

LibPress Overhaul Project

Overview

Purpose

The LibPress service launched in 2012, and over the last decade the Co-op has assisted over seventy libraries and related organizations in creating their online presence. Our purpose is to provide the core services necessary to maintain LibPress websites. This year we received funding from the BC Libraries Branch that will allow us to provide focused redevelopment services for up to thirty-five LibPress members. *(Please note that while this funding is specifically for BC libraries, other members may request consultation services for a fee.)*

The LibPress Overhaul Project includes the following areas of support:

- **Basic Visual Design:** Refresh the look and feel of your site, focusing on design best practices for clarity and accessibility. *Note: This project does not include professional design services as this falls outside the Co-op's scope of purpose.*
- **Page and Menu Hierarchy:** Your site's information hierarchy is linked to its "usability". Create a site with fewer pages to manage and update, meaning fewer pages for your patrons to navigate to find relevant information.
- **Web Accessibility Assistance:** Inclusivity is an important requirement for your website. Remove and prevent barriers to accessibility by learning established guidelines and applying available tools to ensure compliance with current legislation.
- **Statistical Review:** An analysis of your site's visitor behavior provides valuable insights about how to best serve your patron-base with digital resources.

Consultation Process

1. Request a two-week consultation period with the LibPress Coordinator through the BCLC LibPress Support page (<https://bc.libraries.coop/support/libpress/overhaul-project/>)
2. The Coordinator will send you a Letter of Agreement, and once completed and returned, your dates will be confirmed.
3. A month before your consultation period, the Coordinator will contact you about an initial meeting to review the goals for your site "overhaul", and you will also be sent material to help you plan your ideas and work to accomplish.
4. During the consultation process, the Coordinator will provide the page and menu reorganization, and be available to help guide your staff in creating the new content for your site according to best practices (plain language, informational design clarity, and accessibility).