GLOSSARY of LIBRARY TERMS and ACRONYMS OF IMPORTANCE TO THE RHODE ISLAND LIBRARY COMMUNITY
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AAM American Association of Museums
Organization representing professional and non-paid museum staff from museums of all types and sizes.

ACRL/NEC Association of College & Research Libraries/ New England Chapter
ACRL/NEC is an organization of more than 1200 librarians dedicated to improving academic and research library services, and to increasing their own knowledge of the constantly changing information environment. Members represent all types of academic libraries and all the specializations within librarianship--from acquisitions to web master.

ADA Americans with Disabilities Act
Americans with Disabilities Act (U.S. Public Law 101-336)
Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act 1998 (29 U.S.C. 794d) Agencies must give disabled employees and the public access to information that is comparable to the access available to others. **Section 504** is an earlier version of Rehabilitation Act requiring physical accessibility of buildings.

AILA American Indian Library Association
An affiliate of the American Library Association (ALA), the American Indian Library Association is a group that addresses the library-related needs of American Indians and Alaska Natives.

AJL Association of Jewish Libraries
An international professional organization devoted to the educational, informational, and networking needs of librarians responsible for collections of Judaica and to the promotion of Judaica librarianship.

ALA American Library Association
The American Library Association is the oldest and largest library association in the world, with members in academic, public, school, government, and special libraries.

ALA-APA ALA Allied Professional Association
The ALA Allied Professional Association (ALA-APA) is a nonprofit professional organization established "to promote the mutual professional interests of librarians and other library workers." To that end, the ALA-APA is focused on two broad areas: Certification of individuals in specializations beyond the initial professional degree and activities designed to improve the salaries and status of librarians and other library workers.

ALAWON American Library Association Washington Office Newsline
The free e-mail publication of the ALA Washington Office provides up-to-the minute coverage of current and proposed legislation relating to libraries.

ALC Americans for Libraries Council (formerly LFF)
Americans for Libraries Council (ALC) is a national nonprofit that advocates for libraries at the

national level and develops and promotes programs aimed at realizing the potential of libraries in the 21st century. The Council believes that a national agenda is needed to help leverage the vast, varied and rapidly evolving capabilities of America's libraries and to reinvest in libraries as key assets for information literacy, opportunity and democracy.

ALTA Association for Library Trustees and Advocates
A division of ALA for trustees and library advocates which is designed to support trustees and state trustee associations and encourage citizen support for libraries of all types.

Android Google's operating system for smartphones on various carriers.

APALA Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association
APALA is an affiliate of the American Library Association (ALA). The organization's mission is to address the needs of Asian Pacific American librarians and those who serve Asian Pacific American communities.

ARIHSL Association of Rhode Island Health Sciences Libraries
This Association promotes resource sharing and information exchange; to provide a symposium for professional development and to encourage and maintain interest in health sciences libraries.

ARL Association of Research Libraries
ARL is a not-for-profit membership organization comprising the leading research libraries in North America. Its mission is to shape and influence forces affecting the future of research libraries in the process of scholarly communication. ARL programs and services promote equitable access to and effective use of recorded knowledge in support of teaching, research, scholarship, and community service.

ASCLA Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies
This division of the American Library Association represents state library agencies, specialized library agencies, independent libraries, and multitype library cooperatives.

AskRI askri.org
Information portal for all services of the Statewide Reference Resource Center at Providence Community Library. Partially funded by the Office of Library and Information Services, this service provides reference services and access to information to all Rhode Islanders.

ASIS&T Association for Information Science and Technology
Since 1937, the American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T) has been the society for information professionals leading the search for new and better theories, techniques, and technologies to improve access to information. ASIS&T brings together diverse streams of knowledge, focusing what might be disparate approaches into novel solutions to common problems. ASIS&T bridges the gaps not only between disciplines but also between the research that drives and the practices that sustain new developments.

Bandwidth
The capacity of your Internet connection to send and receive data. The higher the bandwidth, the faster the transmission of data. Bandwidth is measured in bits per second.

BARD Braille and Audio Reading Download
BARD is the Braille and Audio Reading Download system from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS). Through BARD, Talking Books Plus members may download books for the new digital devices. OLIS took over administration of BARD for RI Talking Books Plus members in 2010.

BBRI Broadband Rhode Island
The Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation (RIEDC) received a $1.5 million BDDP grant to develop and manage the Rhode Island piece of the national broadband map (see BDDP). The grant consists of $1 million for broadband mapping over a two-year period and $500,000 for broadband planning over a five-year period. The mapping funds will be used to generate data which will be contributed to the national map and also create a state map that charts broadband coverage in Rhode Island. The planning funds will be used to address public awareness and education about broadband and study and develop plans to increase adoption rate and broadband usage across all aspects of our lives including in our homes, schools, libraries, healthcare facilities, public safety and government.

BCALA Black Caucus of the American Library Association
Advocates on behalf of the African American community and provides education and professional development for African American Librarians; an affiliate of the American Library Association.

BDDP Broadband Data and Development Plan
The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provided the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) with $4.7 billion to expand access to broadband services in the United States. The Broadband Data and Development Plan (BDDP) is one of the programs being managed by the NTIA. The BDDP will create a massive database and broadband map for all 50 states and six territories.

Bibliostat
OLIS subscribes to the data-related product, Bibliostat™ Collect. Informata works closely with the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) and the Federal State Cooperative System (FSCS) group of State Data Coordinators to understand the data definitions, collection issues, and edit check process.

Big6
An information literacy model used to describe information seeking strategies used in K-12 school libraries, and occasionally in higher education.

BISAC Book Industry Standards and Communications
Book Industry Standards and Communications (BISAC) are classification schemes and subject headings used by the book sellers industry to categorize books based on topical content. Several libraries have begun to use BISAC to shelve and categorize their collections. BISAC is released by the Book Industry Study Group (BISG).

BISG Book Industry Study Group
The Book Industry Study Group (BISG) is the largest U.S. book trade association for supply chain standards, research, and best practices.

