

EVOLUTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF LIBRARIES THROUGH COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

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AGENDA ON COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

- Definition of Collaboration
- Objective
- Benefits
- Barriers
- Framework for collaborative philosophy
- Models of Collaboration
- Library Collaboration Examples
- Identifying a compatible Collaborator



INTRODUCTION

- A fresh view towards changing role of libraries
- Keeping pace with current trends in technology
- Attempt to improve the effectiveness of library collection development, its usage, library services
- Elevation in effectiveness through collaboration
- Setting up Guidelines



DEFINITION OF COLLABORATION

- Cooperative arrangement in which two or more parties work jointly towards a common goal, which are mutually beneficial



BENEFITS OF COLLABORATION



COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

- Refers to the process of building and maintaining the library's collection
- Can focus on its subject specialists to be more noteworthy
- Duplication of resources can be reduced
- Sharing scarce resources with another library



INFORMATION SERVICES



- Sharing talent and resources
- Enhanced information access
- Access to e-articles
- Developing new programs for the users is made easy
- Providing better quality services



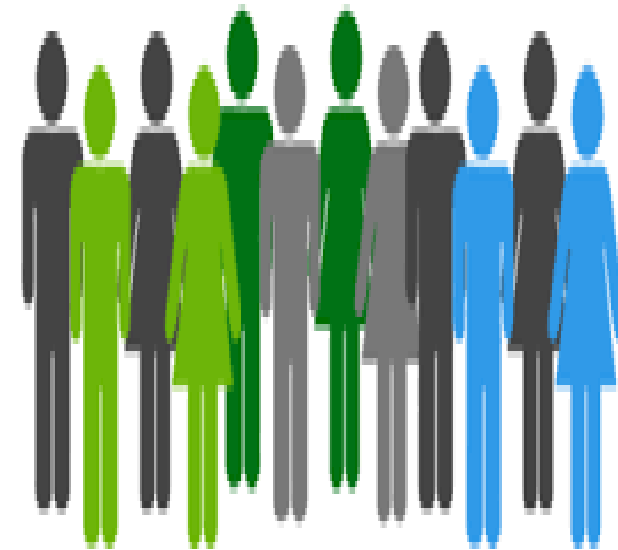
RESOURCES



- Optimum utilization of resources and information
- Sharing of experts of diverse fields
- Sharing of manpower reduces cost

USER'S BASE

- Improving user's access
- Creating and attracting new users by promoting and publicizing gets better with combined efforts
- Library expands its sphere of influence by creating and enhancing programs and services



FINANCE

- Optimum utilization of budget
- Collaboration leads to better negotiations during acquisition of information whether printed or electronic.
- Increasing funding and grant opportunities.
- Being visible to those who provide funds other than the library patrons.
- Getting assistance in creating awareness of the library programs and services.
- Preservation of information can be pooled too

