



MISSION

The Virtual Academic Library Environment (VALE), a consortium of New Jersey college and university libraries and the New Jersey State Library, is dedicated to furthering excellence in learning and research through innovative and collaborative approaches to information resources and services.

COLLABORATION & COMMUNITY

Initiate Meaningful Connections



Offer opportunities that promote networking, partnerships, and sharing of resources, and innovation across libraries and within VALE.

Objectives

- Develop regular meeting opportunities on important and emerging topics that affect higher education and VALE's member libraries.
- Provide virtual and asynchronous pathways for members to connect and collaborate.
- Establish a culture of knowledge sharing around emerging trends in higher education to engage VALE's member libraries.
- Invest in innovative solutions to build capacity of VALE member libraries around emerging trends.

COLLECTIONS & CONTENT

Explore Emerging Licensing Models



Expand diverse resource offerings to member institutions by investigating possible restructured licensing models.

Objectives

- Consider licensing approaches that meet the evolving needs of member institutions.
- Establish equitable and clear terms for e-resource sharing across membership.
- Investigate tools that meet shared collection and service offerings of member institutions.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Initiate Meaningful Connections



Present member institutions with valuable and varied professional development opportunities from industry leaders, relevant organizations, and peers.

Objectives

- Establish a mechanism for VALE to identify timely and customized training needs.
- Coordinate initiatives for professional development.
- Build learning opportunities for member institutions to work within their changing academic environments.

Explore Emerging Licensing Models



Increase internal VALE capacity, confidence, and competencies while also ensuring members have holistic awareness of all VALE offers.

Objectives

- Communicate VALE's strategic mission and values to assist membership to meet their institutional goals.
- Develop capacity for staff and Board members to ensure understanding of the needs of membership and their role in VALE.