

The cycle is based on “**program year**” (beginning at the Annual Conference (December 2005) and concluding the month **prior** to the next Annual Conference (December 2006)).

### **Year 1**

At the annual conference (December 2005) data elements for proposed additions, changes or deletions identified. Must be endorsed by at least 10 Data Coordinators. Ballot sent out in spring (2006). Results posted on NCLIS/LSP website.

### **Year 2** (FY 2006 data collection)

At the annual conference (December 2006), training on new and revised data elements (that passed in Year 2006) will be provided. A new or revised data element will be reported on a trial basis by any State Data Coordinator able to do so. Trial data will be electronically released but not published.

### **Year 3** (FY 2007 data collection)

The added or changed data element will be reported in the annual data submission and will be electronically released and published.

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## **Data Elements that passed in year 2006**

### **1. Addition: Number of Registered Borrowers.**

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#### **Definition**

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#### **REGISTERED BORROWERS**

A registered borrower is a library user who has applied for and received an identification number or card from the public library that has established conditions under which the user may borrow library materials and gain access to other library resources. (Output Measures for Public Libraries, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition). **Note: Files should have been purged within the past three (3) years.**

### **2. Change: Users of Electronic Resources Per Year (WebPLUS #651) to Users of Public Internet Computers Per Year**

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#### **Definition**

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**Users of public Internet computers (per year).** Report the total number of individuals that have used Internet computers in the library during the last year. If the computer is used for multiple purposes (Internet access, word-processing, OPAC, etc.) and Internet users cannot be isolated, report all usage. A typical week or other reliable estimate may

be used to determine the annual number. Sign-up forms or Web-log tracking software also may provide a reliable count of users.

### **3. Change: Databases (WebPLUS #454)**

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Revise current definition as follows:

- Add licensed to the title and the definition;
- Add clarifying text regarding acquisition requirements or formal agreement; and,
- Report database counts by source of access (e.g., local; state government or state library; other cooperative agreement within state or region)

### **Definition**

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#### **Licensed databases (WebPLUS #454)**

Report the number of **licensed** databases (including locally mounted or remote, full-text or not) for which temporary or permanent access rights have **been acquired through payment by the library, or by formal agreement with the State Library or a cooperative agreement within the state or region**. A database is a collection of electronically stored data or unit records (facts, bibliographic data, abstracts, texts) with a common user interface and software for the retrieval and manipulation of the data. Note: The data or records are usually collected with a particular intent and relate to a defined topic. A database may be issued on CD-ROM, diskette, or other direct access method, or as a computer file accessed via dial-up methods or via the Internet. Subscriptions to individual electronic serial titles are reported under **Current Electronic Serial Subscriptions (WebPLUS #456)**. Each database is counted individually even if access to several databases is supported through the same vendor interface.

**Number of Licensed Databases acquired through payment or formal agreement:**

**54 a. Local** \_\_\_\_\_

**54 b. State (state government or State library)** \_\_\_\_\_

**54 c. Other cooperative agreements (or consortia) within state or region** \_\_\_\_\_