Update from the Executive Director

Dear Colleagues,

As we enter the final quarter of the year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the incredible progress and achievements that have been made across the Florida Academic Library Services Cooperative (FALSC) and its member institutions. The past few months have been filled with a multitude of initiatives, projects, and initiatives that have brought us closer to our goals.

One of the most significant developments has been the growth and diversification of our membership. The recent addition of new institutions to our network has not only expanded our reach but also enriched our collective capabilities and resources. This growth is a testament to the shared vision and collaborative spirit that continues to drive our organization forward.

In terms of technological advancements, we have made substantial strides in enhancing our digital platforms. The implementation of OpenAthens across multiple institutions has been a notable milestone, providing our users with seamless access to a wide array of digital resources. The Florida Open Academic Library (FOAL) project, in particular, has been a game-changer, offering an invaluable tool for educators and learners alike.

We have also seen a surge in the development of localized and institutional resources. The Digital Collections and Archives Index has been instrumental in organizing and making accessible a vast collection of digital archives and special collections. Additionally, the Library Project and Collection Management System has facilitated the sharing of information and best practices among our member institutions, thereby fostering a culture of continuous improvement.

Looking ahead, we are poised for another productive quarter. There are several upcoming projects and initiatives that are set to take our services to the next level. The next MCLS Quarterly Meeting, scheduled for December 5-6, will be a key event where we will discuss new strategies and plans for the future. In the meantime, there will be another phase of the Digital Collections and Archives Index project that will include a comprehensive guide on the current content and its availability.

As we approach the holiday season, I want to express my gratitude to all of you for your dedication and commitment to excellence. Your tireless efforts have not gone unnoticed, and they are a source of immense pride for the entire FALSC community. We are truly thankful for the opportunity to serve libraries, students, faculty, and staff at the numerous institutions we represent.

Thank you for your continued support and hard work. Let us reflect on the progress made so far and look forward to new opportunities for growth and innovation in the year ahead.

Best regards,

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Executive Director

At FALSC, the thing I'm most thankful for, each and every day, is our thoroughly dedicated and passionate team. We are truly a family, and we couldn't do this without you.

Thank you for being part of the FALSC family.

Thanksgiving is right around the corner, so let's take a moment to reflect on all that we are thankful for. Whether it's the incredible depth and breadth of content provided through digital repositories, the incredible cost-savings and increased success of OER, or the many challenges, it's important to remember that the work we do has a positive impact on both each individual student and on our libraries we serve:

- The Florida Open Academic Library is ready to launch live! It's a fantastic resource for educators to discover and use open educational resources.
- Digital repositories provide access to content that was previously restricted in special collections. Open Educational Resources lower costs and increase success. The next MCLS Quarterly Meeting will be held December 5-6, 2020, with a focus on digital services.
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- The OpenAthens implementation is moving along as UCF has started the process of changing Aleph back for Athens prefixes. Usage of e-Resources via OpenAthens has increased.
- PBSC and FSCJ have OpenAthens admin dashboards established and are working on their vendor spreadsheets to get allocations ready for us to review a little ahead of schedule. In fact, it will be ready for us to review a little ahead of schedule.
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- The negotiation activities between FALSC and vendors are mostly complete. We will ask MCLS representatives to vote on these recommendations, approved by DISC, during the December MCLS meeting.