BLC Strategic Directions 2019-2021

Resource Sharing – explore an expanded definition of ‘resource’ to include people, functional expertise, distinctive collections and digital assets, as well as further refining the ‘techniques’ of resource sharing to ensure maximum efficiency for users.

Access and Interoperability – continuously improve the ‘One Library’ user experience by removing remaining barriers between BLC member libraries to create a seamless user experience.

Collaborative Initiatives – explore opportunities for greater collaboration around projects such as digital exhibitions, digitization projects, preservation, and shared repositories. Shared staff expertise could include licensing, intellectual property and accessibility of online resources and physical facilities.

BLC Code of Conduct:

The BLC is committed to providing welcoming, open, safe environments where members can work and learn together. Central to the work of the BLC is the opportunity for people with a variety of experiences and perspectives to come together as peers in comfort and safety. We expect participants in the BLC community to help create thoughtful and respectful environments where that interaction can take place.

The BLC will not tolerate harassment within our community. If you have concerns that you are being harassed or notice someone else who is being harassed, please contact a member of the BLC staff as soon as possible. If you or others are in imminent danger, please phone emergency services at 911.
Core Values of the BLC:

Approved by the full BLC Board on June 6th, 2019

The Boston Library Consortium (BLC) is committed to the core values of librarianship and to ensuring that these core values guide our decision making, our words, and our actions. The core value statements below provide a framework for the work of the Consortium and are intended to define, inform, and guide our professional practices. These values reflect the history of and ongoing development of the profession.

Access – The BLC believes that all information resources provided directly or indirectly by its member libraries should be readily, equally, and equitably accessible to all the members of its community.

Confidentiality and Privacy – The BLC expects its members to protect user privacy and confidentiality as a fundamental right.

Collaboration – We believe in the power of working collectively to achieve mutually beneficial goals.

Diversity – The BLC is committed to creating and supporting inclusive, diverse, and equitable communities. More information is included in the BLC Code of Conduct.

Intellectual Freedom – We uphold the principles of intellectual freedom and resist efforts to censor library resources and services.

Preservation – The BLC supports the preservation of information resources in all media and formats and encourages collaborative efforts to undertake preservation in a cost-effective manner.

Service and Professionalism – The BLC strives for excellence in the profession by enhancing knowledge and skills through ongoing professional development and by fostering the aspirations of all members of the community.

Social Responsibility – The BLC fosters a culture of social responsibility and advocates with its member libraries on current critical issues.