Blog
A **blog** (short for **web log**) is a website where entries are written in chronological order and displayed in reverse chronological order. Blogs provide commentary or news on a particular subject such as food, politics, or local news; some function as more personal online diaries. A typical blog combines text, images, and links to other blogs, web pages, and other media related to its topic. The ability for readers to leave comments in an interactive format is an important part of many blogs. Most blogs are primarily textual, although some focus on art (artlog), photographs (photoblog), sketchblog, videos (vlog), music (MP3 blog), or audio (podcasting), and are part of a wider network of social media.

Broadband
A term used to describe high-speed access to the Internet, frequently through cable or fiber optic lines, that allows users the ability to send and receive multiple types of data at the same time without interference. For example, a broadband user can make a voice phone call or watch cable programs through the same wiring that simultaneously provides internet access. (see also **DSL)**

BTOP Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provided the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) with $4.7 billion to expand access to broadband services in the United States. Of those funds, the Act tasked NTIA to support the deployment of broadband infrastructure, enhance and expand public computer centers, encourage sustainable adoption of broadband service, and develop and maintain a nationwide public map of broadband service capability and availability. These grants are provided through programs including the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP).

CAF Connect America Fund
The National Broadband Plan submitted by the FCC in 2010 calls for the creation of the **Connect America Fund**. The fund would support affordable broadband and shift up to $15.5 billion over the next decade from the existing Universal Service Fund (USF) program.

CALA Chinese American Librarians Association
Chinese American Librarians Association is an affiliate of the American Library Association and provides education and professional development for Chinese American Librarians.

CEOS Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section
Created in 1987, the mission of Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS) is to protect the welfare of children by enforcing federal criminal statutes relating to the exploitation of children. Federal child exploitation and obscenity laws that specifically relate to libraries and public computers are 18 USC 2256 (child pornography) and 18 USC 1460 (Possession with intent to sell obscene material on federal property).

CFB Center for the Book
Center for the Book in the Library of Congress
"The Center for the book was established by law in 1977 to stimulate public interest in books and reading, libraries and literacy. A partnership between the government and the private sector, the center depends primarily on tax-deductible contributions from corporations and individuals to support its overall program of projects and publications of interest to both the general public and scholars." RI Center for the Book is affiliated with this program.

CIPA Children's Internet Protection Act
The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and the Neighborhood Internet Protection Act (NCIPA) went into effect on April 20, 2001. These new laws place restrictions on the use of funding that is available through the Library Services and Technology Act, Title III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, and on the Universal Service discount program known as the E-rate (Public Law 106-554). These restrictions take the form of requirements for Internet safety policies and technology which blocks or filters certain material from being accessed through the Internet.

CLA Connecticut Library Association
The Association is established for educational and scientific purposes. It is conducted as a nonprofit corporation; to advance the interests of librarians and librarianship; to foster communication among librarians and those interested in libraries; to work for the improvement of library services to the people of the State of Connecticut.

CLAN Cooperating Libraries Automated Network
Now known as Ocean State Libraries (see OSL)

Cloud Computing
A term to describe the use of Internet-based software applications or data storage services, often through browser-based interfaces, rather than using programs or storage on a local computer. While some cloud-based applications and services are intended to promote sharing and collaboration, some, such as cloud-based backup tools, emphasize private data storage.

CNI Coalition for Networked Information
CNI is an organization dedicated to supporting the transformative promise of networked information technology for the advancement of scholarly communication and the enrichment of intellectual productivity.

COLA Coalition of Library Advocates
A membership organization of Rhode Island citizens who support libraries and provide a forum for advocacy. Awards to libraries, trustees, and library advocates are given at the annual meeting, which also provides an opportunity for librarians and citizens to meet.

CONTACT SUMMIT
The Contact Summitt is a "working festival of innovation where the Net's leading minds and entrepreneurs can connect with the people who are building the social technologies of tomorrow."

CORI Cornucopia of Rhode Island
Cornucopia of Rhode Island is an organization whose mission is to promote library services to people of color within Rhode Island and the development of librarians and library staff of color.

COSLA Chief Officers of State Library Agencies
COSLA is an independent organization of the chief officers of state and territorial agencies designated as the state library administrative agency and responsible for statewide library development. Its purpose is to identify and address issues of common concern and national interest; to further state library agency relationships with federal government and national

organizations; and to initiate cooperative action for the improvement of library services to the people of the United States.

COSLINE Council of State Library Agencies in the Northeast
An organization for the staff of thirteen state library agencies in CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VA, VT, and WV.

CPLA Certified Public Library Administrator
The Certified Public Library Administrator program (CPLA) is a voluntary post-MLS certification program offered by ALA for public librarians with three years or more of supervisory experience.

CRIARL Consortium of Rhode Island Academic and Research Libraries
CRIARL is a voluntary, not-for-profit organization of academic and research libraries whose purpose is to promote cooperation and communication among its members, to improve the library resources and services of its members, and to work closely with appropriate agencies in pursuit of its goals.

CSLP Collaborative Summer Library Program
The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) is a grassroots consortium of states working together to provide high-quality summer reading program materials for children at the lowest cost possible for their public libraries.

DCMA Digital Millennium Copyright Act
The 1998 enactment of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) represents the most comprehensive reform of United States copyright law in a generation. The DMCA seeks to update U.S. copyright law for the digital age in preparation for ratification of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) treaties.
Key among the topics included in the DMCA are provisions concerning the circumvention of copyright protection systems, fair use in a digital environment, and online service provider (OSP) liability (including details on safe harbors, damages, and "notice and takedown" practices).

DSLS Department of State Library Services
Established in 1964 and replaced by the Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS) in 1996.

Digital Divide
Differences due to geography, race, economic status, gender, and physical ability: in access to information through the Internet, and other information technologies and services in the skills, knowledge, and abilities to use information, the Internet and other technologies.

Digital Immigrants
Term used to refer to those who gained access to computers and the Internet after they were adults, primarily those born before 1980.

Digital Natives
Term used to refer to those who have had access to computers and the Internet the majority of their lives, primarily those born after 1980.

