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News and Updates from eHLbc

It's eHLbc's Birthday! 20 Years of Collaborative Impact



2026 marks eHLbc's twentieth anniversary! For two decades, eHLbc has brought post-secondary institutions, health organizations, and professional associations together around the shared goal of ensuring equitable access to high-quality health information resources. What began as a collaborative effort to maximize resources and strengthen access to information has grown into a trusted network that supports education, learning, and research for students, researchers, and clinicians.

Over the years, eHLbc and its member organizations have navigated significant change. Through it all, eHLbc's commitment to collaborative licensing has been a cornerstone of health information access across BC and the Yukon. By working together, we have shared expertise and created capacity, building a community dedicated to facilitating the availability of evidence and research for

those who work daily to improve health outcomes and advance the health professions.

We extend our gratitude to the many members, partners, and leaders who have contributed their time, knowledge, and vision to eHLbc over the years. Their- your- dedication has helped shape eHLbc's value and impact, and ensured a solid foundation and bright future for the consortium.

Join eHLbc for an exciting slate of Fall Learning Opportunities!

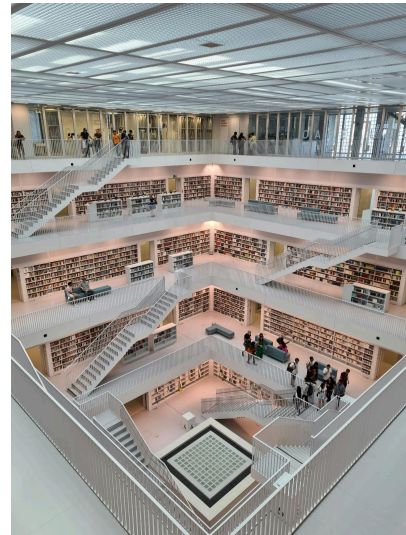
eHLbc is planning two exciting learning opportunities for Fall 2026:

The Library Value Planner: Making the LVP Your Ultimate Strategic Planning MVP

Wednesday, November 18th, 10:00-11:30am PDT

eHLbc's first Fall 2026 Learning Opportunity reprises the popular CHLA 2025 workshop and brings CHLA's Library Value Planner framework to you!

This CHLA/ABSC CE Accredited Course introduces the Library Value Planner, a tool developed by the CHLA Standards Committee to help health library professionals map challenges and opportunities for their library's services and effectively advocate for their library's role in health care settings. This interactive workshop aims to equip library professionals with the skills to create and communicate a strategic plan that demonstrates the value of their libraries and their roles. This interactive workshop is worth 1.5 Continuing Education credits from the Medical Library Association.



[Find more information and register for the workshop here!](#)

Member Panel on Artificial Intelligence

Tuesday, December 1st, 1:00-2:00pm PDT

Listen and learn as eHLbc members from both the post-secondary and health sectors discuss their experiences with AI! In this member panel, representatives from eHLbc member organizations and institutions will share their everyday experiences with artificial intelligence. Panelists Connie Bolding (Interior Health Authority), Shawonna Parlango (Douglas College), and Brooke Ballantyne Scott (Fraser Health Authority) will discuss where they are encountering and navigating AI tools in their daily work and their health information resources; how it is changing their work; how they are supporting students, researchers, and staff in navigating these tools; and where they see gaps, challenges, and opportunities for those they support. This is sure to be a fascinating discussion on an extremely relevant and expansive topic.

[Register for the panel here!](#)

eHLbc releases the initial results of the AI in Licensed Resources project

eHLbc completed the first phase of the [AI in Licensed Resources project](#) in July with the release of initial results of the Generative AI in Licensed Resources vendor survey. From February to April 2026, the eHLbc office surveyed vendor partners to understand how generative AI is being used across their products and services. Specifically, we sought to determine:

- what generative AI components exist in vendor products;
- whether the use of these components is optional or mandatory, and;
- whether the components are opt-in or enabled by default.

eHLbc is pleased to present the results of this initial data collection, supplemented and enhanced with links to relevant public information pages to improve clarity and usability. Find the AI in Licensed Resources spreadsheet on the [AI in eHLbc Licensed Resources webpage](#).

Note: This page and the associated spreadsheet require a login. [Log into the eHLbc website here](#). If you are having trouble accessing your account and cannot log into the eHLbc website, just click the "Request New Password" tab on the login page. You'll get an email asking you to reset your password.

