



eSWUG
Ex Libris Southwest User Group

MISSION: The mission of this organization shall be to serve as a forum for sharing information and expertise in the use of Ex Libris library software products amongst Southwest region libraries. The Southwest region consists of Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, and New Mexico.

Membership: Membership is automatic to any individual working in a Southwest region institution utilizing any Ex Libris product. No membership dues or activities are required.

Communication: Communication to and between members regarding official eSWUG activities is primarily conducted through Ex Libris' various user listservs where "eSWUG" begins each subject line. There is also a wiki at <http://eswug.wetpaint.com/> where members can review all organizational documents as well as share information, make announcements, and hold discussions.

Mini-Conference: Historically we hold a mini-Conference event in February. This allows for those who cannot go to the national ELUNA Conference to share with others in this region through presentations, training sessions, and roundtable discussions. Ex Libris helps support the mini-Conference event and sends a representative to provide corporate updates and answer any questions that may come up. Suggestions for topics and speakers are always welcome.

- Benefits:**
- 1) This organization is shaped by the needs of its members. Input is encouraged and welcomed. Every member can add suggestions for mini-Conference programming, general information, announcements, and/or participate in discussions to the wiki.
 - 2) The eSWUG Regional mini-Conference event reduces travel costs, especially when the national ELUNA is held far from the Southwest Region, and registration fees are always reasonably priced.
 - 3) Networking and sharing face-to-face at the mini-Conference event, as well as through discussions generated on the Ex Libris user lists and eSWUG wiki, allows for working relationships to develop with peers who experience similar circumstances in the Region.

Organization: eSWUG was originally established and recognized on July 17, 2001 by the State of California as a non-profit organization under the name Southwest Voyager Users Group (SWVUG). With the 2006 sale of Endeavor to Ex Libris, all Regional User Groups updated their names to reflect company changes. Therefore, on April 26, 2007 the group was officially renamed to Ex Libris Southwest Users Group (eSWUG).