

# LiRN Update

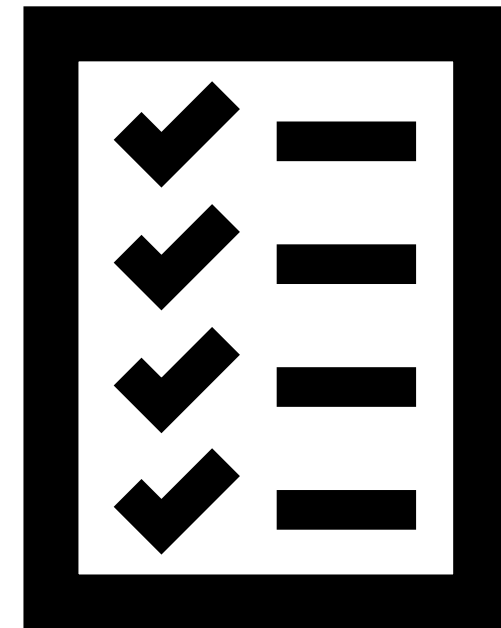
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# LiRN Update Agenda

- Network-Wide Update Recording and Deck
- Policy Feedback:
  - [Core Library Services and Management Responsibilities Policy](#)
  - [Additional Library Services and Responsibilities Policy](#)
- Q & A



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# Network- Wide Update and Deck

A recording and copy of the deck This update is available on our website and in our recent network-wide update email.

It covers:

- 2026 Budget Process
- Collection Development and Maintenance and Lexis+
- 2026 Priorities Interim Report
- Innovation and Equity of Access to Legal Information
- New Stats Form
- 2024 Annual Report and Key Impacts Report

# Policy Feedback

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I have met with some of you to get your feedback on two policies:

- [Core Library Services and Management Responsibilities Policy](#)
- [Additional Library Services and Responsibilities Policy](#).

Today, we'd like to get your feedback as a group.

We will finalize the review of these policies in the summer / autumn.

If you'd prefer to provide feedback via email, please feel free to reach out to [admin@lirn.ca](mailto:admin@lirn.ca).

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How does the list of Core Library Services work for your association? Is it feasible?  
Does it present difficulties?

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The Additional Library Services and Responsibilities Policy sets out services that are considered library-related and those that are considered association-related. It also acknowledges that there is a considerable grey area and that not all services can be neatly categorized as one or the other. The policy sets out various factors that may be used to determine whether a service is to be considered library- or association-related.

- Are the factors as listed helpful?
- Are there changes that would make them more useful?

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- Since the grant is restricted to library operations, the policy also caps the amount of time that library staff can spend on association-related work at 15% of the working hours. If additional time is spent on association-related activities, the expectation is that the association will contribute a proportionate amount to the salary. It's in all of our interests to have healthy associations operating the libraries, so we want to make sure that this provision won't cause issues, especially for smaller associations that may not be able to hire staff dedicated only to association work. At the same time, we must respect that the funds provided to LiRN to administer to the associations are intended for library operations. With these two factors in mind:
  - Does 15% provide a workable balance? Is a higher percentage required? Is 15% too high? Would a range be better (eg 15% to 20%)?

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Other feedback?





Questions



Thank you!!!