DPLA Digital Public Library of America
A project aimed at bringing about a large-scale public digital library. It was launched by Harvard University's Berkman Center for Internet & Society in 2010, with financial support from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation and several other funders.

DLT Department of Labor and Training
In 2010 the RI DLT began some informal collaboration with OLIS on providing services & training for the unemployed.

dPlan Online disaster planning tool created by the Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) to assist libraries and museums with planning for and dealing with the consequences of disasters. OLIS with a grant form the IMLS, has produced a customized d-plan for the RI circumstance called d-Plan RI. All public libraries are required to fill in a d-Plan RI template for each of their facilities and update it annually.

DRM Digital Rights Management
This is the term for software or parts of programs that control the duplication and/or distribution of electronic files. What uses DRM allows may vary from publisher to publisher

Drupal
A free, open-source web site content management system.

DSL Digital Subscriber Line
DSL provides higher speed Internet access than that available using a dial-up modem, but, like dial-up, it uses telephone wiring. Because the signals are sent at a different frequency from voice calls, users must install a filter to separate voice activity on the phone line from the data activity.

DTBM Digital Talking Book Machine

eBook
An electronic book in one of any number of formats. Some eBooks are in pdf format, while others are in formats read by specific eBook readers or programs, such as the **Kindle**, **Kobo**, or **Nook**.

E-rate Term used for Universal Service Fund program for schools and libraries.

E-Zone Area of Ocean State Libraries' web site offering eBooks and audiobooks for download.

Emerging Leaders
ALA Emerging Leaders (EL) began in 2007 as one of ALA Immediate Past President Leslie Burger's six initiatives. The Emerging Leaders program enables newer librarians from across the country to participate in problem-solving work groups; network with peers; gain an inside look into ALA structure, and have an opportunity to serve the profession in a leadership capacity. It puts them on the fast track to ALA and professional leadership.

ESEA Elementary and Secondary Education Act
The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) (Pub.L. 89-10, 79 Stat. 27, 20 U.S.C. ch.70) is a United States federal statute enacted April 11, 1965. The Act is an extensive statute which funds primary and secondary education, while explicitly forbidding the establishment of a national curriculum. As mandated in the Act, the funds are authorized for professional development,

instructional materials, and resources to support educational programs, and parental involvement promotion. The Act was originally authorized through 1970; however the government has reauthorized the Act every five years since its enactment. The current reauthorization of ESEA is the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. The ESEA also allows military recruiters access to 11th and 12th grade students' names, addresses, and telephone listings when requested.

Evergreen
An **open source** integrated library system (**ILS**) that includes modules for cataloging, circulation, and an **OPAC**.

FAB LAB
Fabrication labs, which began as an outreach project from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Center for Bits and Atoms. Fab Labs share core capabilities, so that people and projects can be shared across them.

FDLP Federal Depository Library Program
There are approximately 1,350 Federal depository libraries throughout the United States and its territories, at least one in almost every Congressional District. All provide free public access to a wide variety of Federal government information in both print and electronic formats, and have expert staff available to assist users. There are twelve selective depository libraries in Rhode Island; the nearest regional depository is Boston Public Library.

FSCS Federal State Cooperative System
A nationwide public library data collection system sponsored by the U.S. Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS). This data contributed to the databases maintained by the National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES). This function will now be handled by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

FirstSearch
A fee-based online service that provides access to a wide range of reference databases. OLIS subscribes to the service on behalf of the member libraries of the Library of Rhode Island (LORI) Network. Library staff who work in LORI Network libraries with a valid LORI account can use the service.

GIA Grant-in-Aid (state)
Aid to public and institutional libraries as well as the RI Library Network (LORI) mandated by the General Assembly in RIGL 29-6. The aid is subject to determination by OLIS as to libraries" qualification for the funds through the Annual Report process.

GSLIS URI Graduate School of Library and Information Studies
The Graduate School of Library and Information Studies exercises leadership in the global information age through research, service, and the preparation of knowledgeable and ethical professionals who can serve the library and information needs of a diverse society.

GWBRI Governor's Workforce Board Rhode Island
Formed in 2005 by Governor Carcieri, the Board's role is to institute statewide policies, goals and guidelines for the coordination of all employment and training programs, employment-associated educational programs and related services, throughout the state.

HCCB High Capacity Color Barcode
High Capacity Color Barcode (HCCB) is the name used by Microsoft to identify its proprietary technology of encoding data in a 2D "barcode" using clusters of colored triangles instead of the square pixels traditionally associated with 2D barcodes. HCCB serves as the basis for the Microsoft Tag mobile tagging application.

HELIN
HELIN is a consortium of eleven public and private academic libraries, as well as twelve hospital libraries. The HELIN libraries share an online catalog of each library's holdings. HELIN formerly stood for Higher Education Library Information Network, but with the inclusion of hospital libraries, the network was no longer exclusively academic.

homeworkhelpri.org
Web site designed to assist with student homework needs, developed by AskRI.org and the Statewide Reference Resource Center at the Providence Community Library.

HTML Hypertext markup language
HTML is the lingua franca for publishing hypertext on the World Wide Web. It is a non-proprietary format based upon SGML, and can be created and processed by a wide range of tools, from simple plain text editors - you type it in from scratch- to sophisticated WYSIWYG authoring tools. HTML uses tags such as <h1> and </h1> to structure text into headings, paragraphs, lists, hypertext links etc. Here is a 10-minute guide for newcomers to HTML. (from the World Wide Web Consortium or W3C)

HTTP Hypertext Transfer Protocol
The Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) is the set of rules for exchanging files (text, graphic images, sound, video, and other multimedia files) on the **World Wide Web**. Relative to the **TCP/IP** suite of protocols (which are the basis for information exchange on the Internet), HTTP is an application **protocol**. Essential concepts that are part of HTTP include (as its name implies) the idea that files can contain references to other files whose selection will elicit additional transfer requests. Any **Web server** machine contains, in addition to the HTML and other files it can serve, an HTTP **daemon**, a program that is designed to wait for HTTP requests and handle them when they arrive. Your Web **browser** is an HTTP **client**, sending requests to server machines. When the browser user enters file requests by either "opening" a Web file (typing in a **Uniform Resource Locator**) or clicking on a **hypertext link**, the browser builds an HTTP request and sends it to the **Internet Protocol address** indicated by the URL. The HTTP daemon in the destination server machine receives the request and, after any necessary processing, the requested file is returned.

