

SITKA GUIDING PRINCIPLES

“The core goal of Sitka is to benefit BC residents and visitors by providing equitable and seamless access to a rich and diverse range of library services and collections.”

All Sitka principles must flow from or support this overriding principle.

1. Sitka will welcome the participation of every B.C. library, be they public, academic, K-12, special, or otherwise.
2. Sitka policies will be flexible and allow for considerable local control to respect the unique mission and values of each library, while recognizing that some common practices are necessary and desirable to enhance system functionality and to contribute toward a consistent client experience generally.
3. Sitka will harmonize circulation policies to the greatest extent possible.
4. Sitka will employ a single, central bibliographic record for each item.
5. Sitka libraries will allow access to their general collections by other Sitka libraries through a simple and easy to use inter-library loan request system, and through direct loan where possible.
6. Sitka will strive to provide cost-effective systems and solutions based on readily available, standards-based and open software utilizing cost-effective commodity hardware.