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The Florida Division of Library and Information Services (FDLIS) awarded $20,000 to the Florida State University Information Use Management and Policy Institute http://www.ii.fsu.edu/ to build on previous work completed by the Information Institute in the ongoing development and implementation of the Florida Electronic Library (FEL) http://www.flelibrary.org/. The 2005 study examined and improved the success by which the FEL met the information needs of the residents of the state of Florida, the library community, and other users of the FEL.

The Information Institute designed a FEL evaluation database, described evaluation reporting techniques to meet the needs of various groups interested in the development of the FEL, and developed (with the assistance of the FEL Project Director) an "annual report" for the FEL. Once decisions were made as to the range and extent of data to be regularly collected to assess the FEL, the study team designed a database in which FEL evaluation data was integrated, analyzed, and reported. We anticipated the database to be a spreadsheet that included use, usage, and other data from the components of the FEL. The database allowed analysis and reporting across all the components of the FEL.

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