

[Library-directors] Mark your calendar: Undergraduate Resource Bundle Q+A Sessions

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Good afternoon,

This is a follow-up to our message below about the Common Suite wind-down and the steps BC ELN is taking towards a new Undergraduate Resource Bundle.

The Office will offer online Question + Answer sessions to explain BC ELN's negotiation approach and to answer any questions about the new Undergraduate Resource Bundle. These sessions are by constituency group and are open to any library staff member at the institution involved in licensing (please check with your library director if you are unsure about attending). We encourage licensing staff to review our [New Undergraduate Resource Bundle information page](#).

After the Q+A sessions conclude, BC ELN will survey institutions to find out which are committed to joining an Undergraduate Resource Bundle. This initial commitment is not a financial commitment, but will enable BC ELN to negotiate from a position of strength.

Mark your calendars: Q+A session dates and times (All times Pacific)

- Monday October 31: 1-2 pm - Associate Members
- Tuesday November 1: 2-3 pm - Urban Colleges
- Monday November 7: 1-2 pm - Rural Colleges
- Tuesday November 8: 10-11 am - Large Universities
- Tuesday November 8: 1-2 pm - Teaching Universities and Technical Institutions
- Wednesday November 9: 10-11 am - Small Universities

Unsure which constituency group your institution is in? Please visit the [BC ELN Governance Categories](#) page.

All Q+A sessions will be via zoom. The link: <https://sfu.zoom.us/j/67155247078?pwd=MVM4am9HaFhnQjQzRWFGVFowNXJFQT09>

- Meeting ID: 671 5524 7078
- Password: 995333

We will send a reminder to each constituency group closer to the dates.

These sessions are optional. They will not be recorded, as confidential pricing and negotiation information may be discussed. If you are unable to attend your constituency's Q+A session but have questions, please contact us.

Kind Regards,
Leah, Reba, and Anita

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To: BC ELN Library Directors; Collection Development Team
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We are almost at the half-way point of the [Common Suite](#)'s final three-year agreement. In 2021 BC ELN partner libraries collectively agreed to sunset the Common Suite and its all-in (i.e. all libraries participate) approach when the license expires on May 31st, 2024.

The Office heard from many institutions that the resources included in this suite -- at the significant discounts achieved -- are essential to supporting their students. So, while there will no longer be an all-in Common Suite after 2024, the Office is investigating a multi-year bundle of Academic Search (AS) and Business Source (BS), tentatively named the Undergraduate Resource Bundle, for institutions willing to commit to the full term. BC ELN will also explore pricing for institutions that want to opt-in to either an AS license or a BS license.

In the interest of full transparency and support for institutional decision-making, we have created an [information page](#) explaining goals and rationale for this new resource bundle. While we understand that this is one license among many your institution may subscribe to and your time is limited, this is also a unique license for BC ELN that has complexities. The Office's role is to provide as much information and support as is needed.

Next Steps to the Undergraduate Resource Bundle

- **Question and Answer Sessions by Constituency Group:** after institutions have had time to look through the [information page](#), the Office will offer a series of online Q+A sessions to explain BC ELN's negotiation approach and to answer any questions. These sessions will be offered by [constituency group](#), and will be open to any library staff member at the institution involved in licensing (library staff, please check with your library director).
- **Participation Survey:** After completion of the Q+A sessions, BC ELN will conduct a survey to find out which institutions will commit to joining the Undergraduate Resource Bundle. This initial confirmation is to support negotiations, and will not be a financial commitment.
- **Negotiations:** With initial commitment numbers, BC ELN will negotiate with EBSCO to secure the best possible discounts for partner libraries.

After negotiations, BC ELN will provide an update to institutions when pricing is known. Institutions will then have an opportunity to review pricing and terms before a final commitment is required.

Please watch for upcoming Q+A session dates and let us know in the meantime if you have any questions.

Kind regards,
Leah, Reba, and Anita

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I respectfully acknowledge that BC ELN, hosted at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, is situated on the traditional territories of the x"məθk"əyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and selilwetat (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.