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Message from the Chair

Looking back on BC ELN's progress in 2022, the word stability comes to mind. Acute challenges brought on by the pandemic are subsiding, and while adversities continue to exist in the post-secondary sector, we can see signs of recovery. For BC ELN, the past year has brought several improvements to infrastructure that further stabilize the consortium's work. BC ELN transitioned to a new licensing management software, replacing an outdated system and introducing convenience, transparency, and greater efficiency. Ministry bridge funding for both AskAway and WriteAway enabled each to hire additional support to steady the services through increased usage. Partner libraries worked together to strengthen the Illume resource sharing service and eliminate transaction fees. The Arca community laid groundwork for a software migration. And through collaborative effort, BC ELN finalized a new Strategic Framework that outlines

BC ELN Benefits Libraries

BC ELN's collaborative approach enables the post-secondary sectors in B.C. and the Yukon to collectively avoid over ten million dollars in costs.

Partner libraries have autonomy to choose which BC ELN services to participate in. Benefits to participation include:

Financial savings and avoided costs

Reducing duplicated efforts, saving staff time

Ability to offer more to students

Support from an experienced team

A stronger voice in concert with others

Learning from communities of practice

Professional networking opportunities

Joining innovative services that meet institutional needs

Centralized training for staff

Group Licensing

BC ELN seeks out top-quality electronic resources and negotiates the best possible price on behalf of partner libraries. Resources are more affordable for libraries, and studgents get 24/7 access to online acticles, erboocksmistreaming media, and more. el

2022 Achievements:

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Elimination of Fees

Partner libraries successfully eliminated ILL fees for non-returnable items (e.g., articles)

Shared Services

BC ELN works with partner libraries and external groups in British Columbia and beyond to coordinate, develop, and implement shared services that benefit all participants.

Arca Digital Repository

Managed by BC ELN, <u>Arca</u> is a province-wide network of digital repositories. Arca fills a gap for smaller GLAM organizations (galleries, libraries, archives, and museums) that may lack the human or financial resources to preserve and provide access to their digital collections.

2022 Achievements:

Groundwork for Islandora 2.0

Arca continued to lay the groundwork in 2022 for a major migration to Islandora 2.0. In addition to hiring discoverygarden, a P.E.I.-based vendor, to create a migration plan, a thorough analysis of collections, metadata, and future needs was completed to prepare for the migration. On behalf of Arca, BC ELN began exploring external funding options

Indigitization Program Partnership

Indigitization Program participants have a secure and affordable repository to store and provide community access to their digitized materials: the Indigitization Community Portal, a shared Arca site. This initiative to support the preservation, management, and sharing of Indigitization Program materials is made possible by a partnership between the Indigitization Program, IKBLC at the University of British Columbia, and BC ELN. The Indigitization Program's investment extends their existing suite of supte

Moving Forward

BC ELN's new strategic framework sets out three directions that will drive BC ELN's momentum over the next five-year period:

Develop Responsive, Inclusive, and Sustainable Services

Empower and Engage our Community

Pursue Meaningful, Reciprocal Partnerships

The framework is intended to flex and adapt as circumstances in the environment change. While the three overarching directions guide BC ELN's forward momentum and inform how the community will concentrate its energies in the next five years, shorter-term, adjustable goals will be set under each direction. Ongoing reporting and regular checkpoints will allow BC ELN to assess how progress is meeting partners' needs, and the consortium will have the option to adjust goals as needed. Service Advisory Committees will also develop action plans that align with BC ELN's broader directions.



2022/23 Projected Carryforward: \$89,625 (Includes prepayments and unexpended funds for projects and Arca partnerships.)

AskAway Chat Research Help

Revenue	2021/22	2022/23
	Actual	Projected
Partner Library Support (Service Support Fee and	\$97,873	\$96,113
Flexible Contribution)		
BC ELN Contribution	\$10,000	\$10,000
Ministry Bridge Funding - Year One	n/a	15,000
Miscellaneous (Carryforward, marketing, etc.)	\$3,833	\$416

Total

Licensing ProgrammeFlow-through finances for licensing activities.

Revenue 2021/22 Actual