Hypertext
Hypertext is the organization of information units into connected associations that a user can choose to make. An instance of such an association is called a **link** or hypertext link. (And the highlighted word "link" in the previous sentence is an example of a hypertext link.)

IFLA International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions
IFLA is the leading international body representing the interests of library and information services and their users. It is the global voice of the library and information profession.

III Innovative Interfaces Inc.
Proprietary system that provides online public access catalogs for HELIN, OSL and other libraries.

ILIC Information Literacy Instruction Certificate
The Information Literacy Instruction Certificate (ILIC) is a 15-credit post-baccalaureate certificate offered by URI Graduate School of Library and Information Studies. (see Information Literacy)

ILL Interlibrary Loan

ILS Integrated Library System
An **integrated library system**, or **ILS**, is an enterprise resource planning system for a library, used to track items owned, orders made, bills paid, and patrons who have borrowed.

IMLS Institute of Museum & Library Services
The Institute of Museum and Library Services is an independent federal agency that fosters leadership, innovation, and a lifetime of learning. IMLS supports all types of museums, from art and history, to science and zoos, and all types of libraries and archives, from public and academic to research and school. IMLS expands the educational benefit of these institutions by encouraging partnerships. IMLS administers LSTA funds.

INFO RI State Government Information webpage
A website created and updated by OLIS Library Programs staff as a guide to state government agencies and selected other RI related information. (http://www.info.ri.gov)

Information Literacy
Information Literacy is the set of skills needed to find, retrieve, analyze, use and evaluate information. The Association of College and Research Libraries has defined Competency Standards as the ability to: "Determine the extent of information needed; Access the needed information effectively and efficiently; Evaluate information and its sources critically; Incorporate selected information into one's knowledge base; Use information effectively to accomplish a specific purpose; Understand the economic, legal, and social issues surrounding the use of information, and access the information ethically and legally"

InRhode
The name of the III InnReach module that allows users to search the holdings at Brown and HELIN member libraries simultaneously.

IN-SIGHT
IN-Sight's mission is to inspire confidence, build skills, and empower people who are blind and visually impaired to become full integrated, equally valued members of society by providing diverse services that produce opportunities and choices.

Interstate Library Compact
RIGL 29-5 authorizes cooperative library services on an interstate basis

IRMB Information Resources Management Board
Former advisory committee for the Rhode Island CIO. Defunct as of 2007.

ITOC Information Technology Operations Center
Computer operations center for Rhode Island state government.

JCLC Joint Conference of Librarians of Color
JCLC is a conference hosted by the five ethnic caucuses of ALA. The conference is held every six years with the first being held in Dallas, TX in 2006.

Josiah
The name for the III catalog used at Brown University.

Karla Harry Commission
A special legislative commission to study the current strengths and weaknesses of library services in Rhode Island.

KLAS Keystone Library Automated System
Software used by Talking Books Plus for its online circulation system.

Kobo
Kobo eReader is an ebook reader sold exclusively at Borders and introduced in Summer 2010. Supports ePUB, PDF, and Adobe DRM formats.

Kindle
Kindle is both the name of the Amazon eBook reader and the eBook reading software that can be installed on other systems, including desktop and laptop computers, smartphones, and tablet computers.

KRARI Kids Reading Across Rhode Island
Kids Reading Across Rhode Island is a partnership launched in 2010 between the RI Office of Library & Information Services and the RI Center for the Book. KRARI expands the age and scope of Reading Across Rhode Island.

Legislative Commission
Commission to Study the Strengths and Weaknesses of Rhode Island Libraries (established 2006); extended to 2008 as the Karla Harry Commission

LFF Libraries for the Future (formerly Americans for Libraries Council)
Libraries for the Future is a national nonprofit organization that supports innovation and investment in America's libraries. Through our cutting-edge programs, research, regrants, and trainings, LFF helps local libraries address the ever-changing needs of their communities.

LibFutures
Organization formed to study and report on the future of RI Libraries. (no longer operating)

LIT Library Information Technology Committee
The Library Information Technology Committee provides a venue for technology librarians in OSL libraries to discuss technology issues and share information. The committee was formed in 2002.

LITA Library and Information Technology Association

Division of the American Library Association with a specific focus on promoting, developing, and aiding in the implementation of library and information technology.

Location-based Services
Services provided via a mobile device based on the user's location, which is determined by the GPS coordinates of the device. Many direct users to nearby services or provide local information. Examples include foursquare, Gowalla, Yelp, Google Places, Loopt, and brightkite.

LORI Library of Rhode Island
LORI, the state multitype library network, is comprised of most Rhode Island libraries, including public, academic, special, school, government, and some private institutions. The LORI website is developed and managed by OLIS Library Programs staff. The website provides information about Library Programs as well as information for and referrals to RI libraries. (now Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS) website).

LORI Pro
Library Programs website for library staff (defunct)
The site, designed to meet the professional needs of LORI library staff includes access to e-mail accounts and databases such as FirstSearch. (now integrated into OLIS website)

LSCA Library Services and Construction Act (succeeded by LSTA)
Successor of the Library Services Act (LSA) of 1956, which was designed to promote the extension of library services to rural areas. In 1964, LSA was amended to include urban and rural public libraries. Its titles consisted of Services; Construction; Interlibrary Cooperation; Older Readers Services; Foreign Language Materials; Library Literacy Programs and American Indian tribes.

LSTA Library Services and Technology Act
(formerly LSCA, Library Services and Construction Act)
This cornerstone of federal funding for libraries (passed in 1997) focuses on technology and outreach for all types of libraries, crossing local and state boundaries. OLIS is charged with LSTA administration for RI libraries. OLIS prepares a Five-Year Plan which is approved by the Library Board.

