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Reflections, Tools, and Tips on Evolving a Partnership of Academic Libraries

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To begin, we would like to pause for a moment to acknowledge and honor the Eastern Abenaki Native Americans and all of the Indigenous peoples of the land upon which we are gathered on today.

Members of the Wabanaki Confederacy, the Eastern Abenaki include the Penobscot, Kennebec, Arosaguntacook, and Pigwacket/Pequawket tribes.
13 Institutions.
3 Time Zones.
4,788 Colleagues.
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And when the communication and transparency account is high, trust occurs.
“The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place.”
— *George Bernard Shaw*
A Story of Apple Muffins, Pancakes, and...
...Baking Soda
Skills & Practice for Building Collaboration

Appreciation

Relationships

Civility*

Empathy

Integrity*

Patience & Persistence

Respect*

*Yale University Library Community Values
Skills & Practice: Tips

Organization

Relationship Building

Weekly Review & Planning

Timing & Deadlines
Energy Time Management

Energy
Focus
Priority Management
“Alignment is the positioning of parts in relation to one another. To successfully perform a number of bodily functions, multiple parts must be aligned. To run, our bodies align the foot strike with posture, leg and abdominal muscle strength, arm movements, head tilt, etc. Our body parts are aligned in relation to each other body part. Proper alignment leads to good form; improper alignment leads to injury.

Life alignment works the same way: To achieve it, we position our career, spousal, parental, social, physical, spiritual and communal activities in relation to one another. Moreover, each positioning depends upon what we seek out of life, and this may change over time. When we align our activities with our present life values, goals and desires we find rhythm.”

- Dawna I. Ballard, Ph.D. and Sunshine Webster, Ph.D.
On Stamina:
Collaboration is not Running
“People don't always want to be with people. It gets tiring.”
— Emma Donoghue
Work Time Management: Tips

- Clumping Tasks
- Email
- Focus Work
- Meetings
- Post Meetings
Recycling is environmentally friendly.
Tools

Analog
Electronic
Human
Professional Development
WE CAN DO HARD THINGS.
Recommended Reading

Managing Oneself
Peter F. Drucker
Harvard Business Review Press

Great at Work
Morten T. Hansen
Harvard Business Review Press

Awake at Work
Michael Carroll
McGraw-Hill

7 Habits of Highly Effective People
Stephen R. Covey
HarperAudio

You Are Special
Fred Rogers
HarperAudio

The Art of War
Sun Tzu
Penguin Classics

Suffering Is Optional
Cheri Huber
Harper Audio

Choosing Civility
P.M. Forni
Harvard University Press

If I Understood You, Would I Have This Look on My Face?
The Art of Listening
Alan Alda
Simon & Schuster

Facilitator's Guide to Participatory Decision-Making
Sam Kaner
Jossey-Bass

Silos, Politics, and Turf Wars
Patrick Lencioni
Jossey-Bass

Beyond Reason
Roger Fisher
Harvard Negotiation Project

White Fragility
Robin DiAngelo
Beacon Press

Harold and the Purple Crayon
Crockett Johnson
Harper Audio
Thank You, Q&A, and Discussion!

*No felines were harmed in the production of this presentation.*
Recommended Reading: Citations


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Tzu, S. *Art of War*. Place of publication not identified: Bloomsbury China, 2019.