



**ELN Progress Report  
April - September 2004**

Goal 1. To build on existing projects and create new initiatives that take advantage of opportunities provided by emergent technologies and new resources to foster learner and researcher success.

Objectives	Activities/Results
<p>1.1 Pursue new products and services that meet users' needs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trialled and licensed the following new products: Criminal Justice Abstracts, SPORTDiscus, Refworks, SerialsSolutions</li> <li>• Negotiated new licences for CBCA Business and CBCA Current Events databases, completing suite of Micromedia/ProQuest CBCA product line. Used one-time Ministry project funding to license CBCA Business for all publicly funded ELN partners for one year transition period, resulting in additional 15% discount over already discounted consortium pricing</li> <li>• Released enhanced Eresources Forum module, streamlining data entry and improving workflow.</li> <li>• Met with representatives from CSA, EBSCO, Gale, Micromedia/ProQuest and others to review new product offerings</li> </ul>
<p>1.2 Ensure existing products and services meet users' needs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renewed the following database licences: Academic Search Elite/Premier, AccessScience, America: History and Life, American National Biography, Canadian Newsstand, Canadian Reference Centre, CBCA Fulltext Reference, CINAHL, Global Books in Print, Grove Art, Grove Music, Ingenta Reveal, Nature's Encyclopedia of Life Sciences, Oxford English Dictionary, Oxford Reference Online, PsycARTICLES, PsycINFO, Sociological Abstracts, WorldCat</li> <li>• Renewed Wilson database suite and provided new fulltext upgrade options for selected indexes, including: Applied Science Index/FT, Art Index/FT, Biol/Agri Index Plus, General Science Index/FT, Humanities Index/FT, Readers Guides Abs/FT, Social Science Index/FT. Migrated suite to WilsonWeb platform</li> <li>• Migrated Canadian Research Index to Micromedia CIRC platform</li> <li>• Added fulltext title counts to database descriptions on ELN web site: <a href="http://www.eln.bc.ca/dbs/view_ft.php">http://www.eln.bc.ca/dbs/view_ft.php</a></li> <li>• Phased out Core Database pricing model; participation in all ELN database licences now available to ELN partners on an opt-in basis</li> <li>• Coordinated training sessions for the following products and services: QP LegalEze, EBSCOhost, GODOT/CUFTS (with SFU/COPPUL)</li> </ul>

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1.3 Expand membership and improve utility of the BC Library Collections Gateway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formalized submissions criteria for ELN Serials and ELN Media databases</li> <li>• Held preliminary meeting with Public Library Services Branch to explore options for using BC Mail Plus for materials delivery</li> <li>• Assisted in the development of permissions export functionality of SFU/COPPUL cufts2marc utility, allowing for inclusion of ILL permissions information on MARC format serial records generated from CUFTS knowledgebase (see <a href="http://cufts.lib.sfu.ca/cufts2marc.shtml">http://cufts.lib.sfu.ca/cufts2marc.shtml</a>)</li> <li>• Began pilot project to include shelf status check from within the union databases for libraries with Z target capability</li> <li>• Participated in Auto-Graphics User Group teleconference</li> </ul>
1.4 Expand participation in interlibrary loans communications network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implemented AGen ISO compliant ILL in August. Initial ISO ILL partners were SFU, UBC, Library and Archives Canada, and CISTI. Initiated communications on ISO ILL testing between OpenILL and Auto-Graphics</li> <li>• Developed and conducted ISO ILL training sessions (included two in-person lab sessions at SFU, telephone training, and an online tutorial)</li> <li>• Conducted resource sharing consultation sessions with all ELN partner libraries, updating partners on current and forthcoming ELN initiatives and ensuring that ELN is aware of partners' needs in this area</li> </ul>
1.5 Develop a collaborative virtual reference pilot project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worked with BCcampus project team to develop implementation plan for asynchronous (email) reference service integrated with Library channel (also see 1.8)</li> </ul>
1.6 Develop mechanisms for demonstrating the value of BC ELN Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Published two issues of ELNConnect, the BC ELN communiqué</li> <li>• Reported on ELN activities at meeting of Council of Post-Secondary Library Directors (CPSLD)</li> </ul>

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<p>1.7 Explore emerging technologies, e.g. Digital repositories, NISO Circulation Implementation protocol</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re-authored three standalone ELN web applications (ILL stats module, ELN Resources Forum, Ranking Survey); developed common authentication system and architecture for all three as first phase of closer integration with main BC ELN web infrastructure</li> <li>• Committed support for development of dbWiz open source metasearch application</li> <li>• Co-coordinated and presented session at CLA, Linking Systems: Transforming Resource-Sharing Through ISO ILL and Other Standards.</li> <li>• Published introductory article on BC institutional repository projects in June issue of ELNConnect</li> <li>• Published: H. Morrison. Professional Library &amp; Information Associations Should Rise to the Challenge of Promoting Open Access and Lead by Example. Library Hi Tech News, 21, 4 (2004) pp. 8-10. Open access copy available through SFU D-space, at <a href="http://ir.lib.sfu.ca/handle/1892/81">http://ir.lib.sfu.ca/handle/1892/81</a></li> <li>• peer reviewed articles on open access for Serials Review</li> </ul>
<p>1.8 Develop BCcampus Library Services Channel (Phase I)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worked with CPSLD subcommittee to finalize project plan and requirements for Phase I of the Library Services channel</li> <li>• Worked with BCcampus development team on implementation of research database gateway including design and workflow of portal pages and proxy server configuration</li> <li>• Developed admin module to manage library channel configuration and data entry</li> <li>• Registered additional IP addresses for sites using BCcampus proxies</li> <li>• Established technical working group to handle proxy server configuration at the local site level</li> <li>• Worked with SFU Library Systems and BCcampus developers to coordinate modifications to GODOT/CUFTS ILL/Fulltext Requesting module required for interoperability with BCcampus portal</li> <li>• Worked with CPSLD subcommittee to hire secondment to review interface usability and develop plan for ongoing project development and sustainability</li> </ul>

Goal 2. To sustain existing and create new relationships with cognate organizations in order to gain efficiencies and economies and deliver improved services, systems, and information resources to British Columbia learners and researchers

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2.1 Complete transition to Simon Fraser University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Realigned BC ELN governance structure in accordance with Principles of Transition document. Steering Committee chair to be elected from among its members annually</li> </ul>
2.2 Develop working relationship with Irving K. Barber Learning Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued discussions (in progress)</li> </ul>
2.3 Develop cross-sectoral relationships and initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participated in E-Health Library Working Group of the BC Academic Health Council (BCAHC); advised on development of RFP and business plan</li> </ul>
2.4 Maintain existing and create new relationships with relevant regional, national, and international consortia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• pursued new product licenses for SportDISCUS, Criminal Justice Abstracts and Refworks in collaboration with other regional consortia (COPPUL, TAL); resulting greater participation rates increased discounts obtained for these products</li> <li>• provided ELN website code to VIVA, CRKN and CFL for local testing and implementaton. Investigating opportunities for ongoing collaborative development</li> </ul>