to discussion of

Boston MA initiatives, projects, and budget

May 2005 Business session devoted to discussion of

Washington DC initiatives, projects, and budget

Ongoing Chairman's meetings with legislative and Washington, DC executive officials, library and information

and other locations associations and other not-for-profit groups to

discuss mutual concerns.

The objective is for the full Commission to meet twice a year. Between meetings the Commissioners stay informed and involved through telephone conference calls, electronic mail, informal reports, the NCLIS Web site, and other means.

NCLIS task forces meet—separately and/or in conjunction with meetings of the full Commission—to proceed with their activities, with the approval of the NCLIS Chairman.

The NCLIS Chairman, other Commissioners and staff continue to meet with officials in Congress and the Administration, state and local government officials, library and information associations and other private-sector groups to discuss mutual concerns.

Hearings and forums, when funding is available, are held to appraise the adequacies and deficiencies of current library and information resources and services and evaluate the effectiveness of current library and information science programs.