

## OhioLINK Membership and Participation Policy

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### Guiding Principles:

OhioLINK(OL) was created as a service to all citizens of the State of Ohio through its ability to support and enhance higher education library collections and services in the state. Its principal goal as a publicly supported state agency, therefore, is to provide such support and enhancement to libraries in those institutions in Ohio characterized by public support and not-for-profit status. To the degree that other Ohio institutions (e.g. teaching hospitals, private colleges and universities, special libraries, for-profit-institutions) share the education task and/or significantly enrich the OL resource base, it furthers the OL mission to develop appropriate relationships with these institutions as well. Since both OL resources and those of its members are limited, arrangements with these latter institutions must involve appropriate degrees of cost recovery.

The OL Governing Board recognizes that one of the OhioLINK program's fundamental strengths is its library catalog resource sharing system. This is enabled by the willingness of each participating library to fulfill the significant requirements to move materials across the state and into patrons' hands. The continued success of this resources sharing system as well as the other activities requiring collective action are best determined, planned, and executed with the highest levels of agreement and consensus possible from affected institutions. The Board, in its sole discretion, keeps this in mind in determining, as the primary and ancillary groups grow and evolve, how they should be woven into an effective advisory and governance community.

### **Primary OL Institutions - Group 1: Original OhioLINK and Ohio Two Year Institutions of Higher Education**

*Membership:* Established by participation in the original OL consortium or, in the case of Ohio two year institutions of higher education, by OBR action; includes primarily state-supported institutions but also 2 private research universities and the State Library

#### *Institutions:*

**Publicly supported universities and colleges: University of Akron, Belmont Technical College, Bowling Green State University, Central Ohio Technical College, Central State University, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati State Tech. & Comm. College, Clark State Community College, Cleveland State University, Columbus State Community College, Cuyahoga Community College, Edison State Community College, Hocking College, Jefferson Community College, Kent State University, Lakeland Community College, Lima Technical College, Lorain County Community College, Marion Technical College, Medical College of Ohio, Miami University, Muskingum Technical College, North Central Technical College, Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine, Northwest State Community College, The Ohio State University, Ohio University, Owens Community College, Rio Grande University and CC., Shawnee State University, Sinclair Community College, Southern State**

Community College, Stark Technical College, Terra Community College, University of Toledo, Washington State Community College, Wright State University, Youngstown State University

**Private research universities:** Case Western Reserve University, University of Dayton

### **State Library of Ohio**

*Benefits/Obligations:* Receive full OL member benefits and responsible for full member obligations; receive full OL member subsidized services.

*Participation Method:* Operate as an independent OL site

### **Primary OL Institutions -- Group 2: Ohio located not-for-profit private colleges and universities**

*Membership:* Established by invitation from the Governing Board based upon:

- 1 - possessing a charter in/from the State of Ohio
- 2 - having their principal facilities and operations in Ohio
- 3 - possessing authorization from the State of Ohio to offer associate, baccalaureate, graduate and/or professional degrees within the State
- 4 - operating under North Central Association accreditation for the degrees offered

*Institutions:* Board Approved as of 9/16/97

Antioch University, Athenaeum of Ohio, Baldwin-Wallace College, Capital University, Cedarville College, College of Mount St. Joseph, Defiance College, Denison University, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Heidelberg College, Hiram College, Kenyon College, John Carroll University, Malone College, Mount Carmel College of Nursing, Mount Union College, Mount Vernon Nazarene College, Muskingum College, Oberlin College, Ohio Dominican College, Ohio Northern University, Ohio Wesleyan University, Otterbein College, Tiffin University, University of Findlay, Ursuline College, Wilberforce University, Wilmington College, Wittenberg University, College of Wooster, Xavier University

*Benefits/Obligations:*

- 1 - Receive OL catalog access, p-circ borrowing privileges, delivery and article ILL borrowing privileges upon paying pro-rata OL central overhead costs
- 2 - Receive access to licensed databases upon paying incremental costs of adding such additional database access
- 3 - Must participate in OL reciprocal agreements regarding sharing collections
- 4 - Local OL site setup (and ongoing maintenance) costs are institutional, not OL, responsibility

- 5 – If a not-for-profit college participate in the use of OhioLINK funds allocated for direct support of private college OL services

*Participation Method:* Operate as an independent OL site, either individually or via sub-groupings

**Ancillary Institutions -- Group 1: Ohio based and located institutions containing special collections**

*Membership:* Established by invitation from the Governing Board based upon:

- 1 - possession of a collection of special interest and benefit to the higher education community of Ohio
- 2 - no significant, associated patron or user population which would make significant and burdensome demands on the primary OL institutions

*Institutions:* Board approved as of 9/16/97

Lloyd Library of Cincinnati

Hays Presidential Library

*Benefits/Obligations:* Receive full OL member benefits and responsible for full member obligations; receive full OL member subsidized services.

*Participation Method:* Operate as a branch library collection of an established OL independent site; reimbursement of local overhead costs negotiated locally

**Ancillary Institutions -- Group 2: Ohio-based teaching hospitals (not organizationally part of an OL University or College)**

*Membership:* Established by invitation from the Governing Board based upon:

- 1 - Evidence that the hospital is a legitimate extension of the higher education programs of member medical centers/schools of medicine, regardless of profit status
- 2 - Evidence that the teaching relationship entails the provision of full third or fourth year medical student clinical programs, and/or the provision of full medical residency programs; this teaching relationship may also be established by evidence of regular student rotations in nursing, pharmacy, dentistry and allied health programs
- 3 - Evidence of a hospital library with a collection of a size and quality that it can be considered beneficial to Ohio higher education and with a staff of at least one full-time librarian

*Institutions:*

None yet

*Benefits/Obligations:*

- 1 - Receive OL catalog access, p-circ borrowing privileges, delivery and article ILL borrowing privileges upon paying pro-rata OL central overhead costs
- 2 - Receive access to licensed databases upon paying incremental costs of adding such additional database access
- 3 - Must participate in OL reciprocal agreements regarding sharing collections

*Participation Method:* Operate as a branch library collection of an established OL independent site; reimbursement of local overhead costs negotiated locally

**Ancillary Institutions -- Group 3: Ohio-based hospitals (reference database only access)**

*Membership* Established by invitation from the Governing board based upon:

- 1- evidence that an OhioLINK medical school/institution uses the hospital as a teaching site for medicine, dentistry, allied health, nursing, or medical residency programs, or;
- 2- evidence that the hospital is part of a community-based medical consortium with no teaching activities or serves as elective sites for health-related programs. or;
- 3- evidence that an OhioLINK member medical school/institution and its library's inter-relationships with this institution is enhanced. or;
- 4- evidence that this enhances the ability of an OhioLINK medical school/institution to eliminate the duplication of the medical databases provided via the OhioLINK central system.

*Institutions:*

Will vary from year to year based on executed agreements

*Benefits/Obligations*

1- Access to Medline, AIDSline, CINAHL, CancerLit, HEALTH, PsychINFO as provided via the OhioLINK central system upon paying the prices established for central site overhead costs and incremental database license fees.

*Participation Method:* Operate as a sponsored institution of an established OL independent site subject to conditions of the prevailing OhioLINK Associated Medical

Institution Memorandum of Understanding, e.g. access may be provided via sponsoring OL library or by direct connection to OL central.