A Brief Update on the BLC
FY 2017

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Annual Networking Day
May 30, 2017
We are now 18 members strong

Welcome to the University of Rhode Island. Karim Boughida, Director of Libraries.

BLC: 18 academic and research libraries in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Rhode Island.
Our Workforce = Our Future

• AUL/AD Workforce Development Working Group
• Proposal to the Board
• Goals
  – Promote the BLC as the central institution to develop leadership and professional skills
  – Provide access to mentoring and professional development for all members
  – Build on the talent and skills within the Consortium
  – Offer an annual leadership institute to grow leadership capability across BLC libraries
A Two Pronged Approach: Expanded Professional Development

• Expanded professional development calendar: workshops, training, events
  – Build on success
    • Copyright in the Digital Age
    • Project Management Training for Librarians
    • Data Visualization for Librarians

• In process for FY18
  – ORCID workshop
  – Updated Open Educational Resources session
  – Series of “What library staff need to know about....”
    • What’s new in resource sharing?
    • What is linked data and why should I care?
    • Etc.
Welcome to Jessica Hardin Program Coordinator for the BLC
A Two Pronged Approach: BLC Leads

• The second prong of the strategic focus on workforce development
• A 6-month leadership development program
• Combines 2 face-to-face institutes with a series of virtual learning sessions and onsite visit
• Leverages the library and higher education leaders within the BLC
• Support of talent management and succession planning efforts
Making BLC Leads Happen

• Thanks to the AUL Working Group
  – Regina Raboin, UMass-Medical
  – Scott Britton, BC
  – Linda Plunket, BU
  – Evan Simpson, Northeastern
  – Kimberly Sweetman, UNH
  – Holly Jeffcoat, UConn
  – Leslie Button, UMass-Amherst
  – Jen Walton, MBL/WHOI

• Thanks to the BLC Board of Directors for support
BLC Leads at a Glance

• Kickoff here at Networking Day
• 3 day face-to-face institute in Salem June 7-9
• 4 monthly 90 minute virtual learning sessions July – October
• Site visits to BLC libraries over summer and into fall
• Closing institute in Amherst November 2-3
The inaugural BLC Leads participants

Amy Braitsch  Boston College
Elizabeth Post  Boston College
Marci Cohen  Boston University
Steve Smith  Boston University
Jason Bernard  Brandeis University
Surella E. Seelig  Brandeis University
Gayane Karen Merguerian  Northeastern University
Martha Kelehan  Tufts University
Sally Krash  UMass Amherst
Marisol Ramos  University of Connecticut
Kari Mofford  Dartmouth
Allison Herrera  University of Massachusetts Medical School
Marianne Siener  University of Massachusetts Medical School
Rebecca Reznik-Zellen  University of Massachusetts Medical School
Eleta Exline  University of New Hampshire
Peter Larsen  University of Rhode Island
EAST and more EAST

The Eastern Academic Scholars’ Trust
The resource sharing beat goes on

Monthly BLC Activity in Rapid ILL

- BLC-BLC Rapid Activity
- All Rapid Borrowing
Thank you. Here’s to a great FY2018!

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