



# BC ELN CONNECT

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**BC ELN - Together!**

*by : Heather Morrison*

A heartfelt thanks to all of our partner libraries and other key stakeholders for all of your hard work on the 2006 - 2011 BC ELN Strategic Planning.

All BC ELN partner library staff were invited to provide input to the BC ELN Strategic Planning process through the *Electronic Brainstorm: Wild Ideas!* blog, at <http://bceln.blogspot.com/>. Clearly, we have some visionary thinkers here in BC - and some blogging talents, too! Here are a few sample entries:

Mixing Metaphors: Information Highway & One-Stop Shopping

<http://bceln.blogspot.com/2006/02/mixing-metaphors-information.html>

Library Elf to the Rescue

<http://bceln.blogspot.com/2006/02/library-elf-to-rescue.html>

Streaming Video <http://bceln.blogspot.com/2006/02/streaming-video.html>

The COPPUL Animated Tutorials Sharing Project

<http://bceln.blogspot.com/2006/02/coppul-animated-tutorials-sharing.html>

Open Data and E-Research

<http://bceln.blogspot.com/2006/02/open-data-and-e-research.html>

Many thanks to everyone who participated in the Appreciative Inquiry Interviews! Thanks to these interviews, BC ELN has a treasure of wonderful stories about various aspects of BC ELN and its projects, throughout its history. Watch the BC ELN website for some of these stories in the coming months.

These stories of BC ELN's best also helped to inform the in-person Strategic Planning meeting, held in Burnaby March 20 - 22, 2006. Summary and detailed reports of these sessions can be found on the BC ELN web site at:

<http://www.eln.bc.ca/strategicplanning/>. The next steps include BC ELN Steering Committee endorsement of the Mission, Core Values and Principles, a Vision, Strategic Vision Goals, and Bold Steps (Goals), and the development of specific strategies, objectives and priorities for the next few years.

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## BC ELN - Core Values and Principles

One of the new elements emerging from the 2006 - 2011 BC ELN Strategic Planning session is that BC ELN has now articulated a set of core values and principles:

- Collaboration:** Together we are stronger. We work as a collegial community in a spirit of teamwork, participation, and inclusion. We look for opportunities to form new partnerships.
- Trust:** The foundation of our success is respect, integrity, and accountability. We foster long-term, trust-based relationships through open and honest communication and ethical practices.
- Innovation:** We are nimble and flexible, creatively adapting and responding to opportunities and change.
- Leadership:** Our success is based on competence, expertise, and a commitment to excellence, learning, and professionalism.
- Sustainability:** We ensure our on-going viability through continuous improvement, cost-effectiveness, and accountability for results.

### **New collection of free, fulltext resources available in CUFTS!**

#### **Open Access Journals**

A selection of free, fulltext journals compiled by SFU Library's Don Taylor and Christine Manzer. There are a total of 527 journals as of May 11 - all are titles not available in the Directory of Open Access Journals. These include bulletins, newsletters, and government publications, rather than scholarly journals. Any BC ELN partner library can easily set up these resources for linking in GODOT and/or display in CJDB. The full set of resources can be selected, or individual titles, as you prefer.

For assistance with CUFTs, please contact:

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## BC ELN Recent Activities: Highlights

by Heather Morrison

One might think that all that intense strategic planning activity over the past few months would slow BC ELN down - especially when we're short-staffed! This has not been the case, however - along with all of this planning activity, BC ELN did much more than just maintain existing BC ELN services. This time frame also saw the launch of several major initiatives!

For any group, achieving the agreement needed to move forward on any major initiative is an accomplishment. Consensus, however, is a remarkable accomplishment. BC ELN libraries have come to consensus in the last few months on not one, but two *major* initiatives - the kinds of initiatives that take commitment, and resources, financial and otherwise, from all of the participating libraries.

**e-HLbc:** all of the BC ELN partner libraries with health programs are in! The e-HLbc consortium launched - on target - on April 1, 2006, with a suite of 8 electronic database products: EBM Reviews, Medline (OVID and EBSCO), LWW Total Access Collection, Cinahl with Fulltext, PsycINFO and PsycARTICLES, and Biomedical Reference Collection.

**ILL: no charges for returnables (books):** BC ELN libraries came to consensus on eliminating charges for returnables (books), as well as lowering the BC ELN cost-recovery fee, in record speed. An ILL Cost Structures Task Group was formed in October 2005, met several times, conducted research on national trends and implications for BC ELN partner libraries, consulted widely, and made a recommendation which was implemented January 2006!

BC ELN secured \$130,000 in funding from the Ministry of Advanced Education for the **Provincial Post-Secondary Virtual Reference Service**. Working jointly with the Public Libraries Provincial Virtual Reference Team, a joint RFQ was developed and issued, and a BC ELN Virtual Reference Resource Team has already been formed.

BC ELN partner libraries have migrated to **GODOT Version 2**, **CUFTS Version 2**, and **CJDB Version 2**. GODOT Version 2 features a more user-friendly administrative interface and more complete user documentation. CUFTS Version 2 is faster than the first version. More information about the new tagging feature included in CJDB2 can be found in Don Taylor's article, CJDB Tagging at SFU Library.

### **SPORTDiscus With Fulltext Now Available!**

The SPORTDiscus renewal has now been posted to the BC ELN website. Until now this product has been an index only, but this year for the first time, a full-text version of SPORTDiscus is available. For full details, including pricing, please log on to <http://www.eln.bc.ca/trialrenewal/view.php?id=248>

## **Hospitality and Tourism Complete: Provincial Post-Secondary License!**

Effective June 1, 2006, all BC ELN partner libraries included under Ministry of Advanced Education funding will have free access to Hospitality & Tourism Complete for a one-year period!

