2018 Annual Report

$1M or 48%
SAVINGS on eResources

45 governing member institutions
serving
96000+ healthcare professionals
and staff in the GTA and beyond.

Contributions to
scholarly research and
professional practice.

60+

26 member institutions
participate in 7 committees
and task forces

Our VISION is improved outcomes
for patient care, research and health
promotion through our members' integral
role in health care education.

Our MISSION is to advance
the role of our members in
health care and healthcare
education through impactful
advocacy, knowledge sharing
and expertise building and
optimal resource sharing and
acquisition.

2020 Strategic Plan

Priorities
1. Powerful buying club
2. Expanded membership
3. Improved Advocacy
4. Advance our use of technology
5. Improved member collaboration
6. Improved professional development

2018 Initiatives

Growth Plan
We formed a taskforce early in 2018
and developed a new plan to address growth.
This plan looks to broaden the
Consortium's reach beyond
the GTA and to encourage
Academic institutions and
their hospital partners to
join together and share costs.

Advocacy
Developed a new Advocacy
Statement and publicized on
Website. Additionally
developed multiple advocacy
desks with different
perspectives to support
promoting both the
Consortium and the member
libraries.

Partnerships
We worked with
new professional partners
this year. We worked with
ConCan to bring costs down
as well as offer additional
national subscription deals
to members. We also
partnered with CHLA and
ASTED3S to develop a
project charter to update the
CHLA's Library Standards
document.

Consortia Manager
Consortia Manager was
implemented in time for the
fall renewals. This new
system will streamline the
workflow and decrease email
traffic associated with
renewals. It will also provide
members easy access to
information on their content,
licenses, vendors and
renewal status.
Click here to access all the many achievements and contributions of our members!

Looking ahead to 2019...

I want to start by saying a big “thank you” to all of you who participated and contributed in some way to the Consortium’s strategic initiatives in 2018. None of our achievements are possible without an engaged membership.

In 2019, we will steward the strategic plan with continued emphasis on growth and advocacy while increasing focus on professional development and member engagement. We will continue to pursue partnerships, collaborations and new ways to bring added value to our members.

I am excited for the year ahead and look forward to working with you all!

Lori Anne Oja, Executive Director

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Events included:

- Electronic Resources subcommittee (ERSC) held a session on resource discovery solutions and members showcased the different ways their libraries enable access to eResources.
- Professional Practice Subcommittee (PPSC) hosted a summer half day event on research tips, tools and methods.
- Professional Practice Day addressed two needs uncovered in survey—Library Instruction and Collection Development.
- Pub night held in late August for some end of summer networking.
- EBSCO hosted a half day session offering search tips, as well as product information and updates.

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Annual Awards

Congratulations to Tim Tripp from the University Health Network who is the 2018 recipient of the Joan Leishman Award.

Congratulations to Janice Thompson from William Osler Health System who is the 2018 recipient of the Sandra Langlands Award for Innovation.

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1. Health Services Research (HSR) working group delivered tutorials to 260 medical undergrad students.

2. Scoping and Systematic Review CoPs provided the opportunity for Gerstein librarians and HSICT member librarians to meet to discuss ideas, best practices and common obstacles when working on systematic and scoping reviews.

3. Heather Cunningham worked with Juanita Richardson at Michener Institute to plan an Author Workshop delivered by Elsevier. The event drew 300 attendees mostly graduate students and posts docs from a variety of health and life sciences disciplines.

4. Library Services Platform (LSP) project moved into the RFP phase in November. The target is to make a final decision in June 2019. HSICT members will be updated as more impacts are known.

5. Gerstein participated in the 5th annual Science Literacy Week holding 8 events attended by over 400 students. Activities included space myth buster talks, future food fair and an “Escape from Mars” themed escape room.

6. University of Toronto libraries hires first “Wikipedian in Residence.”