

CASE STUDY

Georgia Public Library Accounting Alliance



Customized
Reporting



Affordable



Intuitive and
Easy to Use

Solutions

MIP Fund Accounting
Product Modules

- Payroll
- Accounts Payable
- Financial Reporting

Change is Hard (but worth it!)

Libraries aren't known for being renegades, but for the 40 member Georgia Public Library Accounting Alliance; Coastal Plain Regional Library System: there's no stopping progress when it comes to best meeting the needs of their communities and staff. For over a decade they relied on a previous provider for their accounting software solution. With an ongoing ecosystem of complex funding streams, they knew it was time to consider other options.

In researching other accounting software, they also discovered that their current accounting solution provider was not going to offer a payroll module in their next product. That was a deal breaker. With the invaluable help of their partners 1st Choice Advisors, they found the MIP Fund Accounting Solution to be the best fit for present and future growth.

"I considered the previous software to be not at all user-friendly. I find MIP much more intuitive and I feel like I spend less time fighting the software to get the information I want out."

Kim Spencer,
CFO
CPRL



Summary

A large library system alliance needed to leave a decade long provider for fund accounting software. The alliance desired a fund management software product that was more intuitive and could support a wide range of skill sets of staff in abilities to do accounting.



Challenges

The software also had to be affordable because of the library's commitment to donors, grants and public system. Additionally, the library system also needed an integrated payroll, that could easily handle different pay periods and dates.



Results

The alliance selected MIP Fund Accounting solution for their new accounting management program. Their team is delighted with functionality including: the exporting feature on MIP has provided superb donor/grant reporting for auditor visits. MIP exports to Excel seamlessly and there is no need to reformat.

"Working with a large group of agencies like this, it's imperative to keep everyone on track to meet their go-live dates with the new software, especially payroll. Our staff all played important roles in making this happen. Our experience with 100's of implementations played a major role as we already had the implementation plans and the worksheets to help everyone get their data converted over to the MIP system in a timely manner. We held online and live training classes, and worked individually with those who needed it. It was an honor to work with everyone at the Alliance, knowing MIP will fulfill their needs now and into the future."

John Francis, President
1st Choice Advisors

About GPLAA and CPRLS

The GPLAA is part of a consortium of library systems in Georgia, The Coastal Plain Regional Library System has more than 60 employees and manages a \$2.5 million dollar budget. We are a free public agency committed to supporting and contributing to educational, informational, cultural and recreational needs of its communities and schools. The library encourages literacy through its collections of reference and current popular materials for library users of all ages. Internet access and online resources to assist patrons in living successful and rewarding lives is now a standard in all of their libraries.

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