The Virtual Library of Virginia is:
a collaborative effort of public and private institutions of higher education to enhance higher education, learning, research, and economic development in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

VIVA libraries work together to:
- Provide Virginia college and university students with the information tools needed to succeed in the 21st century.
- Increase the scope and quality of resources available to researchers in Virginia.
- Improve the availability of educational and research materials.
- Remove geographical barriers to information.
- Support distance education initiatives.
- Seamlessly link resources shared by public and private institutions of higher education.
- Expand access to resources unique to the Commonwealth.

VIVA's mission is to provide, in an equitable, cooperative, and cost effective manner, enhanced access to library and information resources for the Commonwealth of Virginia's academic libraries serving the higher education community.

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Over 8,800 full-text journals and newspapers
Nearly 10,000 full-text works of poetry and verse drama
Over 300,000 additional full-text materials, including statistical reports and pamphlets
Software and equipment to speed information delivery between libraries

By appropriations of the Virginia General Assembly
By local institutional budgets
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52 campuses at publicly assisted colleges and universities within the Commonwealth
- 6 doctoral institutions
- 9 comprehensive colleges and universities
- 24 community and two-year branch colleges
- 32 private, nonprofit, institutions participate when possible
- The Library of Virginia, an associate member

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Viva Encourages Collaboration and Cooperation

Viva, a model for virtual library development and support