



# E-LIS @ BCLA: Beyond Limits: Building Open Access Collections

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## E-LIS

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- Free to read and deposit
- Over 5,425 documents in the archive (as of 10<sup>th</sup> April)
- “community-owned and community-driven” run by volunteers
- E-LIS serves LIS researchers by providing them a place to self-archive their work
- Started in 2003 and is the first International e-server in LIS with
- Servers at CILEA (Consorzio Interuniversitario Lombardo per Elaborazione Automatica ), Italy



## E-LIS @ BCLA 2006

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- Presentations from the 2006 BCLA Conference:

[http://eprints.rclis.org/view/conftitle/British\\_Columbia\\_Library\\_Association:\\_Sharing\\_a\\_Vision:\\_The\\_Power\\_of\\_Collaboration.html](http://eprints.rclis.org/view/conftitle/British_Columbia_Library_Association:_Sharing_a_Vision:_The_Power_of_Collaboration.html)



## E-LIS: Submissions

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- Submission policy: “criteria for acceptance is that the eprints are relevant to research in LIS fields and that they have the form of a finished document that is ready to be entered into a process of communication”
- <http://eprints.rclis.org/policy.html>



## E-LIS: Submission

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- Tutorial: designed for self-archiving  
[http://elisdocs.rclis.org//Submission\\_gif.html](http://elisdocs.rclis.org//Submission_gif.html)
- Copyright: creators and or authors retain copyright and proprietary rights  
<http://eprints.rclis.org/copyright.html>



## E-LIS: Accepted Formats

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- E-LIS recommends PDF or HTML formats as they are the most durable, though all formats are retrievable:
- <http://elisdocs.rclis.org/guidelines/preservation.html>



## E-LIS: Classification & Searching

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- JITA subject classification system
- <http://eprints.rclis.org/jita.html>
- Easy to search, can set up e-mail alerts and RSS feeds to get content delivered to you



# E-LIS: Impact?

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- It's up to all of us in the LIS field to encourage each other to deposit our work
- Increases international exposure for work done in Canada
- Users gain an international perspective on LIS research
- Provide LIS students with a broader perspective on research in their field
- MLIS and PhD students can deposit their theses
- Reach audiences beyond your conference presentation!





# Questions?

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