

# VALE COLLABORATION SURVEY

## COMMENTS

### Results from Question 1 comments: Joint remote storage facility

free or cheap- unused college storage space?
I'm not sure what this is.
We are running out of space!
storage facility for journal backfiles
Excellent idea! With space an important factor in growing our print collections, a joint storage facility, accessible to all VALE members, would ensure that archival print collection and provide access to all members.
archival & historical materials
Space is needed by everyone -- think ReCap!
What resources are to be stored?

### Results from Question 2 comments: Staff sharing

a little definition or examples might help
Would any other college or university be willing to share a position certain days per week at each university?
complicated concept
This might be useful in sharing projects particularly in areas where there are new initiatives
With the proposed merger of UMNDNJ, Rutgers, and NJIT this is important
Not sure what this entails
An interesting idea, but individual institutional policies and procedures could be a roadblock - or at least a bottleneck.
Areas and needs assessment required first
This could be helpful to all.
Not sure what's meant but it sounds moderatley exciting
not sure what this means
I would need a definition of
For training
Assuming it is reference/informational sharing or supervisory material

### Results from Question 3 comments: Preservation/conservation training

particularly (personally) interested in saving digital media, but how much can discussion help if one's employer is no closer to interested than I am to rich?
Our collections are deteriorating while we focus on electronic copies and access!
I would very much like to attend workshoops or even a certificatiion program in these areas. We are losing too much material to age and too few conservators.
I would need to determine to what extent our staff already has, or is in need of, such expertise
archival & historical materials

### Results from Question 4 comments: Cooperative collection development

would require excellent shipping arrangements
would make more sense if we focus on improving the sharing of resources first - such as reciprocal borrowing of some kind for students
With our ability to analyze collections and track use, there is great potential here.
mostly for electronic databases as we do now
Its part of why VALE was established.

In an instance where sharing can be almost instantaneous cooperative collection development is a great idea, and where missions of institutions coincide. Where this is not true or where the needs of the institutions may call for redundancy.

How do truly efficient librarians do this? (or are they faking it too?)

Has the potential of extending statewide availability of materials

for discounts and specific subject expertise

Cooperative collection and licensing of electronic resources is imperative. There will always be a need for local institutional print collections, particularly for heavily used materials.

#### **Results from Question 5 comments: Shared cataloging/outsourcing**

Our Technical Services is in the best position to assess this

not my area (because i couldn't do what they do)

Most institutions have some sort of backlog.

I think outsourcing is a bad idea and too often a kneejerk reaction.

I don't think that outsourcing is an answer. Shared cataloging is already working via RLIN and OCLC.

e.g. music/cd collection

#### **Results from Question 6 comments: Assessment skills training**

yes

what does this mean--assessment and skills and for whom?

We need to develop a metric to assess the information literacy of all our patrons

Outcomes assessment is particularly important

Not sure exactly what this question is asking!

Maybe I need this - what assessment skills?

important but booooooring (be honest now)

I see assessment taking place in a year or two

#### **Results from Question 7 comments: E-book licensing**

We participate in NetLibrary but may move to Oxford Reference Online

This is a growing interest as our Distance Education program develops

partner with CJRLC netLibrary ebooks group

more information needed

If we're not on top of this, it will roll right over us on it's way to big bucks for someone without an MLS.

Discuss use/handling of e-books, not just licensing

Although presently we do not own e-book titles, there may be flexibility to purchase for Nursing or English Literature courses.

#### **Results from Question 8 comments: Acquisitions discounts with certain vendors**

Our Acquisitions area is best able to determine if this is needed.

e.g. jobbers (Blackwell's, YBP, EBSCO) & database publishers

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Again, important part of VALE

#### **Results from Question 9 comments: Bindery discounts**

e.g. ICI (Library Bindery Co of PA)

Always important to acquire a fair price.

#### **Results from Question 10 comments: Last/archival copy of bound periodicals**

You should have an

Specifically for maintaining runs of hard copy journals in NJ

See #1 above.
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**Results from Question 11 comments: Collaborative "tech watch" and software evaluation**

This works hand-in-hand with the assessment of users component
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sounds great, IF we can ALL find the time (or get tenure for doing it)
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Need more info
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**Results to Question 12: Other**

Document Delivery Vendors (e.g., Infotrieve)
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Staff Development, not staff sharing
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Collegial development of subject guides to Internet and traditional sources.
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Student Centered Learning Outcome based evaluation Marketing the academic library
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Training in software
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USA Patriot Act implications for academic libraries
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Why does one have to choose one of three answers when choice is not to choose
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Closer collaboration/cooperation with public and special libraries. Why recreate the wheel and
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collaborative academic e-reference service
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online interactive reference
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24/7 virtual reference, Information Literacy
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