



COPPUL Strategic Plan 2008 – 2011

Purpose

Members of the Council of Prairie and Pacific University Libraries collaborate to enrich information resources and services that contribute to the success of our academic communities.

Guiding Principles

Collaboration

We collaborate by building appropriate internal and external partnerships and by sharing equitably the resources of our members.

Access

We facilitate effective, efficient and equitable access to information resources.

Leadership

We lead in developing innovative library solutions for the post-secondary sector in western Canada.

Accountability

We demonstrate accountability to our stakeholders through evaluation and continuous improvement.

Vision

The Council of Prairie and Pacific University Libraries is a flexible, regional partnership that is committed to helping western Canadian universities succeed in fulfilling their missions. We anticipate emerging challenges and respond with innovative solutions.

We add value to existing services by utilizing the collective human and capital resources of our members.

Building on our history of voluntary collaboration, inter-provincial relationships and professional interaction, we are recognized for innovation and leadership.

Key Areas of Focus

Information Resources

We encourage and facilitate innovative approaches to creating, accessing and preserving scholarly communication.

Research, Teaching and Learning

We foster libraries as an integral partner in teaching, learning and research.

Capacity Building

We build the professional capacity of our staff through sharing information and expertise.

Environmental Scanning

We are aware of internal and external factors that affect our libraries and take proactive steps to stay ahead of events.

Actions

Information Resources

1. Survey the licensing landscape
2. Investigate automated resource sharing *
3. Investigate consortium licensing for collection evaluation tools
4. Develop a scholar's toolkit
5. Develop a "last copy" management policy
6. Investigate and increase awareness of digitization needs and preservation strategies. *

Research, Teaching and Learning

1. Continue interlibrary loan and resource sharing programs
2. Continue supporting the researcher project
3. Review the Animated Tutorial Sharing Project (ANTS) project
4. Investigate a forum on support for graduate studies *
5. Investigate linking open access journals and data *
6. Investigate a geo-spatial data server *
7. Develop a proposal for an ARL/ACRL Institute on Scholarly Communication *
8. Explore a regional institutional repository
9. Explore improved catalogue access *
10. Investigate shared reference services
11. Explore integrating library resources into course management systems
12. Expand the use of the COPPUL card.

Capacity Building

1. Review the working groups vis-à-vis the strategic plan *
2. Develop an orientation process for new directors *
3. Investigate career development for staff *
4. Explore continuing education options for staff
5. Develop a database for capacity building. *

Environmental Scanning

1. Gather information on top campus issues *
2. Conduct an external scan of current developments impacting universities and libraries *
3. Identify trends from 1 and 2 above to act upon and restructure the COPPUL meetings accordingly. *

** Top priority items identified in September 2007.*