LYRASIS
A membership organization of academic, public, and special libraries in New England, the Southeast, and Mid-Atlantic states. Provides a broad variety of non-OCLC-related services, such as educational programs, consulting services, and consortium purchasing.

MAGERT Map and Geography Round Table
The MAGERT is a round table in the American Library Association. Formed in 1980, MAGERT is the world's largest map library organization and provides a forum for people interested or involved in any aspect of map or geography librarianship.

MAKERSPACE
A makerspace is a location where people with common interests-often in computers, technology, science, digital or electronic art (but also in many other realms) – can meet, socialize and collaborate. Makerspaces incorporate elements of machine shops, workshops or studios where

hackers can come together to share resources and knowledge to build and make things.

MAKER MEETUPS
A maker meetup is where groups of people with similar interest meet to work together, collaborate, create and share resources.

MARC Machine-Readable Cataloging records
An internationally accepted standard for the exchange of bibliographic data in machine-readable form.

MBLC Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners
The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners is the agency of state government with the statutory authority and responsibility to organize, develop, coordinate and improve library services throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Metadata/Metatags
Metadata is structured data about data. The term has been used only in the past 15 years, and has become particularly common with the popularity of the World Wide Web. However, the underlying concepts have been in use for as long as collections of information have been organized. Library catalogs represent a well established variety of metadata that has served for decades as collection management and resource discovery tools. The Find-It! Rhode Island metadata attribute contains core elements (a set of metatags)such as title, description, keywords, subjects, originator (agency), medium, creation date. These are applied to the html part of the webpage or document and are available to search engines, but cannot be seen on the actual web page or document. Dublin Core is another metadata attribute scheme used by some libraries to catalog online records. CORC (an OCLC product) is optimized for the description of electronic resources, such as web sites, web accessible documents, digitized material, and for any browser accessible item. It can also be used by members for whom a traditional MARC record is not appropriate and a Dublin Core record is.

Microblogs or Microblogging
Short format blogs or blogging, usually limited to a specific number of characters, a single image, or comparable amount of data. (see also **Blogs)**

Microsoft Tag (see HCCB)

MLA Maine Library Association
The Maine Library Association promotes library interests in the state and provides leadership in ensuring access to all citizens through libraries to the global information network. Founded in 1892, the Association is affiliated with the American Library Association as the Maine Chapter of the national association.

MLA Massachusetts Library Association
State association of library professionals and paraprofessionals founded in 1890 as the Massachusetts Library Club. MLA acts as an advocate for excellence in library service and protector of intellectual freedom throughout the commonwealth.

MLA Medical Library Association
Founded in 1898 as the Association of Medical Librarians, MLA is the national association, which fosters excellence in the professional achievement and leadership of health sciences library and

information professionals to enhance the quality of health care, education, and research.

MLA Music Library Association
The Music Library Association is the professional organization in the United States devoted to music librarianship and to all aspects of music materials in libraries.

Mobile Tagging
Mobile tagging is the process of providing data on mobile devices, commonly through the use of data (such as a URL) encoded in a 2D Barcode, meant to be read and inputted using a camera phone. Some libraries have started experimenting with mobile tagging to market library services.

MOE
Maintenance of Effort

MP3
MPEG-1 Audio Layer 3, more commonly referred to as **MP3**, is a popular audio encoding format. It uses a lossy compression algorithm that is designed to greatly reduce the amount of data required to represent the audio recording, yet still sound like a faithful reproduction of the original uncompressed audio to most listeners.

NAGARA National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators
NAGARA champions good management of government archives and records programs for the benefit of government and its citizens. The association provides a forum for government archives and records professionals to meet, share information, and work cooperatively to solve common problems.

NAHSL North Atlantic Health Sciences Libraries, Inc.
NAHSL was established in 1958 as a regional group representing Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. It became an official Chapter of the Medical Library Association in 1981 and is an organization of professional librarians, individuals and institutions interested in health sciences libraries.

NARA National Archives and Records Administration
Maintain archives of federal records including resources useful for genealogists, such as naturalization and military records.

NASCIO National Association of State Chief Information Officers
[new name of NASIRE] NASCIO represents state chief information officers and information resource executives and managers from the 50 states, 6 U. S. territories, and the District of Columbia. State members are senior officials from any of the three branches of state government who have executive-level and statewide responsibility for information resource management.

National Book Festival
The purpose of the National Book Festival is to encourage Americans to develop a lifelong love of reading. The Festival, which is free and open to the public, is made possible by generous sponsors. The Festival includes readings and book signings by award winning authors and illustrators of books for both adults and children. Additional activities include musical performances, storytelling, and exhibitions from reading promotion organizations such as state

library agencies and the Library of Congress.

NCLB No Child Left Behind Act (see ESEA)

NCLIS U.S. National Commission on Libraries & Information Science
The U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science is a permanent, independent agency of the federal government charged with advising the executive and legislative branches on national library and information policies and plans.

NEA New England Archivists
The New England Archivists is a professional organization of archivists and others responsible for the access, preservation, and organization of records and manuscripts that document society.

NECAP New England Common Assessment Program
The New England Common Assessment Program, is the assessment tool used by four New England states—RI, ME, NH, and VT to meet the testing and accountability requirements of the No Child Left Behind act. Currently students in grades K-12 take the tests in various content areas which include reading, writing, math and science.

NEDCC Northeast Document Conservation Center
The Northeast Document Conservation Center is the largest nonprofit, regional conservation center in the United States. Its mission is to improve the preservation programs of libraries, archives, museums, and other historical and cultural organizations; to provide the highest quality services to institutions that cannot afford in-house conservation facilities or that require specialized expertise; and to provide leadership to the preservation field. OLIS contracts with NEDCC for specific services for all RI institutions.

NEA National Endowment for the Arts
Independent Federal agency supporting the work of individuals and nonprofit institutions engaged in projects involving the arts.

NEH National Endowment for the Humanities
Independent Federal agency supporting the work of individuals and nonprofit institutions engaged in projects involving the humanities.

