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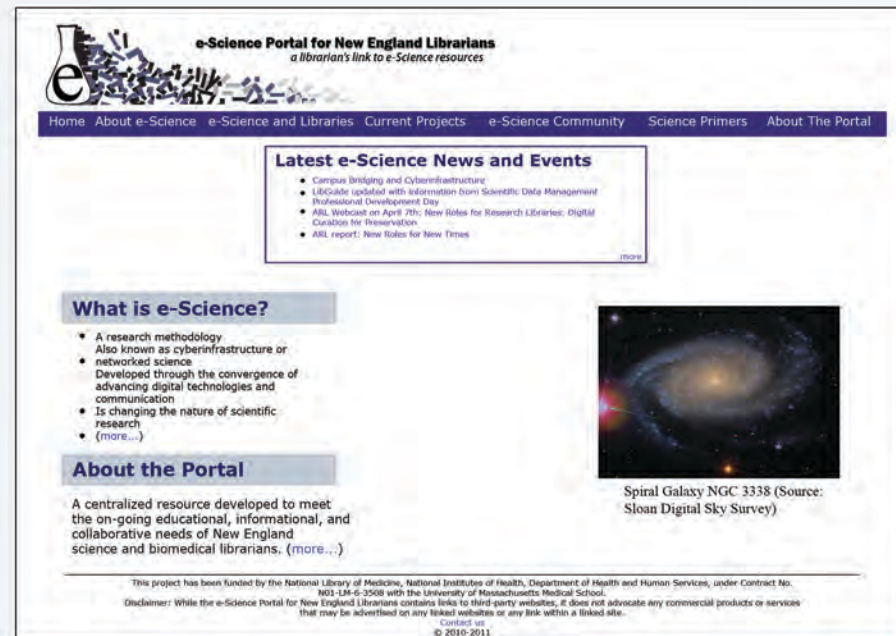
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The collaboration of biomedical and science subject and technology librarians is crucial to developing an e-Science portal that will provide the essential tools and knowledge for librarians to effectively engage in networked science.

The portal has been developed through the joint efforts of a web development team from the Lamar Soutter Library at UMASS Medical School and advisory and editorial boards made up of science and medical subject librarians from diverse New England research institutions.



Editors evaluate content for the portal guided by a set of selection criteria. They aggregate and annotate links to the content, and submit them to the portal coordinator for further review. The portal coordinator and the web development team then plan the organization and layout of this content in the relevant subject area.

Members of the editorial board serve as content editors. Each content editor identifies and aggregates links to resources for a specific focus area. These focus areas include news/events/opportunities; about e-Science, e-Science and Libraries, Current Projects, Science Primers. Through the portal blog, editorial librarians have laid the groundwork for a virtual community of librarians interested in e-Science to post discussions and collaborate.

