Who we are
A network of information professionals, sharing resources in a timely manner at no cost to our users.
A dynamic international organization with members in 20 countries:

Projects with other Partner Groups
Cochrane Eyes and Vision Group (CEVG)
The CEVG is one of 49 review groups within the Cochrane Collaboration, an international organization started in 1993 that aims to help people make well-informed decisions about healthcare by preparing, maintaining, and promoting the accessibility of systematic reviews of the effects of healthcare interventions (www.cochraneeyes.org). The US-based CEVG effort relies on funding from the National Eye Institute.

AVSL members assist in handssearching the vision science literature to identify trial reports that meet the criteria for inclusion in the Cochrane Library Central Register of Clinical Trials. An example is the trials reported in posters at various professional meetings e.g. American Academy of Optometry, American Association of Ophthalmology, and ARVO. These trial reports are not indexed in Medline and can often be difficult to locate.

Projects:
- i-Connect Workshops
- Cochrane Eyes and Vision Group (CEVG)
- More Projects

What we do
Share our resources through loans of books and journal articles
Develop services, particularly reference and bibliographic for all individuals having frequent vision information needs.
Promote open access to the vision literature
Work to improve access to vision information
Facilitate cooperative activities among member librarians
Develop & promote standards & guidelines to improve vision libraries and the services they offer

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AVSL Publications
Eye Resources on the Internet
http://weboyes.ophth.uiowa.edu/dept/websites/eyerores.htm

Guidelines for Academic Vision Science Librarians (revised annually)
Statistical view of vision libraries
http://www.cpt.indiana.edu/guideline/main.html

Compilation of recommended books, journals, and audio-visuals for a vision science collection
http://www.cpt.indiana.edu/guideline/appb.doc

Standards for Vision Science Libraries
Describes minimum levels of staffing, services, budget, and technology for a library specializing in vision science
http://optometry.berkeley.edu/~library/AVLSTAN.HTML

Union List of Vision-Related Serials
Lists more than 1,356 vision-related serial titles and indicates their holdings in 34 optometry and ophthalmology libraries; facilitates efficient sharing of resources. Available for purchase.

More Projects
Partners in Information Access for Public Health Workers
AVSL librarians provided pre-formulated search strategies to enable a one-click automatic PubMed search for evidence-based literature in support of the vision objectives in Healthy People 2010. This is a pilot project funded by the National Library of Medicine, with assistance from the Public Health Foundation and the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. Available at http://phpartners.org/rp/visibility.html

Recent Member Publications
Guo R [Idaho State U], Bain BA, Willer J Applying a logic model to an evidence-based practice outreach training program. Medical Library Association meeting, Chicago, 5/18/08
Mower A [U Utah], Youngkin ME Expanding access to published research: open access and self-archiving. J Neuroophthalmol 2008; 28:1
Qing, L. Management of CME in hospital. World Ophthalmology Congress 2008, Hong Kong
Sarli C [Washington U] Transcending bibliometrics: measuring knowledge transfer and clinical impact. Poster, Medical Library Association Meeting, Chicago, 5/19/08
Watson M [Ferris State U], Oren G [U Michigan] Missing links: eroding citation in two medical library journals. Poster, Medical Library Association meeting, Chicago, 5/19/08
Young JS [Dixon School of Nursing] Age-Related Eye Diseases: A review of current treatment and recommendations for low vision aids. Home Healthc Nurse 2008; 26:464