NEI New England Interactive
The Rhode Island portal contractor. It is a subsidiary of the National Information Consortium (NIC). NEI built a portal for the services of Rhode Island state government agencies and will provide connections to and integrate all information services provided by RI government (http://www.ri.gov.)

NELA New England Library Association
The mission of the New England Library Association is to promote excellence in library services to the people of New England and to advance the leadership role of its members in developing and ensuring that excellence.

NERTCL New England Round Table of Children's Librarians
NERTCL is a section of the New England Library Association which presents programs and links

youth services librarians regionally.

Net Neutrality
The concept that all Internet content should be treated as equal by Internet Service Providers, who have the technical ability to prioritize and/or restrict the flow of particular types of data as it travels through their networks.

NHLA New Hampshire Library Association
State association of library professionals and paraprofessionals organized to "promote good library service from all types of libraries to all people of the State and to cooperate with other groups of similar interest."

NIC National Information Consortium
Parent company of NEI (New England Interactive), which built the RI state government portal (RI.gov)

NLM National Library of Medicine

NLS National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
Library of Congress program circulating Braille and recorded materials to eligible borrowers through a network of cooperating libraries, such as Talking Books Plus.

NMRT ALA New Member Round Table
The New Member Round Table(NMRT) is an organization for people with fewer than 10 years of membership in ALA. Its is to help those who have been association members less than ten years become actively involved in the association and the profession.

NNLM-NER National Network of Libraries of Medicine-New England Region
Regional component of the national network whose mission is to advance the progress of medicine and improve the public health by providing all U.S. health professionals equal access to biomedical information and by improving the public's access to information to enable them to make informed decisions about their health. The Program is coordinated by the National Library of Medicine and carried out through a nationwide network of health science libraries and information centers.

NCLB No Child Left Behind Act (see ESEA)

Nook
The Nook is a portable eBook reader from Barnes & Noble.

NTIA National Telecommunications and Information Administration
The National Telecommunications and Information Administration is an agency in the U.S. Department of Commerce that serves as the executive branch agency principally responsible for advising the President on telecommunications and information policies. NTIA was responsible for crafting the National Broadband Plan.

OCLC Online Computer Library Center
A worldwide library cooperative founded in 1967, OCLC Online Computer Library Center is a

nonprofit, membership, computer library service and research organization dedicated to the public purposes of furthering access to the world's information and reducing information costs. More than 57,000 libraries in 112 countries and territories around the world use OCLC services to locate, acquire, catalog, lend and preserve library materials. (see also **WorldCat** and **Open WorldCat)**

OIF Office of Intellectual Freedom
ALA office responsible for a broad range of intellectual freedom activities, including following state legislation, serving as a major resource for library advocates on IF issues, and coordinating Banned Books Week. Additionally, ALA works with several coalitions on Intellectual Freedom issues.

OLIS Office of Library & Information Services
This RI state level office replaced the Department of State Library Services (DSLS) which had been established in 1964.

OSL Ocean State Libraries (formerly CLAN)
Ocean State Libraries (OSL) is Rhode Island's public library consortium. It is incorporated as a non-profit organization under the Internal Revenue Code (501c3). As of 2007, there were 49 public library systems operating from 73 locations. Nearly all RI residents have access to an OSL library in their own communities.

OPAC Online Public Access Catalog
InRhode, TBP, OSL catalogs are examples in RI.

Open Access
Publication model that allows access to content free of charge; the publisher may charge authors a fee for publication to cover costs.

Open Source
Software for which the source code has been made accessible for others to adapt, modify, and redistribute free of charge.

Open WorldCat
Freely available access to WorldCat. Lists books available around the world as well as in local libraries, as long as the library has their holdings listed in OCLC.

OSHEAN Ocean State Higher Education, Economic Development and Administrative Network
OSHEAN Inc., (pronounced ocean) is a consortium of non-profit organizations that was formed to foster the development of a communications infrastructure for Rhode Island's research, educational, and public service community. The OSHEAN consortium is devoted to creating a stable, economical high-speed network for the use of its members and is committed to providing services that enhance the productive use of this network. OSHEAN is dedicated to achieving its vision of providing Rhode Island with the most capable communications network infrastructure for the support of research, education and public service of any state in the Union.

OSCIL Ocean State Center for Independent Living
A consumer controlled, community based, nonprofit organization established to provide a range

of independent living services to enhance, through self direction, the quality of life of Rhode Islanders with significant disability and to promote integration into the community.

OverDrive
Company providing downloadable eBooks and audiobooks for libraries.

Perkins
Perkins School for the Blind, Braille and Talking Book Library, funded in part by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, provides free services to Massachusetts residents of any age who are unable to read traditional print materials due to a visual or physical disability. Perkins serves as the storage and mailing facility for talking books for Rhode Island residents.

PLA Public Library Association
The purpose of this ALA division is to advance the development and effectiveness of public library service and public librarians.

Podcast
A **podcast** is a digital media file, or a series of such files, that is distributed over the Internet using syndication feeds for playback on portable media players and personal computers. A podcast is a specific type of webcast which, like 'radio', can mean either the content itself or the method by which it is syndicated; the latter is also termed **podcasting**. The host or author of a podcast is often called a **podcaster**. The term "podcast" is a portmanteau of the name of Apple's portable music player, the iPod, and broadcast[1]; a "pod" refers to a container of some sort, and "cast" to the idea of broadcasting.

Portal
Portals are often the first page your web browser loads when you start up your web browser. Rhode Island's state web portal, or "one-stop-shopping for RI government services", was developed under contract with NEI.

PRISM Scholars
PRISM Plus Fellowship is a scholarship program funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and dedicated to educating future librarians about information literacy for diverse populations. URIGSLIS has such a program. See
http://www.uri.edu/artsci/lsc/People/PRISM.html.

QR Codes
Also known as a matrix or two-dimensional barcode, QR codes can contain data or information regarding a link to an internet resource. Users with web-enabled smartphones can scan QR codes and follow the links to further information. QR Code generators are freely available online.

