eHLbc Administrative Centre Report: January to June 2026

In addition to eHLbc's Strategic Framework work plan, the consortium captures key work and achievements via bi-annual progress reports.

Licensing Infrastructure Support

- AI in eHLbc licensed resources project:
    - Surveyed vendors to clarify how generative AI is being used across their products and services licensed through BC ELN/eHLbc, either directly or via Consortia Canada deals.
    - Released results on website, supporting eHLbc member organizations in making informed, evidence-based decisions about these products and services.
- Negotiated a low common inflationary renewal increase for ProQuest-licensed resources for 2026; this was accomplished in partnership with other western consortia and provides stability for partner library budgets.
- Participated in Consortia Canada and Western Consortia meetings to discuss licensing topics, among other issues of relevance to Canadian library consortia.

Maintain Core Suite of Resources

- Completed the Core Suite renegotiation and renewal for 2026-2030 ensuring BC and the Yukon's students, researchers, and health practitioners have uninterrupted access to critical health resources. Work included:
    - Coordinating and hosting a Core Suite Watercooler in January, providing a transparent overview of the renewal process and a forum for eHLbc organization staff to ask questions and discuss the renewal with health sector peers.
    - Confirming membership commitment with Full and Affiliate members.

- Supporting eHLbc Management Committee decision-making.
- Identifying and communicating Affiliate member Core Suite licensing fees for 2026-2030.
- Communicating individually with eHLbc member organizations to resolve questions about finance processes.
- Posting Core Suite renewal to ConsortiaManager and communicating the successful renegotiation and commencement of the term to the wider eHLbc community.
- Invoicing members for Core Suite licensing costs.
- Creating and distributing the 2026-2030 Core Suite Renewal Process Survey, to capture eHLbc member feedback around the renegotiation and renewal, and sharing results with the eHLbc Management Committee, with more fulsome results to be shared via the eHLbc website
- Updating and streamlining internal documentation around the renewal process for future years.

Grow Collection of Opt-in Resources

- Renewed the following opt-in resources:
- Alexander Street Press Online Videos
- DSM-5 Library – in collaboration with Consortia Canada
- PsychiatryOnline Core – in collaboration with Consortia Canada
- PsychiatryOnline Premium – in collaboration with Consortia Canada
- Psychotherapy Library – in collaboration with Consortia Canada
- Introductory Textbook of Psychiatry – in collaboration with Consortia Canada
- DynaMed
- Health Source Package & Dynamic Health (EBSCO)
- MEDLINE Complete (optional upgrade to the Core Suite)
- MEDLINE Ultimate (optional upgrade to the Core Suite)

- CINAHL Ultimate (optional upgrade to the Core Suite)
- Negotiated a new resource, Dynamic Health, which is an evidence-based tool designed to help nurses and allied health professionals master skills, obtain fast answers to questions and foster a culture of evidence-based practice and critical thinking leading to improved patient outcomes. This replaces Nursing Reference Centre (NRC) in the Health Source Package at no additional cost.
- Formally launched the revised eHLbc New Resource Selection Process for 2026:
- Collected new resource suggestions from members and curated suggestions into the 2026 Ranking Survey, which was then distributed to partner libraries.
- Conducted analysis on the results of the Ranking Survey and identified the top two highest priority resources: UptoDate and Embase.
- Updated the eHLbc community on the process via the 2026-27 Outcomes Report, which includes the ranking survey results and the negotiation outcomes for the top two resources each year.
- Began investigations into the top two resources with the vendor, Ovid.

Empower and Support eHLbc Members

- Provided eHLbc members with troubleshooting and technical support for authentication or access issues, IP updates, and usage statistics.
- Updated eHLbc Management Committee on Ministry of Post-secondary Education and Future Skills directive to transition BC ELN from its current host Simon Fraser University to a new public sector organisation in 2027; impacts to eHLbc are anticipated to be minimal
- Created eHLbc risk register outlining perceived risks affecting the consortium and proposed mitigation actions to mitigate these risks.
- Presented draft risk register to Management Committee and incorporated feedback; confirmed plan for quarterly updates.

Cultivate Professional Development

- Facilitated logistics around and sent several consortial representatives to the first annual EBSCO Health Day for eHLbc members.

- Supported two HLABC Learning Opportunities:
    - A workshop entitled “Designing Resilient Library Services: A Workshop on Resilience Engineering for Librarians”, with Lorri Zipperer, Nicole Capdarest-Arest, and Amanda Ross-White, in June 2026; and
    - A paper panel, featuring Glyneva Bradley-Ridout's work on play in academic libraries and Tyler Ostapyk’s work on the tool rxstring.ca, in February 2026.