

Digital TRLN

TRLN has a unique opportunity to lead in the creation of innovative digital collections and services for the twenty-first century. Our new direction will include several areas of emphasis:

Provide interactive user services and new tools to "search TRLN": We will explore using Endecas's® "faceted browsing" software across all TRLN collections to provide a seamless search and request environment for faculty and students on each campus. [The TRLN Endeca Project](#)

Archive efficiently and permanently: TRLN will sponsor an "opt-in" model for archiving a single print copy of long journal runs. TRLN also will support LOCKSS (Lots of Copies Keep Stuff Safe), Portico, and other initiatives to ensure a permanent archive of electronic scholarly content. [Single Copy Operations Committee](#) | [LOCKSS](#) | [Portico](#)

Build large-scale digital collections: We will seek to expose the wealth of print resources in our collections by participating in one or more mass digitization efforts.

Develop library leaders for the digital future: TRLN will develop and host a management training institute to address our common workforce planning issue--demographic data point to the necessity to prepare new leaders for this new environment. [TRLN Management Academy](#)

Lead a national copyright education initiative: TRLN will play a leadership role in the Association of Research Libraries' (ARL) copyright education initiative, supporting our communities in asserting their full rights under the law. [ARL: Know Your Copy Rights](#)

Develop large-scale data storage and analysis through a RENCi/TUCASI partnership: TRLN will help to identify researchers on each campus and collaborate to develop and test a prototype digital asset environment to further share research strengths and increase our institutions' competitiveness. [RENCi](#)

The consortium is uniquely suited for a major digital library leadership initiative based on the size of our combined collections; our notable reputation for excellence in library cooperation, policy development, and innovative sponsored projects; the strong expertise of our staff; and the sustained commitment of resources from institutional leaders who see libraries as pivotal to achieving their vision for greatness.

Our libraries and institutions are undergoing dramatic and profound changes that affect how we will carry out our missions in this century, and the expectations of the networked academic communities that we serve are accelerating rapidly. While we have a strong record of accomplishment as a consortium, it is not enough to simply continue doing what we have done well, nor even to improve upon it incrementally. Instead, we must build upon our strong foundation of cooperation to forge a new and compelling vision: an integrated suite of digital services and content that will engage tomorrow's students and faculty as both users and creators of scholarly content.

Accordingly, TRLN proposes a major initiative to **build the digital TRLN**. Its aim is to design and create a digital knowledge and research environment characterized by intelligent, interactive user services and tools that facilitate access to large, multifaceted collections. These collections are growing to encompass greatly expanded digital content and a variety of disciplinary data, content that originates both within the universities and from external sources. TRLN will encourage sustainable publishing models and assist our faculty in managing their copyright. We also recognize the importance and necessity of preparing

tomorrow's library leaders in a rapidly changing world, and we are committed to providing opportunities for professional learning and development that are informed by the consortium's shared initiatives.

TRLN makes this commitment to the future of integrated digital content and services with the recognition of the inherent ambiguity in such an endeavor. We will proceed opportunistically, pursuing grants and external resources where possible and engaging outside expertise where appropriate.

Core values and programs:

TRLN (Duke University, North Carolina State University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and North Carolina Central University) is one of the oldest consortia in the country. The hallmark of cooperation among the four universities has been a highly successful cooperative collection development program. A recent analysis of collection overlap validated the continuing success of this program, demonstrating that there is little duplication across institutions and a high degree of uniqueness in the respective collections. With the licensing of electronic content, the cooperation has expanded to include electronic resources. These shared collections are made available to users from any TRLN library in person through reciprocal borrowing arrangements, and through electronic and hard-copy document delivery arrangements. Another of TRLN's strengths is the broad range of staff development, continuing education, and training opportunities that are offered locally and attended widely by all levels of staff.

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