RARI Reading Across Rhode Island
Reading Across Rhode Island, a project of the Rhode Island Center for the Book, is the state's community read. The goal of Reading Across RI is to highlight literacy, involving all Rhode Islanders in a community dialogue focusing on books and reading. (see CFB)

RDA Resource Description and Access
The new cataloging standard that will replace AACR2.

REFORMA
The National Association to Promote Library & Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking**;** an affiliate of the American Library Association

RELAIS
Relais is the vendor that provides the system for the new in-state Inter-Library Loan system that connects the catalogs of OSL, HELIN, and RILINK.

RFID Radio Frequency Identification
Refers to the use of a chip or tag that emits a radio frequency signal that allows for identification of an object using an RFID scanner. RFID chips are used in some credit cards, identification cards, passports, as well as some consumer goods for inventory control, and may be used by libraries to facilitate circulation and inventory.

Rhodarian
Blog from OLIS on topics and events of interest for Rhode Island Librarians.

RI.gov
The RI portal's Internet address (as in http://www.RI.gov) which was constructed by the company, NEI.

RICBA Rhode Island Children's Book Award
The RICBA is sponsored by the Rhode Island Library Association, the Rhode Island Educational Media Center and the Rhode Island State Council of the International Reading Association. A committee of nine librarians, media specialists and teachers under the direction of OLIS select a master list of 20 books each year. In January and February children in grades 3-6 who have read or heard at least three of the books vote for their favorite. The award is presented to the winning author by the children of a local elementary school.

RICFB Rhode Island Center for the Book (see **CFB)**
Rhode Island Center for the Book at the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities is a statewide organization devoted to promoting personal and community enrichment by celebrating the art and heritage of reading, writing, making, and sharing books. Founded in 2003, Center for the Book is an affiliate of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

RIDE Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

RIEMA Rhode Island Educational Media Association
The Rhode Island Educational Media Association is a professional organization representing school library media professionals and support staff working for school library media, computer, and instructional technology programs in Rhode Island. RIEMA is an affiliate of both the American Library Association's division of American Association of School Librarians (AASL) and the Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT).

RIFLI Rhode Island Family Literacy Initiative
The RIFLI is a free, first-step family literacy program for adults and their children based at public libraries throughout Rhode Island. RIFLI offers English as a Second Language (ESL), citizenship preparation and computer instruction as well as children's programming, student resource

support and links to library resources and services.

RIGIS Rhode Island Geographic Information System
The Rhode Island Geographic Information System (RIGIS) is a consortium of government and private organizations employing computer and communications technology to manage and use a collective database of comprehensive geographically related information.

RIGL Rhode Island General Laws

RIHPHC Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission
The Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission is the state agency for historical preservation and heritage programs. The Commission operates a statewide historical preservation program that identifies and protects historic buildings, districts, structures, and archaeological sites.

RIHS Rhode Island Historical Society

RILA Rhode Island Library Association
Professional association of librarians, library staff, library trustees, and library supporters whose purpose is to promote the profession of librarianship and to improve the visibility, accessibility, responsiveness, and effectiveness of library and information services throughout Rhode Island.

RILINK Rhode Island Library Information Network for Kids
RILINK is a cooperative effort by Rhode Island school libraries to share their resources through an interactive, web-based union catalog of library materials. Students and teachers at RILINK member schools can use the catalog at www.rilink.org to look for, and request, books or other items at member libraries. Items requested are delivered to each school through the statewide library network. RILINK now serves 116 libraries encompassing 40% of RI K-12 students.

RINET Rhode Island Network for Educational Technology, Inc.
Fosters educational excellence in Rhode Island through the collaborative development and deployment of economical technology solutions for organizations that serve children. It provides complete Internet solutions for organizations that serve children, such as schools, libraries, municipalities, as well as high quality technology programs and services in support of K-12 teaching, learning and administration.

RITBA Rhode Island Teen Book Award
The Rhode Island Teen Book Award is a collaborative project of the Rhode Island Education Media Association (RIEMA) and the Rhode Island Library Association (RILA). The goal of the Rhode Island Teen Book Award is to promote quality literature for teens by highlighting well-written books that will be of interest to those between the ages of 12 and 18 years of age.

RI STAC Rhode Island Science and Technology Advisory Council
(formerly RITEC, Rhode Island Technology Council)
The Rhode Island Science and Technology Advisory Council is a not for profit organization whose mission is to foster a healthy, prosperous and competitive environment for the Rhode Island technology industry.

RLG Research Libraries Group
RLG is a not-for-profit membership corporation of over 160 universities, national libraries, archives, historical societies, and other institutions with remarkable collections for research and learning. Rooted in collaborative work that addresses members' shared goals for these collections, RLG develops and operates information resources used by members and nonmembers around the world. In June 2006, RLG merged with OCLC. Its catalog became part of OCLC's WorldCat

RSS feeds
Web feed formats used to publish frequently updated content such as blog entries, news headlines or podcasts. An RSS document, which is called a "feed," "web feed," or "channel," contains either a summary of content from an associated web site or the full text. RSS makes it possible for people to keep up with their favorite web sites in an automated manner that's easier than checking them manually.

RUSA Reference & User Services Association
RUSA is an ALA division whose mission is to foster excellence in the delivery of general library services and materials to adults, reference services and collection development.

Second Life
A virtual world users access via the Internet. Users design their representations of themselves - called avatars - and interact with other users in locations they or other users have constructed within this virtual world. Some libraries have created service points in Second Life to provide reference assistance to other users.

Semantic Web
Put simply, the Semantic Web would make it possible to treat the entire Web as if it were a database. In the same way that a developer can query data in a standard database and build applications that use that data, people would be able to query data from across the entire web and build as-needed applications that pulled related but diverse data from multiple sources.

Simmons
Simmons Graduate School of Library and Information Science located in Boston, MA.

SAA Society of American Archivists
Organization representing professional archivists.