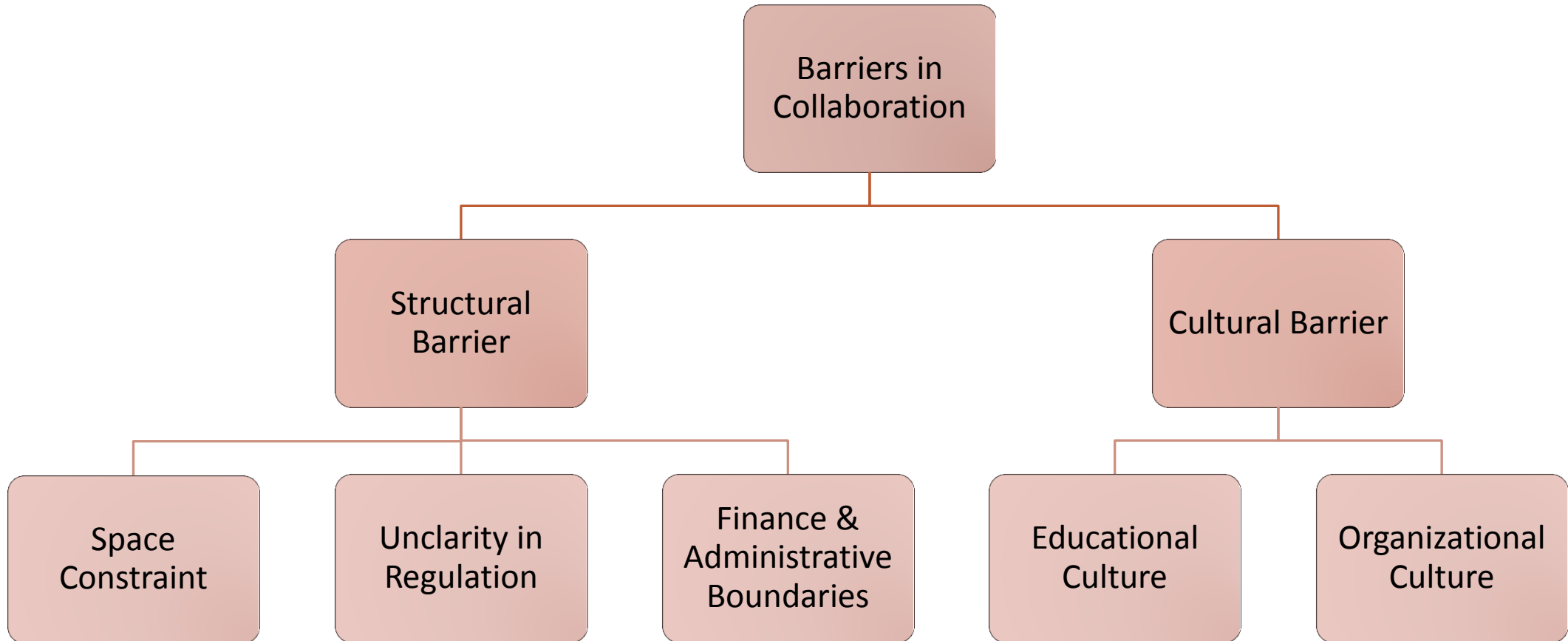


LIBRARY IMAGE

- Collaborations build up community connections
- Library objective is more effectively accomplished



BARRIERS IN COLLABORATION



LIBRARY – A SOCIAL ASSET

MAJOR ATTRIBUTES

Brand and reputation

Connector

Neutral Institution

Information clearing house

Community center and meeting place

Service Orientation

Promotion of lifelong learning

Economic Development

Infrastructure

Staff Involvement

Strong skill base

FRAMEWORK FOR A SUCCESSFUL COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP



MODELS OF COLLABORATION

Space

Information Contents

Information Services

Professional
Development

Technology

Manpower

Finance

EXAMPLES OF PARTNERSHIP

ADINET

- Network of 2500 libraries and Information Centers in Gujarat
- Partnered with “SADVICHAR PARIVAAR” for development of its medical digital library
- Working with “SADVICHAAR PARIVAAR” towards collaborating all the medical libraries
- Fosters collaboration with different renowned institutions/ organizations for organizing seminars, workshops, training for professional development of library professionals
- Provides information services like CUCOLIS to benefit researchers
- Collaborated with R.R.Seth Publishers for a pilot project on providing CIP data

EXAMPLES OF PARTNERSHIP

INFLIBNET (INFORMATION AND LIBRARY NETWORK) CENTER

- An autonomous Inter-University Centre of the University Grants Commission (UGC) of India
- Organizes training and development for library professionals by collaborating with national and international reputed organizations or institutions
 - Ex: JSTOR India User's Forum 2014 in collaboration with INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar on 13th October, 2015 at IUCAA, Pune, 15th October, 2015 at University of Hyderabad and 17th October, 2015 at Jadavpur University
 - Three days national workshop on Bibliometrics and Research Output Analysis jointly organized by INFLIBNET Centre and Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kerala held at CUSAT, Kerala during 28th May - 30th May 2015
- Conducts significant workshops catering to library professionals through collaboration
 - Five-Day National Workshop on DSpace Organized by CHMK Library, University of Calicut in collaboration with INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad on 3rd to 7th January 2011

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- Has signed an MOU of collaboration with Central University of Gujarat for providing information, technical and web based services
 - Convention on Automation of Libraries in Education and Research Institutions (CALIBER), a bi-annual convention, is being organized by the INFLIBNET Centre in different parts of the country

EXAMPLES OF PARTNERSHIP



MANLIBNET (Management Libraries Network)

- Established in the year 1998
- Collaborated with Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA) and Ahmedabad Management Association
- Collaborated with leading educational institutions for offering Librarian Development Programmes (LDPs)
- Collaborates with institutions by inviting prominent figures for conducting lecture series and webinars to benefit the LIS professionals

EXAMPLES OF PARTNERSHIP

THE POTTSBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Reinvented itself through strategic collaboration with community experts
- Invited experts to take classes on specific subjects
- People started volunteering for the library for different causes
- Helped small libraries struggling to develop programming to reach out to community experts



