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## DOE National Laboratory Libraries Coalition (NLLC)

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### SITE REPORT FOR: Sandia National Laboratories - California

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**Budget and staffing changes** – *discuss any substantial or significant changes in library budget or staffing since last annual meeting and the expected impact on your library/organization.*

After three years of staffing issues, the Sandia California Technical Library is fully staffed with 1 full-time librarian and two full-time support staff.

The Sandia California Technical Library received a 5% budget cut for FY19. The cut has not affected the collection yet, but could have a detrimental impact for FY20 due to rising costs.

**Organizational changes** – *discuss any changes in your immediate or organizational mission or management structure and the expected impact on your library/organization.*

The Sandia California Technical Library has a new Sr Manager as of Jan 2019.

**Current initiatives** – *discuss significant library initiatives, accomplishments, awards or collaborations (internal or external). These can be on any topic including library operations, projects, research and development, physical space, just cool stuff, etc.*

The Sandia California Technical Library established a Library Advisory Board to help steer the library's collection. The Library is also in the process of writing policies for collection development, circulation, ILL, and document delivery. Working with Sandia NM, the CA Library is providing OSTI outreach and training in R&A to the California site.

**Challenges** – *discuss any issues or situations, not already mentioned above, affecting your library in the past year and how they were addressed or planned to be addressed.*

The two main challenges facing the Sandia California Technical Library are space and funding. A rapid increase in hiring, along with limited space, leaves the workforce in a tight squeeze. The library space has been in question as space planners look for locations to put new employees.

Funding remains an issue as library dollars have been cut while content costs increase.

Furthermore, lab priorities have changed. A heavy emphasis on weapons programs is interfering with funding of R&D programs, those of which are the strongest library patrons. This potentially has an impact on the library's current functions.

**Future initiatives** – *discuss ideas, proposals or plans you may have for the immediate or strategic future of your library and the expected impact on your organization.*

The Sandia California Technical Library is currently responsible for Inactive Records Management of the California Site. The Library is working with its NM counterparts to do a full inventory of records and move its records management functions to New Mexico. There are also recent developments that could restart plans for an external facing collaboration space in CA.

**Trends** – *have you noticed anything changing, mutating, fluctuating or shifting in your library or in your organization? Changes in customer or staff habits, needs, collection use, expectations? Changes in the external information world that might affect your library or libraries in general? Please share.*

The Sandia California Technical Library has noticed an increase in questions and concerns regarding publishing in Open Access journals.

Interlibrary loans tend to be books recently published, while books requests from NM to CA or CA to NM doesn't have a clear published date trend.

The Sandia California Technical Library keeps older bound journals that have not yet been digitized; however, use of the bound journals is non-existent.

