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*COSLA E-Book Task Force*

**Short Term Action Plan to Advance the E-Book Vision and Strategies of COSLA**

*Background*

At their May 11, 2011 meeting, the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies developed the following vision for COSLA's engagement with issues surrounding e-books and libraries:

*COSLA's 2015 Vision:* Through libraries, America seamlessly accesses comprehensive content in any format.

Having defined their 2015 Vision, COSLA members brainstormed 26 strategies to achieve the vision. The COSLA E-Book Task Force distilled the brainstormed list of 26 strategies down to five key strategies for COSLA:

1. Establish both national- and state-level leadership presence.
2. Involve key stakeholders in the process and keep them informed.
3. Employ our collective bargaining power in purchasing and licensing.
4. Use common standards for content, devices, and consortial sharing.
5. Advocate for all libraries to have affordable e-book content and adequate connectivity to access the content.

*Short Term Action Plan for COSLA*

To address the vision and strategies that were developed at COSLA's May, 2011 meeting, the COSLA E-book Task Force proposes the following short term action plan for COSLA to carry out in 2012 and 2013.

- Form an alliance with the Internet Archive to develop and promote their Open Library In-Library Lending project in U.S. libraries and other projects that would make more free e-content widely and affordably available in U.S. libraries.
- Work with our partners to research the connections between library use and book buying (Scenario Four in the *COSLA E-Book Feasibility Study for Public Libraries*).
- Continue to provide active liaisons to the Digital Public Library of America project (Peggy Rudd) and the ALA Working Group on Libraries and Digital Content (Rob Maier), and to other similar initiatives, to promote COSLA's interests.
- Consult with experts and monitor proposed changes to copyright laws that may be needed to achieve COSLA's vision for e-content.