

NExpress Visioning  
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*Definitions:*

*Vision: A verbal description of the future we are trying to reach that everyone agrees to.*

*Values: underwriting statements relating to the vision*

*Purpose:*

*To charge the various NExpress committees with a direction and to provide guidance for decision making.*

**NExpress Vision:** The people of Northeast Kansas have rapid, direct and open access to an enriched and comprehensive shared collection of library resources.

**NExpress Values:**

- NExpress is a high-quality, affordable, flexible and responsive regional catalog administered by the Northeast Kansas Library System (NEKLS).
- NExpress participants provide open access to at least 95% of their general circulating collection. Access is available to all patrons of participating libraries.
- NExpress is a patron-centered regional catalog with priorities for development based primarily upon their needs.
- NExpress is a shared system, with a shared patron database, collaborative regional collection development and shared responsibility for maintaining and expanding the system in a professional manner.
- NExpress embraces a participant driven model that evolves at a rapid pace of change and is based upon collaboration and open sharing of expertise.
- The Northeast Kansas Library System has made a long-term commitment to supporting NExpress as a primary system service.
- The Northeast Kansas Library System staff has a primary role for ongoing training and support, with extensive contributions of time and knowledge by NExpress participants.