Value of Academic Libraries  
**Goal:** Academic libraries demonstrate alignment with and impact on institutional outcomes.

**Objectives:**  
1) Leverage existing research to articulate and promote the value of academic and research libraries.  
   a) LPSS began discussions and recruited collaboration from Government Documents Round Table and Numeric and Geospatial Data Services in Academic Libraries Interest Group to resurrect Grace York’s online guide to social science data sources.
2) Undertake and support new research that builds on the research agenda in *The Value of Academic Libraries: A Comprehensive Review and Report*.
3) Influence national conversations and activities focused on the value of higher education.
4) Develop and deliver responsive professional development programs that build the skills and capacity for leadership and local data-informed and evidence-based advocacy.

Student Learning  
**Goal:** Librarians transform student learning, pedagogy, and instructional practices through creative and innovative collaborations.

**Objectives:**  
1) Build librarian capacity to create new learning environments (physical and virtual) and instructional practices.
2) Articulate and advocate for the role of librarians in setting, achieving, and measuring institutional learning outcomes.
3) Increase collaborative programs that leverage partnerships with other organizations in order to support and encourage local and national team approaches.  
   a) Began collaborative effort with American Bar Association to more readily share information.
   b) Mara Rojeski, LPSS representative and the ACRL Liaison to the American Political Science Association attended the 2012 Teaching and Learning Conference and presented a paper in the Integrating Technology into the Classroom track.
4) Build capacity for the librarians’ role in supporting faculty development and the preparation of graduate students as instructors.

Research and Scholarly Environment  
**Goal:** Librarians accelerate the transition to a more open system of scholarship.

**Objectives:**  
1) Model new dissemination practices.
2) Enhance members’ ability to address issues related to digital scholarship and data management.
3) Influence scholarly publishing policies and practices toward a more open system.
4) Create and promote new structures that reward and value open scholarship.
Strategic Area: Enabling Programs and Services

**Education**

a) LPSS co-sponsored “National Security v. Right to Know” ALA Annual Conference program with the Social Responsibility Round Table. Event drew approximately 50 attendees on June 23, 2012.

b) LPSS Library Instruction Committee created a “National Security v. Right to Know” online Resource Guide (http://libguides.uwb.edu/lpss2012).

c) LPSS Vendor/Publisher and Review Committee created a list of help guides and resources for political science-oriented electronic resources for the Section web site.

**Publications**

**Advocacy**

**Member engagement**

a) LPSS Membership Committee disseminated a survey that to section members.

b) Named John Eaton the 2012 Marta Lange/CQ Press winner.

c) ALA Annual Conference Social was held at Tortilla Jo’s on June 22, 2012.

d) LPSS drafted a Strategic Plan to correspond to ACRL Plan for Excellence. Comments were received online, via email and at ALA Conference. Final version will be posted in August 2012.

e) Developed a brand new position, Social Media Coordinator, to handle communication via social media tools.