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To: 2023 Public Library Standards Task Force Members
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We have completed a scan of the requirements in other states and have created a [spreadsheet that lists the requirements](#). We recommend studying the spreadsheet to understand the nuances.

Some general observations for us to consider:

- We reviewed the requirements from each of the 50 state library agencies.
- 23 of them required an MLS or equivalent. The population point at which it was required varied.
- 13 of the states required that the library director be certified by the State Library.
- 5 of them did not have any requirements for the library director.
- 7 of them required a qualified librarian but did not specify what that meant.
- 2 of them required some type of college degree.