

# The Making of the LIS Mental Health Collective Website

## BACKGROUND

The LIS Mental Health Collective is an informal group of librarians and information professionals united in the goal to create a space to connect with each other to discuss issues relating to mental health. The collective has organized various events and discussions, including an annual zine since 2016. As activities expand and participation grows, it has become challenging to keep things organized and accessible to those interested. This project aims to create a centralized location to assist with operations and reach a wider audience within the LIS community.

## PROCESS

1. IDENTIFY NEEDS
2. RESEARCH
3. RECRUIT BLOG WRITERS
4. BUILD WEBSITE
5. PUBLISH

### BLOG

New feature and volunteer writers

### CALENDAR

Features events by the collective and national recognition days

### RESOURCE PAGE

Links to groups, articles and books, blogs, and other resources relating to mental health

## RESULT

lismentalhealth.org is a fully operational website, complete with information about the collective and how to get involved, along with key features

## IMPACTS AND COMMUNITY BENEFITS

The collective now has an accessible and easy way to share information, connect with a wide audience, and mobilize new participants. With increased visibility and involvement, the collective is able to offer more events and resources for the community. Information professionals at all levels now have an entry point into connecting with other members and finding the support they need. The website's capacity leaves plenty of room for expansion as the collective continues to grow, making it sustainable for operations beyond the scope of this project.