EXAMPLES OF PARTNERSHIP

CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Library in OHIO
- Collaborated with Cleveland Public Library in 2003 to create Greater Access Library Card
- The card allows customers of either library and the libraries in the CLEVNET network to issue books from both systems by carrying a single membership library card



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THE DREXEL UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

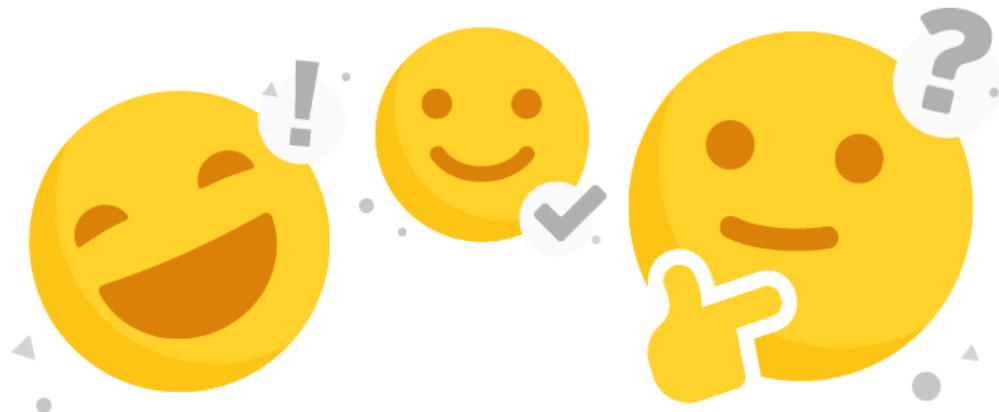
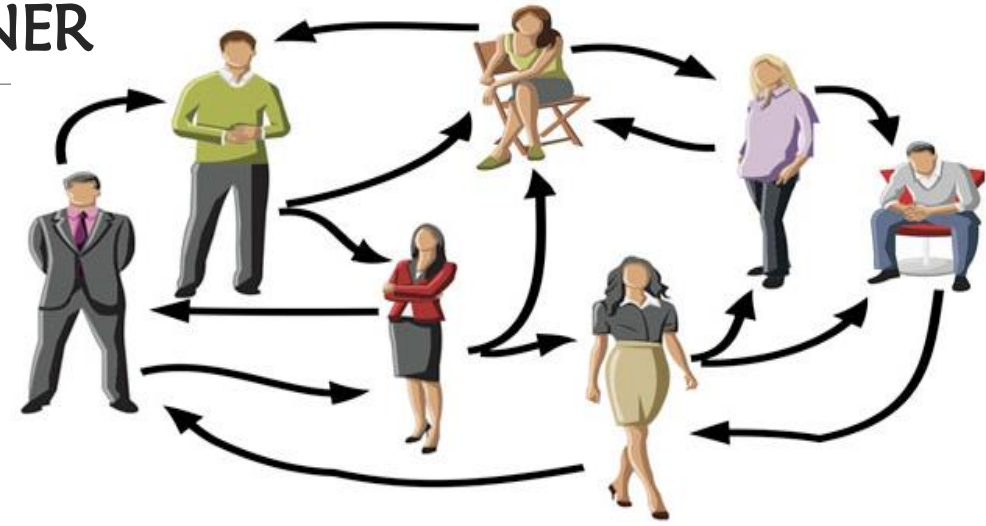
- Located in Philadelphia, USA
- Has collaborated with Steinbright Career Development Center to assist students to incorporate information literacy into the co-op experience, assisting and preparing students for their future careers

W. W. HAGERTY LIBRARY

- Located in Philadelphia, USA
- Collaborates with the Department of Psychology in celebration of Brain Awareness Week for an exhibition featuring displays of brain myths and facts.

IDENTIFYING A COMPATIBLE LIBRARY PARTNER

- Start Interacting and build relationships
- Find for collaborators locally
- Bridge geographical gaps
- Common interests may end up in common goals
- Align needs and benefits
- Gain mutual trust
- Acknowledge each others' help



- Diverse skill set collaborators complement and benefit each other
- Partners to serve different set of users

CONCLUSION

- Arrays of challenges but with significant rewards
 - Ensuring the involvement and engagement of collaborative partners with their defined role.
 - Clarity of finance
- Adopting and reaping benefits of working in collaboration



**THANK YOU
FOR
COLLABORATING!!**