

# LPSS Strategic Plan

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## *ACRL Five-Year Goals and Objectives*

- *Value of Academic Libraries*
  - *Student Learning*
  - *Research and Scholarly Environment*
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### **Value of Academic Libraries**

**ACRL Goal: Academic libraries demonstrate alignment with and impact on institutional outcomes.**

1. *ACRL Objective: Leverage existing research to articulate and promote the value of academic and research libraries.*
  - a. LPSS Objective: Create an online resource to highlight existing and newly published scholarship by librarians in law, political science, and related fields.
2. *ACRL Objective: Undertake and support new research that builds on the research agenda in “The Value of Academic Libraries: A Comprehensive Review and Report.”*
  - a. LPSS Objective: Create a task force to carefully review the report and identify possible areas of research related to law, political science, and related fields.
  - b. LPSS Objective: Investigate LPSS-sponsored research grants to encourage scholarship building on the report.
3. *ACRL Objective: Influence national conversations and activities focused on the value of higher education.*
  - a. LPSS Objective: Develop a common message for use by LPSS’s APSA Liaison and representatives to other professional organizations.
4. *ACRL Objective: Develop and deliver responsive professional development programs that build the skills and capacity for leadership and local data-informed and evidence-based advocacy.*
  - a. LPSS Objective: Add professional development responsibility to Library Instruction Committee and rename as Library Instruction and Professional Development Committee. Task the committee to offer regular professional development programs at library and disciplinary conferences, including the ACRL Conference.

### **Student Learning**

**ACRL Goal: Librarians transform student learning, pedagogy, and instructional practices through creative and innovative collaborations.**

1. *ACRL Objective: Build librarian capacity to create new learning environments (physical and virtual) and instructional practices.*
  - a. LPSS Objective: Revise and improve online tools for the compilation of best practices.
  - b. LPSS Objective: Update, revise, and enhance well-known social science data resource repositories/guides for instructional use.
  - c. LPSS Objective: Liaise with ALA’s LIRT and ACRL Instruction Section and disciplinary organization teaching and learning committees to provide training on different pedagogical tools.
  - d. LPSS Objective: Investigate options to promote regular, virtual discussion groups, pre-conference offerings, and other systematic offerings at ALA, ACRL, and related conferences. This would be in addition to LPSS’s annual program at ALA.

2. *ACRL Objective: Articulate and advocate for the role of librarians in setting, achieving, and measuring institutional learning outcomes.*
  - a. LPSS Objective: Task the LPSS disciplinary liaisons with articulating and advocating librarians' assistance in the development and measurement of institutional learning outcomes in those disciplines.
3. *ACRL Objective: Increase collaborative programs that leverage partnerships with other organizations in order to support and encourage local and national team approaches.*
4. *ACRL Objective: Build capacity for the librarians' role in supporting faculty development and the preparation of graduate students as instructors.*
  - a. LPSS Objective: Offer instructional content at the APSA Teaching and Learning Conference and other disciplinary conferences more frequently.

### **Research and Scholarly Environment**

#### **ACRL Goal: Librarians accelerate the transition to a more open system of scholarship.**

1. *ACRL Objective: Model new dissemination practices.*
  - a. LPSS Objective: Investigate additional methods of distributing the LPSS newsletter via social media and new technologies as they arise.
  - b. LPSS Objective: Investigate getting the newsletter archive indexed in a discovery service.
2. *ACRL Objective: Enhance members' ability to address issues related to digital scholarship and social science data management.*
  - a. LPSS Objective: Develop programs to promote social science data literacy or knowledge of social science data sources, especially in conjunction with other units of ALA.
  - b. LPSS Objective: Have a regular column in the newsletter reviewing social science data sources.
3. *ACRL Objective: Influence scholarly publishing policies and practices toward a more open system.*
  - a. LPSS Objective: Task the Vendor/Publisher Liaison Committee with engaging in constructive discussions with scholarly associations, publishers, and other library organizations about issues of open access.
4. *ACRL Objective: Create and promote new structures that reward and value open scholarship.*
  - a. LPSS Objective: Offer scholarly communication sessions at disciplinary conferences of law, political science, and associated fields.
  - b. LPSS Objective: In conjunction with other library associations or groups, initiate a dialogue with APSA and other relevant disciplinary associations encouraging researchers to post social science data for replication and re-use.
  - c. LPSS Objective: Consider an award, possibly in conjunction with other library associations or groups, to recognize researchers or journals in law or political science that promote access to open research data for replication and re-use.