

SUNY Borrowing Task Force Report

Cover Story

The [SUNY Borrowing Task force](#) submits this final report to the [SUNYConnect Advisory Council](#) (S.A.C.)

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Recommend structures for ongoing governance and assessment-- The SUNY Borrowing Task Force recommends that an annual assessment of the SUNY Borrowing initiative be provided at the [SCLD](#) and [SUNYLA](#) Annual Conference as part of a standard OLIS report. The annual assessment will include:

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- Numbers of campuses utilizing the ILLiad/Odyssey application;
- Number of borrowing and lending transactions among the campuses;
- Turn around times for delivery of items (where data is available).

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The ongoing governance of the SUNY Borrowing Initiative should fall to the [S.A.C.](#) in its oversight of [SUNYConnect](#).

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Recommend structures for ongoing support, training and professional development--

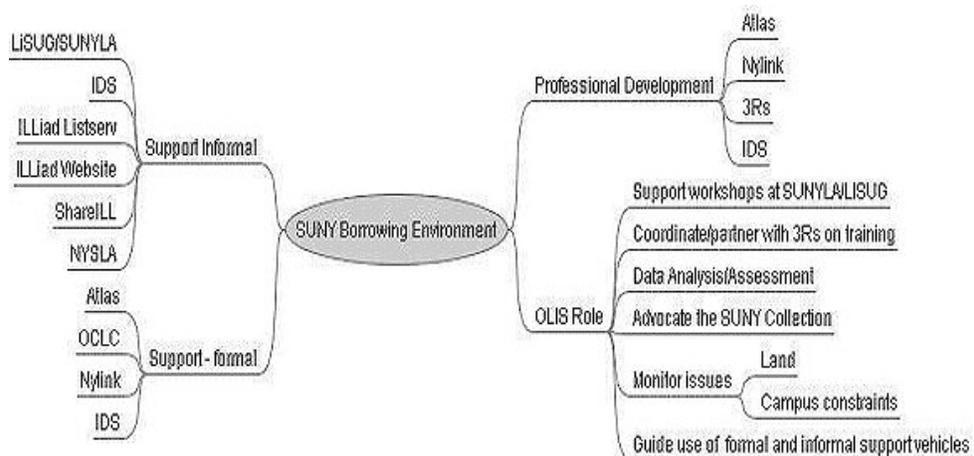
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The SUNY Borrowing Task Force believes that there are several formal and informal support tools and organizations available for ILLiad. This rich environment will allow the Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS) to partner with these various entities to enrich the support environment for the SUNY libraries, rather than create a SUNY specific support structure. Below is a graphic representation of the current support and professional development environment, including a defined role for the OLIS.

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The SUNY Borrowing Task Force recommends that OLIS work with the Atlas, [Nylink](#), the [New York Regional Library Councils](#), [LiSUG](#) and the [IDS Program](#) to provide regional and regular training opportunities for SUNY libraries. Additionally, the OLIS should encourage and guide SUNY libraries to utilize the various existing formal and informal support organizations and tools rather than creating something unique to SUNY.



Recommend strategies for rewards and incentives for heavy lenders--

The SUNY Borrowing Task Force sponsored a one day [pre-conference at SUNYLA](#). The title of the

pre-conference was “We’re all in this together: Building, Sharing and Delivering the SUNY Collection.”

The purpose of the conference was to present information on the [Task Force recommendations](#) given to S.A.C. last year, and to discuss the idea of building a more diverse collection as the reward strategy for

the Borrowing Initiative. Having a reliable and robust resource sharing environment will allow SUNY libraries to utilize purchase on demand programs, just in time acquisitions and cooperative collection development to build the SUNY collection in new ways that better meet the needs of our faculty and students.

The Task Force encouraged resource sharing, acquisitions, and collection development librarians to attend. The pre-conference include presentations by Julia Gammon (Collections, Akron University and OhioLink) and Sherry Buchanan (Head of ILL, Portland State University). The pre-conference had approximately 50 participants with responsibilities in Interlibrary Loan, Collections and Acquisitions. This concept of building a richer and more diversified collection was well received by the pre-conference attendees.



Indeed, several unrelated activities are already arising within the SUNY system. The University Centers and Medical Colleges have had an organization working on coordinated collection development for several years.

The four year colleges have just recently formed a collections group and will begin analyzing collection data in the fall. Several libraries have already implemented purchase on demand and just in time acquisition programs.

The SUNY Borrowing Taskforce recommends that building a more diversified collection is the appropriate reward for the SUNY Borrowing initiative. For successful implementation we also recommend:

- *SUNYConnect* begin to focus additional efforts on providing coordination and incentives to the development of new strategies for building a richer SUNY-wide library collection;
- A focus group of people representing Interlibrary Loan, Collections, Acquisitions and Library Administration be formed to determine the proper method to develop this. The group should be formed with the clear recognition of the current state budget crisis and the need to think differently;
- The initiative should focus on libraries that are willing and able to embrace and implement new strategies quickly. Not all libraries need to participate in this program while all can benefit;
- The group needs to consider creating flexible and quick structures to respond to changing environments.

Borrowing Task Force – Additional Recommendations/Requests--

The Borrowing Task Force would like to present their perspectives on these recommendations to the [SUNY Council of Library Directors](#) at their spring meeting.

The Borrowing Task Force has completed its charge and should be formally disbanded [with thanks](#) for their university service.



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