

Texas Health Science Libraries Consortium

Mission, Vision and Strategic Plan

MISSION

The Texas Health Science Libraries Consortium leads and encourages collaboration through shared digital library environments and resources to provide access to the world of information for our educational, clinical, and research communities.

VISION

Collectively, the Texas Health Science Libraries Consortium is the premier health sciences library resource in the world. We are the catalyst for the exchange of ideas to link people, information, and technology by developing, planning, and nurturing innovative programs.

We accomplish this vision by:

- Enabling collaboration within our communities
- Enhancing access to rich information resources
- Employing strategic resource sharing and collection development
- Empowering library staff to meet the challenges of a dynamic information environment

STRATEGIC GOALS

I. Enable collaboration within our communities

Objectives:

- A. Support shared digital repositories by developing and sharing our institutional repository support statements.
- B. Support open access by developing an open access support statement and investigating methods and products to capture and make openly and widely accessible scholarly publications from our communities
- C. Participate in local, state, regional and national consortia by campaigning in TexShare for more health sciences resources and an equitable fee structure for health sciences libraries and by investigating license agreements with SCAMeL and the UT System to enhance our collections.
- D. Investigate other potential consortium members by developing a policy for adding new consortium members

II. Enhance access to rich information resources

Objectives:

- A. Expand access to information for our users, regardless of the location or format of that information by investigating Shibboleth authentication projects in the major institutions associated with THSLC libraries.
- B. Expand access to our special collections (archival and educational) by creating digitized collections available to our clients and the public.
- C. Support access to our online catalog and digital collections by improving usability and implementing upgrades to Voyager and Encompass.
- D. Investigate a shared digital repository for theses and dissertations.
- E. Develop guidelines for access to library resources during times of disaster.

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III. Employ strategic resource sharing and collection development

Objectives:

- A. Evaluate our print indexes and journal collections by analyzing the collections and making retention, storage, and access policy recommendations.
- B. Encourage cooperative electronic resources sharing and purchasing by documenting the electronic resources for each library.
- C. Expand cooperative collection development for the electronic environment by identifying content for cooperative resource sharing, cooperative purchasing options and economies of scale.
- D. Investigate new products, programs and service by encouraging shared product demo/trials and announcements at team and director meetings.
- E. Investigate options for a consortium location to retain copies of print resources.

IV. Empower library staff to meet the challenges of a dynamic information environment

Objectives:

- A. Expand professional development opportunities within the consortium by seeking out relevant learning opportunities to present locally for our staff.
- B. Develop XML, XSL and DTD skills in the consortium by attending workshops and classes.
- C. Encourage papers/posters at local, regional and national meetings that emphasize consortium activities and programs by sponsoring staff to attend meetings and present on behalf of the THSLC.
- D. Encourage staff to share expertise by conducting mini-workshops.