

## NHCUC Libraries Committee - Strategic Plan 2017-2020

**Mission** - The Libraries Committee meets regularly to improve resource sharing, devise ways to avoid costly duplication, pursue joint purchasing opportunities, and provide professional development. We seek to strengthen our member library's value to its constituents, as well as leverage the strength of inter-institutional collaboration and cooperation.

### Core Commitments and Services

- **Resource Sharing:** The member-supported van delivery system supports transfer of physical library materials to all members. Cooperation with the State Library delivery service provides the ability to include lending and borrowing to public libraries throughout New Hampshire. NHCUC member libraries also do not charge one another Interlibrary Loan fees.
- **Consortial EResource Purchasing:** NHCUC libraries have an ongoing contract with EBSCO Information Services to license shared databases. The total cost to NHCUC for FY18-FY20 is approximately \$250,000.
- **Mentoring and Professional Development:** We offer opportunities for staff at all levels including matches for short or longer term professional development that includes site visits and training.
- **Shared Use Privileges:** The NHCUC member libraries share information on the privileges that member libraries provide for students and faculty at other NHCUC libraries when using their institutional ID.

### Goals and Vision

- Improve member buying power by examining the potential for additional joint purchases and licenses, such as LibGuides, virtual reference, scanners, and Lynda.com.
- Increase/expand professional development programs and support more robust knowledge exchange among staff through in-person opportunities such as a one-day conference or symposium, creating online and in-person spaces for networking, etc. Topics could include Open Education, the future of New Hampshire libraries, use of technology, grant-writing, fund-raising, and assessment of library impact on student success.
- Increase ways to facilitate networking and collaboration among members' staffs, such as by fostering the creation of new special interest groups in areas of both technical and public services.
- Investigate current usage of the NHCUC truck delivery system, alternative delivery options, and alternative cost distribution among members.
- Initiate additional collaboration and interaction with other appropriate NHCUC Committees.
- Cooperate in adding content to the New Hampshire presence in the Digital Public Library of America when a hub is established.
- Support the evolving strategic goals of NHCUC as appropriate.