



2025-2026 Executive Summary

Overview & Goals

For the 2025-2026 school year, the ECIS Library and Information Services Committee consisted of Rebecca Leonhard (chair), Vivienne Blake, Clare Brumpton, and Elizabeth DiCataldo. The three primary goals, all of which were successfully met, included: arranging and executing the library conference, continuing the impact of the “Lessons From the Library” webinar series, and continuing to expand global outreach.

Goal #1: Virtual Library Conference

Development of the virtual library conference was the committee’s top goal throughout the year. The theme for the conference was “Libraries: Building New Foundations.” The date for the virtual conference was Saturday, 10 January 2026, over the Zoom Events platform. Save the date notices and advertisements were shared in various formats on social media and via the library committee’s email listserv. Conference strands, requests for presentation proposals, a conference website, and final keynote announcements were all formally announced. Keynote speakers Loida Garcia-Febo and Leo S. Lo were confirmed. Recordings of the presentations will be accessible for conference registrants until 10 September 2026.

The committee utilized a flipped conference format, where the majority of presenters recorded their presentation ahead of the conference date of 10 January, and they were shared with registrants for asynchronous viewing. The live sessions on 10 January consisted of abbreviated highlights from their presentations, which viewers could then go back and review at their leisure. Question and answer sessions were also arranged at these sessions for synchronous attendees. Ten proposals were accepted through a blind peer-review process for presentation at the conference. Events consisted of an interactive workshop, a live panel discussion, presentations, a poster session, and lightning talks. There were a total of 74 registrations for the conference.

Goal #2: “Lessons From the Library” Webinar Series

The second goal of the Library Committee was to continue developing the “Lessons From the Library” webinar series. Three webinars were held during the year. The committee hosted an “AI Community of Practice” on 26 February 2026. Rebecca Leonhard presented “Digital Foundations: A Practical Toolkit for Library Website and LibGuide Accessibility” on 18 March 2026. Rebecca Leonhard also hosted a panel titled “View From the Top: A Leadership Perspective on Libraries” on 16 April 2026 with 143 registrants.

Digital Foundations: A Practical Toolkit for Library Website and LibGuide Accessibility

- [YouTube Recording](#)
- 52 views (as of 1 July 2026)

View From the Top: A Leadership Perspective on Libraries

- [YouTube Recording](#)
- 200 views (as of 1 July 2026)

The committee plans to continue with the AI Community of Practice in addition to webinars on other topics, such as survey creation.

Goal #3: Expand Outreach and Digital Presence on Social Media

The third goal of the Library Committee was to continue enlarging our digital presence on social media. The committee created a group on the new platform Bluesky. The link is: <https://bsky.app/profile/ecislibrarysig.bsky.social>. Group management is shared between all committee members. The group's membership has 33 followers and continues to grow. The group on LinkedIn currently has 94 members. The group on Facebook currently has 649 members.