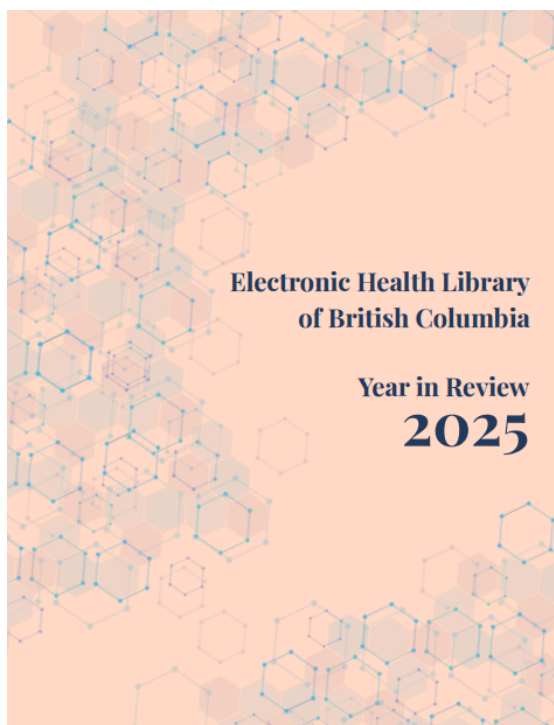
eHLbc continues partnership with HLABC for member engagement

In June, eHLbc partnered with HLABC to offer a reprisal of the CHLA 2025 workshop, "[Designing Resilient Library Services: A Workshop on Resilience Engineering for Librarians](#)". Presenters Lorri Zipperer, Amanda Ross-White, and Nicole Capdarest-Arest presented on applying the principles of resilience engineering on an organizational level to reinforce and enhance library services in times of uncertainty and change. The recording of this workshop and supporting materials provided by the presenters are available on eHLbc's [Learning Opportunities](#) page.

In Case You Missed it: Year in Review 2025

eHLbc's annual report, the Year in Review, demonstrates the value that eHLbc brings to health and post-secondary communities across BC and the Yukon. Highlights of the Year in Review 2025 include:

- eHLbc's impact by the numbers in 2025 (including \$6.6 million in Core Suite Savings!)
- A retrospective of the successful 2026-2030 Core Suite Renewal
- Information about the New Resource Selection Process, streamlining member input on and improving the user experience of resource selection
- eHLbc's responsive capacity building and member advocacy in response to changes in the EBSCO UI interface
- Financials: 2024-25 actual and 2025-26 actual
- Looking ahead to 2026 activities and priorities for the consortium



We hope you enjoy reading the report and encourage you to pass it along to administrators and colleagues. [Find the Year in Review here](#) (as well as the [accessible version here](#))!

The 2026-2027 eHLbc Management Committee: New Representatives and Renewals

The eHLbc Management Committee is made of seven elected All Member Group Representatives. The committee meets every spring and fall to provide leadership, recommend annual priorities and ensure that eHLbc's objectives are being met through support and oversight of the consortium's operations.

The eHLbc Admin Centre are pleased to announce that Roen Janyk has stepped forward to fill the vacant Post-Secondary sector representative position on the Management

Committee. Roen's 2-year term on the eHLbc Management Committee began October 1, 2026, and will extend to September 30, 2028.

In addition, both Katharine Shipley and Shannon Cheng-Gornall have agreed to continue serving on the Management Committee for a second two-year term. Their second terms will extend to September 30, 2028.

Thank you, Roen, Katharine, and Shannon!

The 2026-2027 eHLbc Management Committee now has the following members:

Chair

Megan Crouch, Simon Fraser University (Post-Secondary Sector)

Health Sector Representatives

Connie Bolding, Interior Health Authority (Past Chair)

Shannon Cheng-Gornall, Provincial Health Services Authority

Post-Secondary Sector Representatives

Katharine Shipley, Douglas College

Roen Janyk, Okanagan College

Affiliate Representative

Daphne Hamilton-Nagorsen, WorkSafeBC

Call out to members for peer-to-peer learning opportunities

Have you recently written a paper or presented a conference session that might be of interest to eHLbc colleagues? Are you interested in sharing your best practices in evidence synthesis; mapping stakeholders and collaborators throughout your library, health authority, or wider organization; or sharing how you use a specific health-focused software to conduct your work? Let the eHLbc Office know by emailing us at office@ehlbc.ca, and we'll contact you to set up a peer-to-peer learning opportunity!



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