



Consortium of Academic and  
Research Libraries in Illinois

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To: CARLI Members  
From: Elizabeth Clarage, Director of Collections Services, CARLI  
Re: CARLI Collections Enhancement Awards Program

Please disseminate this information to the appropriate staff.

The proposal process for the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI) FY 2008 Collections Enhancement Awards Program is beginning. The CARLI Collections Enhancement Awards Program encourages sharing of collections resources for the institutions of higher education in the state. Award proposals may take various forms. Collaborative digitization projects are specifically encouraged. Other types of proposals include collection partnerships, research projects related to collection management or assessment, or cooperative website development. For collection partnership proposals, the CARLI Collections Working Group suggests a minimum request per participating institution of \$2,000. The number of projects awarded funding varies with the proposals received and the available funding.

**There are several changes in the process from previous years. This year's program has a theme of "Access and Collections that Keep Pace with Curriculum and Technology." A statement of intent to apply to the CARLI Collections Enhancement Award Program must be submitted by December 1, 2006. This form may be found online at the CARLI website at: <http://www.carli.illinois.edu/training/061206ws/>. A representative for each proposed project must attend a workshop held in December 2006. The proposals are due by March 14, 2007.**

Several guiding principles inform the competition. I encourage you to keep these principles in mind as you prepare your proposal:

- Universal Benefit: demonstrable benefit to a broad constituency.
- Open Physical Access: resources acquired or created with awarded program funds must be reasonably available to the primary constituents of all libraries in the consortium.
- Local Sufficiency: projects are not meant to replace the need for locally sufficient collections.
- Selective Participation, Universal Input: although not all members are expected to participate actively in all projects, each member library will have an opportunity to respond to project ideas.
- Multiple Funding Modes: including consortial, external, and local funding.
- Creative Pilots: the consortium encourages the development of creative pilot projects that directly address the needs of library users.

Please be aware that funding for cataloging items already available within the state will not be given the highest priority.

CARLI does not allow indirect costs to be charged or added to the awards that it distributes.

All member libraries of the consortium are encouraged to become part of a collaborative group of two or more members that develops and submits a proposal. If you have questions about the CARLI Collections Enhancement Award Program competition, please do not hesitate to contact me at 815-753-9168 (voice) or by e-mail at [support@carli.illinois.edu](mailto:support@carli.illinois.edu).