

Purpose

The purpose of PNACL is to assist in the establishment and operation of church libraries in the Pacific Northwest. Conferences, workshops and chapter meetings are held for promotion and enhancement of church libraries and training library personnel.

PNACL strives to bring people together who are interested in church libraries in the hopes of making each church library a vital part of the total church program.

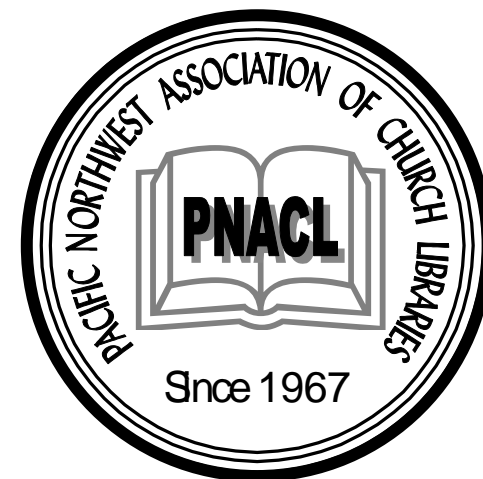
History

In the spring of 1961, as the result of a proposal made by Betty Groff Hollibaugh of Richland, WA, the first two-day workshop was held on the campus of Pacific Lutheran University.

Following the second annual workshop, Seattle area librarians extended the program to include annual seminars and the more frequent informal roundtables.

In 1970, clinics were added. Rannie Hanger worked with the interested people of Vancouver, B.C. and Richland, WA to develop the same program regionally. Later, Connie Soth of Beaverton, OR introduced programs in the Portland area; Jackie Pitzell in the Tacoma area; Mrs. Robert Grosklaus in the Vancouver, WA area.

On June 8, 1967, at the seventh annual workshop held at Pacific Lutheran University, the Association adopted a Constitution and Bylaws. In 1972, the Pacific Northwest Association of Church Libraries was officially incorporated as a non-profit organization in the State of Washington.



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PNACL is made up of individual chapters located in major population areas. Members affiliate with a chapter or are “members at large” if not living in or near one of the chapter areas.

Chapter meetings are held to conduct chapter business, share library “trials and triumphs” and fellowship. Meetings may include mini workshops, panel discussions and/or speakers.

Annual conferences are held for the entire PNACL membership and are hosted by the various chapters in turn.

The administration of the Association is through the Board of Directors. Each chapter elects one or more representatives to the Board. Association officers are chosen from this Board.

Membership and Privileges

PNACL membership is open to:

- * volunteer and professional librarians
- * library committee members
- * rabbis
- * ministers
- * priests
- * directors of education
- * church school leaders
- * churches
- * synagogues
- * and any others interested in church libraries

Membership includes:

- * Subscription to *The Lamplighter*
- * Access to the Members area on the website, which include many helpful resources
- * Voting privileges in all elections
- * The opportunity to hold office and/or serve on a committee
- * Invitation to annual conference and workshops

Membership dues are renewed annually on July 1. They include Association dues plus the local chapter dues.

Chapters of PNACL

Chapters are located in the following areas:

Capitol City - Salem, OR
Metro-Portland – Portland, OR
Mid-Columbia – Tri-Cities, WA
N Puget Sound- Northwest WA
Seattle – Seattle, WA
S Puget Sound- Olympia/Tacoma, WA
Treasure Valley – Idaho
Mid-Willamette Valley –
Corvallis/Albany, OR

New chapters may be formed when there is sufficient membership in an area.

An ongoing relationship is maintained with the Congregational Libraries of British Columbia and The Church and Synagogue Library Association.