SLA Special Libraries Association
The Special Libraries Association is the international association representing the interests of thousands of information professionals in sixty countries. Special librarians are information resource experts who collect, analyze, evaluate, package, and disseminate information to facilitate accurate decision-making in corporate, academic, and government settings. There is a Rhode Island chapter of SLA.

SLAA State Library Administrative Agency
State and territorial agencies designated as the state library administrative agency and responsible for statewide library development.

SLD <u>Schools and Libraries Division</u>
Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). Agency responsible for management of the Universal Service Fund (e-rate).

Social Media
Social Media enables people to rendezvous, connect or collaborate through computer-mediated communication. Many advocates of using these tools believe (and actively argue or assume) that these create actual community, and have adopted the term "online communities" to describe the social structures that they claim result. They are used inside organizations or by communities of practice/interest. The more specific term collaborative software applies to cooperative work systems and is usually narrowly applied to software that enables work functions. Distinctions between usage of the terms "social" and "collaborative" is in the applications not the tools, although there are some tools that are only rarely used for work collaboration.

Social Networking
Online social networking is one form of social media. Online social networking allows users to make connections with other users based on common interests, common friends, common music, or other shared information.

Spectrum Scholars
Participants in an ALA-sponsored scholarship program developed to recruit and support librarians from under-represented groups.

SRP <u>Summer Reading Program</u>
Part of OLIS" children's services.

SRRC <u>Statewide Reference Resource Center</u>
RIGL 29-6-9 (Rhode Island library network) specifies the Providence Community Libraries as the Reference Resource Center.

State Library
The Rhode Island State Library is the legislative library for the state. The State Librarian is appointed by the Secretary of State to head the library. The State Publications Clearinghouse is housed here.

State Library Administrative Agency
The Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS) is responsible for the administration of federal funds for services to Rhode Island citizens. It provides statewide services to libraries and the public.

TBP <u>Talking Books Plus</u>
RI Regional Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped at OLIS.

TechACCESS of Rhode Island
Founded in 1991 to serve people with disabilities, TechACCCESS's programs are offered to assistive technology users, their families, educational and therapeutic professionals, and others interested in learning more about assistive technology. OLIS contracts with TechACCESS for alternate document production, information about assistive technologies for libraries, and

workshops/forums about library services for people with disabilities.

Triple I (see III)

Tweet
A message posted on Twitter.

Twitter
A microblogging platform that allows users to post publicly viewable updates, although users can opt to make their updates private. Messages have a 140 character limit.

UCITA Uniform Computer Information Transaction Act
The Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act (UCITA) is a proposed state contract law developed to regulate transactions in intangible goods such as computer software, online databases and other information products in digital form. UCITA was originally intended to be a revision to the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC), which has been adopted in almost all of the states and territories of the U.S. and which ensures consistent rules governing contract law from state to state. Publishers and large software producers are the primary supporters of UCITA. Libraries, consumer protection groups, and a number of businesses have been among those opposing the enactment of UCITA as it has been introduced in several states starting in the Fall of 1999.

ULC Urban Libraries Council
"The Urban Libraries Council (ULC) is an association of large public libraries and corporations that serve them, organized to solve common problems, better understand new opportunities and conduct applied research that improves professional practice." As of 2010 the only RI member is the Providence Public Library.

URI GSLIS Graduate School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Rhode Island

URL Uniform Resource Locator
URLs are used to „locate' resources on the World Wide Web, by providing an abstract identification of the resource location. It is essentially an Internet address. For example: http://www.lori.state.ri.us

USAC Universal Service Administrative Company
The Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Service Fund makes discounts available to eligible schools and libraries for telecommunication services, Internet access, and internal connections. The program is intended to ensure that schools and libraries have access to affordable telecommunications and information services.

VoIP Voice over Internet Protocol
A technology that allows you to make and receive calls over the Internet.

Web app or Web application
A computer program accessed and used via the web through the user's browser. (see also cloud computing)

WebJunction
WebJunction is a cooperative of library staff throughout the United States sharing and using online resources that enable us to identify and embrace appropriate technologies and apply them to our daily work. To sustain this effort, we partner with library and cultural heritage organizations and those that support them in meeting their objectives through effective use of collaborative, web-based technologies. Rhode Island through OLIS will become a state partner in July 2008.

Wiki
A **wiki** (IPA: [_w_.ki_] or [_wi_.ki_]) is a website that allows visitors to add, remove, and edit content. A collaborative technology for organizing information on Web sites, the first wiki (WikiWikiWeb) was developed by Ward Cunningham in the mid-1990s. Wikis allow for linking among any number of pages. This ease of interaction and operation makes a wiki an effective tool for mass collaborative authoring. Wikipedia, an online encyclopedia, is one of the best known wikis. Wikis that are editable by the general public (such as Wikipedia) have been criticized for their reliability, simply because certain individuals may maliciously introduce false or misleading content. Proponents rely on their community of users who can catch malicious content and correct it. Wikis in general make a basic assumption of the goodness of people.

Wikipedia (/_wiki_pi_di.ə/ or /_w_ki_pi_di.ə/) is a multilingual, web-based, free content encyclopedia project. Wikipedia is written collaboratively by volunteers from all around the world. With rare exceptions, its articles can be edited by anyone with access to the Internet, simply by clicking the edit this page link. The name Wikipedia is a portmanteau of the words wiki (a type of collaborative website) and encyclopedia. Since its creation in 2001, Wikipedia has grown rapidly into one of the largest reference Web sites.

WorldCat
Catalog of library holdings around the world. (see also Open WorldCat and OCLC WorldShare)

WWW World Wide Web
The WWW project, started by Tim Berners-Lee while at CERN (the European Laboratory for Particle Physics), seeks to build a "distributed hypermedia system." In practice, the web is a vast collection of interconnected documents, spanning the world. Tim Berners-Lee continues his pioneering work with the W3 Consortium at MIT.

YALSA Young Adult Library Services Association
YALSA is a division of ALA dedicated to advocate, promote and strengthen library service to teens, ages 12-18.

YART Young Adult Round Table
The Young Adult Round Table is a monthly meeting of Rhode Island librarians and library school students concerned with all aspects of library service to young adults.