North Carolina Libraries for Virtual Education (NC LIVE) offers the citizens of North Carolina online access to complete articles from over 10,000 newspapers, journals, magazines, and encyclopedias, indexing for over 20,000 periodical titles, and access to over 24,000 electronic books. NC LIVE is available free of charge to library patrons, students, and educators from four communities of interest (COIs) -- public libraries, community colleges, the state’s university system, and members of the North Carolina Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. NC LIVE can be accessed from within an affiliated library or from home.

NC LIVE has a full-time technical staff that is responsible for the ongoing operation, enhancement, and support for NC LIVE. The staff ensures that NC LIVE servers remain up and running, facilitates vendor and database connectivity, and provides technical support for librarians and library staff at the 200+ affiliated libraries across North Carolina. The general public can receive help using NC LIVE from the staff at their public library, or the library at their college or university. NC LIVE uses cookies, small pieces of information from the web server stored on an individual computer, and collects a limited amount of system data to facilitate access to NC LIVE databases; click here to read our privacy statement.

NC LIVE’s steering and advisory committees, which have equal representation from all communities of interest, determine general governance, the selection and purchase of NC LIVE resources, web site organization and design, publicity efforts, training topics and initiatives, and technical infrastructure. For more information on the committees, see
Committee Rosters below.

Learn about the resources provided by NC LIVE by clicking here.

Funding

NC LIVE is generously supported by the General Assembly and the citizens of North Carolina. Generous support for some of the independent college and university libraries has been received from The Duke Endowment and The Cannon Foundation.

The role of state funding is to level the playing field so that rural isolation, community or institutional financial constraints, and limited local library resources are not barriers to accessing information.

Funding for NC LIVE depends on the General Assembly. Contact your local representatives to encourage continued support. To locate the representatives in your area, visit the General Assembly’s web page.

Vision

North Carolina libraries share a vision of each library in the state serving as a gateway to the total library resources in the state as well as to a rich array of electronic information. These resources will be available to all the people of the state regardless of location or time, through traditional and non-traditional means.

Goals

- Universal access to core group of reference and research materials online in the form of full-text electronic information and indexes.
- Unlimited access to digital versions of important historical documents and state government information.
- Information to assist users in gaining access to print materials available in libraries statewide.
- Assistance from library staff members with skills to help people of all ages use these exciting resources.

Who is participating?

Four "communities of interest" are included at present:

- University of North Carolina Libraries
- Community College Libraries
• State Library & Public Libraries
• Independent College & University Libraries

A listing of the member libraries is available here.

A summary of the FTE counts for these communities is available here.

Who is in charge?

The project is guided by a steering committee comprised of nine members. That membership includes one leadership position and one library director position from each of the participating communities of interest as well as a representative appointed by the Governor.

Mission

• NC LIVE Memorandum of Understanding - available as HTML or as an Adobe PDF (April 14, 1998) The agreement between the four NC LIVE communities of interest.
• A resolution in Support of NC LIVE from the Executive Board of the North Carolina Library Association (April 19, 2002).

Committee Rosters

• NC LIVE Librarians Council (LC) & Governing Council
• Publicity Advisory Committee (PAC)
• Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)
• Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
• Training Advisory Committee (TRAC)
• Web Advisory Committee (WAC)
History

The following pages are provided to give an historical perspective of the origins of NC LIVE; the information contained within these pages may no longer be current.

- **Funding for NC LIVE 1997-98** - reports funding by the North Carolina General Assembly for public libraries, community colleges and state university participation in NC LIVE.
- From the NC LIVE Briefing Sessions presented March 24-26, 1997:
  - **Introduction and Outline**
  - **Project GALILEO**
  - **NC LIVE Vision and Goals**
  - **What You Can Do Now**