

eHLbc Administrative Centre Report: July to December 2025

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

Licensing Infrastructure Support

- 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.
- Trained BC ELN's newest Project Librarian on ConsortiaManager and eHLbc licensing renewals work.

Maintain Core Suite of Resources

- Continued work on the Core Suite renegotiation for 2026-2030, as the Core Suite Team met regularly to coordinate renewal activities:
 - Successfully completed negotiations with Core Suite vendors and finalized vendor lump sum pricing, which is now available on the [Core Suite Web](#) (login required).
 - Confirmed individual cost impacts for those not participating in the Undergraduate Resource Bundle (URB).
 - Sourced retail pricing, product information, and usage statistics from vendors for member analysis and review.
 - Completed and updated eHLbc's internal calculations to determine individual member pricing.
 - Updated and streamlined Core Suite Web pages to reflect the new term information.
 - Updated the [2026-2030 Case for Renewal](#), (login required) which was created to explain the Core Suite and outline pricing for each member organization over the next four years. It is a useful tool to

share with administrators as it provides a clear breakdown of advantages and expenses for the renewal.

- Renewed the eHLbc Administrative Centre contract for 2026-2030.
- Approved the eHLbc Membership fees cost-sharing approach for 2026-2030.
- Developed and published eHLbc Full Member Commitment Survey to determine ongoing eHLbc membership and commitment to the full 4-year Core Suite term.
- Scheduled a Core Suite Watercooler session for members to learn more about the upcoming renewal and relevant information hosted on the Core Suite web.
- Met with staff from Vancouver Coastal Health and Providence Health Care to reconfirm and clarify joint eHLbc membership necessitated by technical infrastructure.

Grow Collection of Opt-in Resources

- Renewed the following opt-in resources:
 - Ageline – in collaboration with Western Consortia; eHLbc as lead
 - Clinical Skills, including four modules: Core, Pediatric Nursing, Perioperative Nursing, and Respiratory Therapy
 - EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS) – in collaboration with BC ELN
 - JBI Database, Journal, and Tools Package – in collaboration with Consortia Canada; eHLbc lead
 - SPORTDiscus Full Text: in collaboration with COPPUL
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- Completed and soft-launched the updated [New Resource Selection process](#) in September, providing a more streamlined and responsive process for organizations to submit and prioritize resources for consortial licensing:
 - Announced the launch of the new process to the eHLbc community at large.

- Opened the suggestion form on a year-round basis for member submissions.
- Updated and streamlined related webpages, FAQs, and outcomes reports.
- Developed a new [Vendor Checklist](#) to cut down on negotiating time and ensure potential vendor partners align with eHLbc’s licensing principles.
- Created clear and detailed internal documentation for eHLbc staff who may work on the process in the future.

Empower and Support eHLbc Members

- Provided eHLbc members with troubleshooting and technical support for authentication or access issues, IP updates, and usage statistics.
- Oriented University of the Fraser Valley interim University Librarian and new Yukon University Librarian to eHLbc.
- Hired and onboarded a limited term Project Librarian, creating additional capacity for Core Suite renewal work and other emerging priorities.
- Consulted with SFU Finance and Library Management on optimising eHLbc financial infrastructure, consolidating and streamlining fund accounting practices.
- Migrated eHLbc online training and orientation course to the new SFU Canvas Cloud platform to provide uninterrupted access to eHLbc members.

Cultivate Professional Development

- Supported an HLABC Learning Opportunity entitled “Getting Comfortable with Context: An Introductory Qualitative Methods Workshop,” with presenters Robin Parker and Lindsey Sikora. The virtual event attracted over 30 eHLbc members and reprised Parker and Sikora’s session from the 2026 Canadian Health Libraries Association (CHLA) conference, which many eHLbc members were unable to attend.