University of California Libraries
Systemwide Annual Plans and Priorities

2019-2020

Endorsed by the University of California (UC) Council of University Librarians (CoUL) with feedback and guidance from the UC Libraries Direction and Oversight Committee (DOC).

New Projects	Ongoing Projects	Completed Projects
	1. Advance Long-Term Stewardship of Digital Content	N/A
	2. Pursue and Negotiate a Systemwide Library Management System[1]	
3. Strengthen systemwide communication		
	4. Actively transform scholarly publishing and communication	

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[1] This project was revised for FY2019-2020 from "Investigate Systemwide Library Management Systems."

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Projects and near-term goals

1. **Advance Long-Term Stewardship of Digital Content**
   Advance long-term management and preservation of the UC community's digital content and research data. Continue to play a leadership role in the development of regional, national and international digital library programs and services to ensure that the cultural and scholarly record is preserved and accessible.

   Relevant Long-Term Goal(s):
   (1) Enrich the systemwide library collection

Near Term Goal(s):	Group(s):
• Develop a framework for digital preservation that identifies which digital preservation activities should be pursued at the systemwide level and which are best managed at the local level. Develop an actionable UC digital preservation strategy that prioritizes work based on need and systemwide capacity.	DOC, DPSWG

2. **Pursue and Negotiate a Systemwide Library Management System**
   Advance the Systemwide Integrated Library System (SILS) project through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process and selection of a vendor. Plan and initiate phase 4 of the SILS project, which will include vendor negotiations and implementation. Continue to pursue improved faculty and student user experience; better library business intelligence; and operational and cost efficiencies through a collaborative systemwide approach.

   Relevant Long-Term Goal(s):
   (2) Maximize discovery of and access to information resources
   (3) Optimize and develop shared services for operational efficiency and maximal expertise

Near Term Goal(s):	Group(s):
• Assess and score the SILS RFP bids. Submit the winning bid and recommendation(s) to CoUL. Pending CoUL approval, pursue and negotiate a contract with the selected vendor. Maintain alignment with the RLF Inventory Management System project.	SILS
• Begin harmonization pilots and investigation into what a SILS shared governance structure might look like and how it might integrate into the existing UC Libraries Advisory Structure (UCLAS).	SILS

3. **Strengthen systemwide communications**
   Evaluate systemwide communication needs to support cross-campus collaboration and information sharing. Develop and implement a communication plan.

   Relevant Long-Term Goal(s):
   (3) Optimize and develop shared services for operational efficiency and maximal expertise

Near Term Goal(s):	Group(s):
• Assess how the UC Libraries currently communicate with the libraries' employees around core systemwide activities. Assess current mechanisms for engaging employees and supporting collaboration and information exchange. Develop and implement a plan to strengthen the UC Libraries' systemwide communications.	DOC

4. **Actively transform scholarly publishing and communication**
   Work collaboratively with a variety of partners and stakeholders to provide leadership in transforming scholarly publishing into a system that is economically sustainable and ensures the widest possible access. Explore and experiment with local and systemwide initiatives to more strategically further the large scale transition to open access. Support and advocate for various regional, national, and international open access initiatives.

   Relevant Long-Term Goal(s):
   (4) Expand engagement in scholarly communication.

Near Term Goal(s):	Group(s):
• Negotiate and implement a set of transformative open access agreements with scholarly journal publishers (to be done in consultation with CoUL, administrative leaders and faculty leaders); co-develop the necessary publishing workflow infrastructure to support UC's multi-payer model.	TRANSFORM
• Carry out the [Open Access Tipping Point Workshop](#) in support of North American institutions looking to pursue transformative open access agreements with major scholarly publishers; explore further steps to engage and collaborate with other academic institutions around transformative open access.	TRANSFORM
• Assess UC's alternative access to scholarly articles and the impact on both the libraries and end-users when access to	TRANSFORM

subscription content is lost. Make recommendations about long term access support and the ways in which UC can improve alternative access options.	
• Implement shared licensed content strategies that address both rising licensed content subscription costs and UC's goal to achieve a truly open scholarly communication system.	TRANSFORM, SCLG
• Engage and consult with UC community members, including faculty and students, around achieving a sustainable transition to open access publishing; better document and promote campus and systemwide open access activities.	CoUL and applicable campus teams, TRANSFORM, OSC

Abbreviations

CoUL	Council of University Librarians
DPSWG	Digital Preservation Strategy Working Group
DOC	Direction and Oversight Committee
OSC	Office of Scholarly Communication
RLFs	Regional Library Facilities
SCLG	Shared Content Leadership Group
SILS	Systemwide Integrated Library System (SILS) Project
TRANSFORM	Project TRANSFORM