“Learn what aid the community needs, and fit the museum to those needs.”

John Cotton Dana
1856-1926

"Create a resource that aids the communities daily research needs. Become indispensable."

Mike Cherry

- Determine who funds the research within your community
  - Start making contacts with those funding agencies.
- Connect with the future needs of the community
  - Think about where the research needs will be in a year, and plan to meet them.
- Engage the Community
  - You need to be essential to the community, not work in competition with them.

Components of Success

- A Simple Computational Environment
- Promotion of Common Software and Standards
- Focus on Service to Community
- Fund research with research grants

Biological Curators

MODs

FlyBase
MGI
WormBase
SGD
TGD
CGD
RGD
GRAMENE
tair
GeneDB
dictyBase
EcoCyc

Data Centers

EMBL European Bioinformatics Institute
The Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute
Annotation@EBI
JGI
DNA Data Bank of Japan
mips
UniProt the universal protein resource
NCBI
TIGR

Topic DB

GEO
Gene3D
RefSeq
BIOCARTA
SMD
Protein Kinase Resource
dbPTM
BioGRID
GermOnline
BioCyc Database Collection