Cooperative Networks for Library Project Funding

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ABSTRACT

A significant number of policy studies are recommending major reforms in mathematics and science education. Such reforms will probably evolve from new models of cooperation among various kinds of institutions, including government, the private sector, school systems, colleges and universities, and information resource bases like libraries. We are now finding important funding possibilities for educational "cooperatives" that couple major libraries with colleges and K-12 school systems.

Recently, the Marine Biological Laboratory and Simon's Rock College have formed an unusual cooperative, which serves as a good model for an articulation between a major research library and a small liberal arts college. We will discuss the details of the collaborative effort and suggest some strategies for funding programs which encourage the use of library collections by college and university faculty, K-12 teachers, and students ranging in academic level from kindergarten through the early years of graduate work.

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