



Strategic Direction

DALNET, the Detroit Area Library Network, is a community of libraries and librarians working together to provide exemplary services. Hosted at Wayne State University since 1985, DALNET includes academic, public, government, law, medical, museum, and special libraries. DALNET members collectively serve a region with four million people, who comprise more than half of Michigan's total population.

DALNET is governed by a Board of Directors, comprised of representatives from all members. DALNET members collaborate to deliver comprehensive services and leverage the diverse strengths of their libraries by developing innovative, cooperative strategies that facilitate learning and knowledge. DALNET personnel are committed to serving the members.

Mission

DALNET is a community of libraries working together to provide access to information for research, cultural enrichment, and lifelong learning opportunities.

Vision

DALNET libraries are valued as readily accessible and always useful places to go for information.

Values

- Supportive, Equitable Relationships
- Collaborative Library Networking
- Diverse Institutions
- Innovation



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Commitments

DALNET is committed to ongoing, dynamic leadership in library collaboration.

The Detroit Area Library Network:

- Values the people we serve
- Promotes the value of libraries
- Provides seamless virtual and physical access to collective resources
- Devises proactive, creative and affordable solutions
- Sustains current services and members
- Seeks new ways to add targeted services
- Earns the enduring respect and confidence of our members
- Affirms an environment where members help each other succeed

Goals

Goal 1: User Support

Use library technologies to help people find the best information possible.

Goal 2: Resource Sharing

Devise creative strategies for enhancing and expanding information.

Goal 3: Member Support

Encourage personal and professional development through continuing education, networking, consulting, and collaborative projects.

Goal 4: Effective Governance

Ensure a member-centered organization through effective business practices, fiduciary accountability, and responsive communications.