

VALE Goals for AY 2003

All VALE committees are responsible for monitoring ACRL, other library consortia, as well as national, international, and regional academic library developments and organizations in each of the goal areas to integrate VALE projects with their efforts where appropriate. Primary responsibility for specific goals is given to the VALE committee noted.

1. Expand and sustain an effective funding stream through collaboration, advocacy and public relations efforts.
 - a. Explore alternative funding sources to support VALE programs and services.
 - b. Develop a coordinated plan for identifying and applying for grants that meet identified goals.
 - c. Seek expanded State support for math, science and technology databases that can be used by any NJ citizens in any NJ academic library designed to make NJ the leader in such information resources.
 - 1) Develop a document with the New Jersey State Library and New Jersey Library Association Public Policy Committee that promotes the benefits of making math, science and technology scholarly resources widely available to NJ citizens and students
 - 2) Identify potential funding partners, state and private, to capitalize on licensing appropriate content that is consistent with NJ's role as leader in science and technology fields
 - 3) Identify colleges' and universities' government and public affairs offices that can facilitate introductions to legislators who are interested in supporting such initiatives

Committee: Executive Committee

2. Shape a communications plan that will enhance the visibility of VALE to its constituencies, state legislature, and the public.

Committee: Publicity and Public Relations

3. Establish collaborative license agreements and contracts with publishers and database vendors that greatly expand access and reduce the unit costs to content

needed by NJ colleges and universities, that each university or college could negotiate on its own.

- a. Review all current VALE contract/license agreements to ensure that VALE members are benefiting from appropriate terms.
- b. Establish practices whereby all VALE members have copies of licenses for databases to which they subscribe through VALE.
- c. Meet with vendors throughout the year to assess and evaluate new and enhanced offerings.
- d. Conduct trials of desirable electronic scholarly resources with the full VALE membership to gain input on need and value and recommend purchase.
- e. Interact with other consortia to develop more cost effective funding models for VALE and collaboratively as part of larger “mega-licenses.”

Committee: Electronic Resources Committee and Finance Committee.

- 4. Develop and implement a remote reference service so that anywhere, anytime reference service can be provided to the NJ college and university communities at a cost far below what any single university would pay for this expansive service.
 - a. Develop standards for a virtual (online, real-time, interactive) reference service for VALE.
 - b. Develop partnerships that will facilitate participation in a virtual reference project
 - c. Identify costs, specific needs and resources to fund a virtual reference project.
 - d. Implement a virtual reference service.
 - e. Promote the new virtual reference service and evaluate its use.

Committee: Reference Services Committee

- 5. Develop and implement a shared VALE information literacy web site, funded from grants, volunteer labor, and local funding, that will greatly speed access for every librarian or faculty member to information literacy materials (e.g. instructional modules, pre-and post learner assessment tools, syllabi, self-instruction tutorials, handouts, exercises, etc.).
 - a. Make accessible and shareable on the VALE web site an indexed collection of information literacy materials developed by individual VALE libraries

b. Make available on the VALE web site for use by VALE participants, and their users, at least one information literacy product collaboratively developed by VALE members.

c. Develop policies and procedures governing all of the issues related to this web site such as use, revision, attribution and copyright.

Committee: Shared Information Literacy Committee

6. Identify, develop, and secure funding to publish on the web, unique, appropriate, local databases of materials that are either in the public domain or owned by one of the participating universities that agrees to make such materials available and accessible freely to the scholarly community in perpetuity.
 - a. Identify resources/collections at VALE institutions that would benefit from broader exposure to faculty and students in New Jersey
 - b. Develop criteria for prioritizing the resulting list of projects
 - c. Determine standards for digital database development and sustainability
 - d. Locate sources of funding
 - e. Collaborate with other state agencies or organizations for database development, such as the State Library

Committee: As the State Library has established a NJ State Library Digitization Task Force on which 2 VALE members sit, VALE will monitor developments and consider establishing a VALE Database Development Committee at a later time, if appropriate, to move this goal forward within the VALE community.

7. Identify potential additional areas of collaboration among NJ college and university libraries such as a shared pool of skilled staff, shared equipment, and so on.
 - a. Using outcomes of the strategic plan survey, conduct workshops, interactive dialogue, etc., among VALE libraries to identify needs and strengths that lend themselves to collaborative efforts.
 - b. Prioritize areas of collaboration
 - c. Implement the highest priorities by establishing new subcommittees/workgroups or assigning them to current committees.

Committee: Executive Committee/Council

8. Conduct an ongoing assessment of VALE's mission and goals to measure accomplishments

Committee: Assessment Committee

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