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*An Overview of the directions of the Council of Post Secondary Library Directors BC (CPSLD)*

CPSLD is an association representing the Library Directors of not-for-profit post-secondary education institutions in British Columbia. The Council provides leadership to strengthen the BC post-secondary library system for the benefit of the students and stakeholders.

The member libraries accomplish this work by:

- creating technology-rich and purposeful spaces and services that support and inspire learning. Users visit libraries with a goal, to research, to write, to meet with a group, or to brainstorm. Productivity is the central theme – the Library is the place where students go to get things done
- serving all BC students (high school graduates, employees upgrading skills or exploring new interests, international students, recent immigrants, and mature students) at point-of-need, whether on campus or at a distance
- supporting scholarship and research activities through leadership in open journal and e-scholarship initiatives
- making seamless connections among people and resources by applying the capabilities of the latest generation tools – social networking, mobile devices, digital repositories for learning objects, embedding podcasts into online courses, etc.
- collaborating and partnering with other public and post-secondary institutions, government and information providers to leverage buying power and share investments in resources
- serving as memory institutions by providing stewardship of the province's heritage through preserving print materials and undertaking numerous projects to digitize the province's history so it is accessible to all
- continuing to evolve and be nimble, embracing appropriate technology, shifting and adjusting to new teaching and learning environments and new information formats, helping to make sense of the exponential amount of information available

The key elements of CPSLD libraries are supported in their co-operative efforts by the work of many other agencies - consortia, partnerships and interest groups.

Some of these are:

ELN - Electronic Library Network

e-HLbc – Electronic Health Library of BC

COPPUL – Council of Pacific and Prairie Libraries

Reciprocal Borrowing – all College and University Libraries in BC

Inter-Library Loan – the World

Ask Away – Virtual Reference Service

BCcampus

Digitization – support from I K Barber Learning Centre

CILS – services for students with disabilities

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The numerous Library Associations, whether local, the BC Library Association; specific, Canadian Association of Research Libraries or international

And the support of industry specific vendors who respond to the needs of the post-secondary libraries in BC, knowing that trends and developments are part of the shared knowledge of CPSLD.

I hope that this brief overview gives some insight into CPSLD.

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