The e-Science Initiative of the Lamar Soutter Library: Five Projects, One Goal

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The OBJECTIVE of the Library’s e-Science initiative is to provide current librarians with a variety of options to become adept at the knowledge and skills needed to successfully work in the area of e-Science.

The Initiative consists of FIVE PROJECTS, each with its own set of objectives, but all focused on preparing librarians to work in the area of e-Science.

- **e-Science Symposium**: An educational opportunity for librarians to learn about e-Science resources and current initiatives from national leaders in the field.
- **Professional Development Days**: Full-day sessions in different areas or disciplines of e-Science, these provide librarians with hands-on experience and training in skills they can put to use in their work.
- **Science Boot Camp for Librarians**: Three-day “camp” experience where science librarians learn both theory and application of different scientific disciplines from researchers in the respective fields.
- **e-Science Portal for New England Librarians**: A collaborative, web-based project to educate science and medical librarians about e-Science.
- **Journal of eScience Librarianship**: An open access, peer-reviewed journal advancing theory and practice, and focusing on services related to data-driven research in the physical, biological, and medical sciences.

As a RESULT of the Initiative, hundreds of librarians from New England, as well as other parts of the country, have taken advantage of the different events over the past 4 years. The symposium and professional development days have also been replicated by attendees in their respective institutions and/or regions.