

CARLI Mission Statement

The Consortium leads Illinois academic libraries to create and sustain a rich, supportive, and diverse knowledge environment that furthers teaching, learning, and research through the sharing of collections, expertise and programs.

Summary of Services

The **I-Share integrated library enterprise system** provides essential support for library operations for 85 participating libraries, including all state universities and nearly all Illinois community colleges. The system supports resource sharing by providing I-Share institutions with access to a public access catalog of nearly 38 million items. In FY14 over 398,000 items circulated among the I-Share institutions.

Through the **E-Resources program**, CARLI contracts with commercial vendors to supply e-resources to member institutions, and subsidizes the cost of core e-resources, such as full-text journals, for the benefit of governing members. In FY14, patrons downloaded 7,899,814 full-text journal articles from CARLI-provided e-resources. CARLI also brokers a broad range of indexing, abstracting, and full-text databases at discounted prices, negotiates licenses, and provides centralized billing. In FY14 CARLI managed \$13.5 million with 2,800 subscriptions, including \$1.3 million for the three UI campuses.

The **Illinois Library Delivery Service (ILDS)** provides 24-hour delivery service between 153 locations to support interlibrary resource sharing. Over 2.4 million items were transported in FY14. The Illinois State Library provides grant funding for ILDS, with operational and management support from CARLI.

CARLI Digital Collections serve as a repository for digital content created by member libraries, or purchased by CARLI for use by its members, integrating 420,000 manuscript pages, sound recordings, images, and other digital items from previously disparate and possibly remote special collections.

The **CARLI Collections Management** services provide programming support and monetary awards for collaborative collections development, including print and e-book demand driven acquisitions and digitization projects.

CARLI Continuing Education efforts included 40+ workshops, training events, forums, and webinars for library staff in FY14, with a combined total of nearly 1,500 registrants.

The **CARLI Office staff** provides network, system, and database administration; software development; help desk/online problem reporting and resolution; centralized business administration, communications, and data analysis and usage statistics for the array of products and services available to member libraries.

CARLI provides an annual value memo to each institution highlighting the value of their participation in the consortium. In FY14, CARLI income from all sources was \$6.7 million. With that income, **CARLI delivered \$58 million worth of goods and services to members with a Return on Investment of \$4.05.**