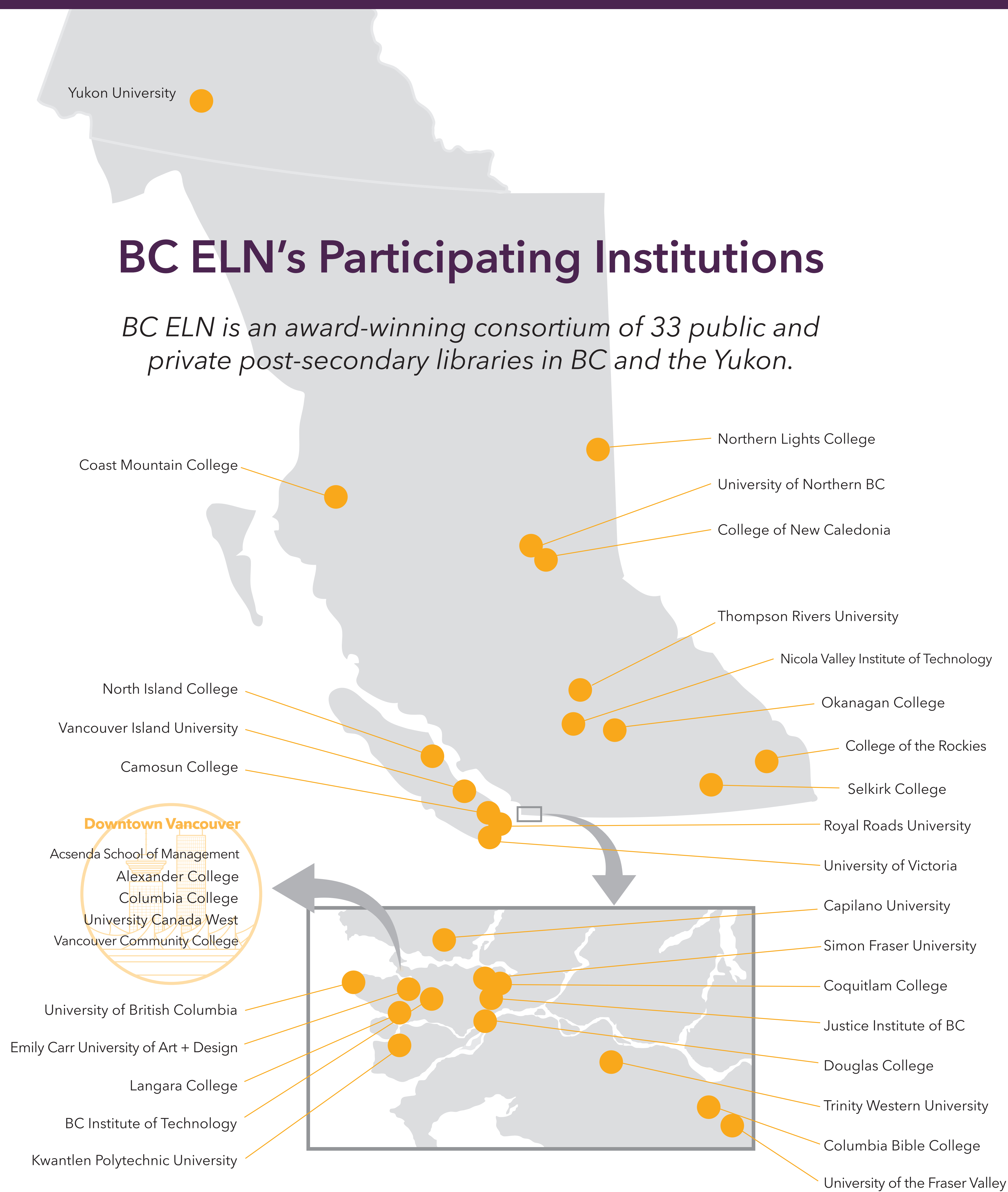


BRITISH COLUMBIA ELECTRONIC LIBRARY NETWORK

Collective Solutions. Provincial Impact.



Our Network is our Strength

Like the hidden threads of a mycelium – nature's vast underground network that links mushrooms, trees and plants – our library consortium connects institutions in a web of support. Through this interconnected system, we share resources, strengthen one another, and adapt to meet new challenges.

Just as mycelium helps forests thrive by transferring nutrients and fostering resilience, our consortium empowers every member to grow, innovate, and meet challenges with the support of the entire network.

What does BC ELN do?

BC ELN institutions work together to give students, instructors, and researchers equitable access to services and resources so they can successfully pursue their education, teaching, and research.

BC ELN provides the following services:



Group Licensing

BC ELN negotiates significant group discounts on licenses for research databases, ebook collections, streaming media, and more.

By negotiating as a cohesive group, BC ELN secures over \$4 million in yearly savings for BC's post-secondary libraries.



Resource Sharing

BC ELN coordinates Illume, an interlibrary loan system that enables 104 public and post-secondary libraries across BC to share their collections with one another.

10 million journal articles, books, DVDs, CDs, and more are available to library users through Illume interlibrary loan.



AskAway Research Help

BC ELN libraries work together to staff AskAway, a live chat service where visitors can get real-time expert research help.

Every year, AskAway service providers help approximately 30,000 visitors with their research and citation questions.



WriteAway Writing Help

Through BC ELN, writing centre staff at participating institutions team up to staff WriteAway, which offers asynchronous writing guidance.

WriteAway tutors focus on developing academic writing skills that students can apply to future work.



Arca Digital Repository

BC ELN offers a collaborative digital repository for institutions to preserve and share their digital assets.

Arca's collections continue to grow, offering hundreds of thousands of academic works and primary sources for discovery.



Innovative Partnerships

BC ELN partners with external groups to maximize efforts; examples include partnerships with DataBC and the BC History Digitization Program.

Collaboration in Action

By working together, BC ELN saves the province more than \$10 million every year.

This is just one way collaboration pays off. Explore more in our Innovation & Success reports: bceln.ca/about/bceln-reports/innovation-success