As reported in the August 2005 BC ELN Connect, Ministry of Advanced Education funding for Hospitality and Tourism Index began in June 2005. Highly advantageous pricing made it possible to offer free access to this index for 2005/06. As renewal time drew near, Hospitality & Tourism Complete was tied for first place in the 2005/06 Annual Ranking Survey. Naturally, BC ELN requested pricing for partner libraries to upgrade to Complete. EBSCO's offer was so attractive, it just made sense to roll the funding for Hospitality & Tourism Index in, combined with a small amount of BC ELN funding, to provide free access to Hospitality & Tourism Complete for 2006/07. EBSCO's offer includes a guarantee of continued highly advantageous pricing for the 2007/08 period, when the subsidy ends and participating libraries pick up the cost.

According to the EBSCO website, Hospitality & Tourism Complete covers scholarly research and industry related to all aspects of hospitality and tourism. The collection contains more than 500,000 records. Fulltext is available for more than 200 publications, including periodicals, company & country reports, and books. A full description can be found at: <http://www.epnet.com/thisTopic.php?marketID=1&topicID=418>

## **CJDB Tagging at SFU Library**

*by: Don Taylor*

One of the features of the new CJDB2 is the ability to tag journals, which is a searchable field in the CJDB2. Tagging is a way of identifying a journal, or group of journals, with a particular phrase called a "tag". The phrase used for the tag can then be used to retrieve all journals with that tag. Although individuals will be able to tag journals using the "my CJDB" function, libraries can also use tags at a more global level for the benefit of all patrons, or specific groups of patrons. For example, a library could use tagging to create subject/discipline lists of selected journals. So instead of creating separate web pages of subject lists, you would just tag the journal with the appropriate phrase and have a single URL that would retrieve the selected journals in a specific discipline. For an example of this see [http://cufts2.lib.sfu.ca/CJDB/BVAS/browse/selected\\_journals](http://cufts2.lib.sfu.ca/CJDB/BVAS/browse/selected_journals)

Another possibility is for faculty to use tagging to identify important journals for students in a particular course. For example, a faculty member (or librarian acting on their behalf) could tag a journal with the phrase "History 200" and then a student could easily find the journals that are important to their course by searching with the phrase "History 200". Just remember to remove the tag at the end of the semester.

## 2005 BC ELN Ranking Survey

by David Karpinnen

The results of the 2005 BC ELN Ranking Survey have been released. This year 25 partner libraries participated in the survey. The three highest ranking products recommended for a possible consortium license include:

- Ebsco's Auto Repair Reference Center and Ebsco's Hospitality and Tourism Index with Full Text (now Hospitality & Tourism Complete) (tied for first place)
- Lexis Nexis Academic Library

BC ELN will work with Public Library Services Branch for a trial of the Auto Repair Reference Center. Hospitality & Tourism Complete will be made available to all Hospitality and Tourism Index participants at no charge, for a one-year period, as reported above.

From the EBSCO web site: Auto Repair Reference Center contains information on most major manufacturers of domestic and imported vehicles, with repair information for most vintage makes starting as far back as 1945. Database content includes approximately 26,000 vehicles covered from 1945 to present; over 150,000 factory drawings and step-by-step photographs; approximately 70,000 technical service bulletins & recalls issued by the original equipment vehicle manufacturer; over 100,000 enhanced wiring diagrams for easy viewing and printing; specifications & maintenance schedules; Labor Time Guide & Estimator; AutoIQ; Quick Tips, a complete guide to vehicle ownership & maintenance; unlimited remote access and much more. New repair procedures and updates will also be added continuously. All of the content in Auto Repair Reference Center has been created by ASE certified technicians. More details at:

<http://www.epnet.com/thisTopic.php?marketID=1&topicID=35>

The 2005 Ranking Survey Results can be found at:  
<http://www.eln.bc.ca/view.php?id=1295>

### **netLibrary collection updated!**

23 new titles have been added to the BC ELN netLibrary Business Collection. Titles will automatically appear for users searching the netLibrary interface. For links to a title list in Excel, and MARC records to download (2 sets of records), see the BC ELN web site at: <http://www.eln.bc.ca/dbs/view.php?dbid=29>

## Staff News

Anita Cocchia, Heather Morrison, and David Karpinnen enjoyed meeting with many BC ELN partner library staff at the BCLA 2006 conference! There were several sessions by BC ELN staff at this conference, on multi-sectoral licensing, resource-sharing technologies, and the digital commons.

Anita Cocchia, on partial secondment from BC ELN to e-HLbc in recent months, participated on the e-HLbc Library Working Group, Implementation Team, and Negotiations Implementation Team. Anita also participates on the Public Libraries Virtual Reference Team.

Anita represented BC ELN at the 15th International Coalition of Library Consortia (ICOLC) conference, held in Philadelphia in March. Anita continues to co-chair Consortia Canada.

Heather Morrison participates on the Public Libraries E-Audio / E-Text Working Group. The initial phase will involve an e-audio launch for participating public libraries, focusing on material most relevant to public libraries, such as popular novels. There will be opportunities for post-secondary libraries to join in the future, when more relevant materials are likely to be included. Heather recently joined the e-HLbc training team.

Heather is the Chair of the BCLA Academic Librarians in Public Service for 2006/07.

Caroline Daniels has returned from leave, and is working part-time on contract for BC ELN. Caroline can be contacted at [carolined@eln.bc.ca](mailto:carolined@eln.bc.ca)

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