



CARLI

Consortium of
Academic and Research
Libraries in Illinois

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ALL ABOUT CARLI

Supporting Illinois' Academic Libraries for more than 40 Years

CARLI is a membership organization for libraries, providing services at scale to not-for-profit Illinois academic and research libraries since 1980.



UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SYSTEM

**Altogether
Extraordinary™**

What is CARLI's value to libraries and to Illinois higher education?

CARLI frees dollars within each member organization—including each University of Illinois campus—to do mission-critical work. The University of Illinois System supports CARLI and reaffirms the central role that education and higher education can play in promoting the public good for the entire State of Illinois and beyond.

Mission

We empower our academic and research libraries to build and sustain an accessible, diverse, and responsive knowledge environment that promotes excellence and innovation in teaching, learning, and research. CARLI adds value for all member libraries by sharing costs, collections, expertise, programs, products, and services.

Values

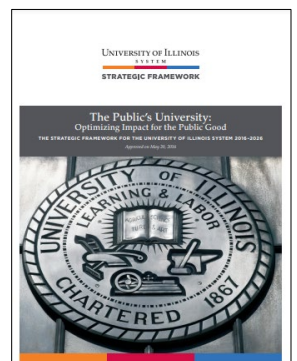
We are committed to:

- Diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility
- Intellectual freedom, privacy, and open access to information resources
- Careful stewardship of all CARLI resources
- Advocacy for academic and research libraries at the local, state, regional, and national levels
- Supporting cooperation and engagement among academic and research libraries
- Being responsive to member needs
- Identifying and implementing collaborative solutions to shared challenges and reducing barriers

How does CARLI fit in the System Office?

CARLI exemplifies many goals as stated in the System's Strategic Framework:

- “Promote the **public good** for the **entire State of Illinois** and beyond.
- “Unleash the collective potential, creating **solutions that are scalable** and replicable.
- “Make the **full resources of the University accessible to students**”
- “Build a System-wide culture of **collaboration**.
- “Stimulate **cross-institution collaborations**.
- “Develop and **nurture partnerships** with other Illinois academic institutions.”



CARLI is unique in the United States, empowering academic research in the state of Illinois and fueling innovation. CARLI gives Illinois students and our state a competitive advantage.

What do CARLI members receive?

- No-cost subscriptions to academic research databases
- Eligibility to participate in I-Share, the online catalog
- E-resources price negotiation and contract brokering
- No-cost 24-hour delivery of library materials
- No-cost training for library staff
- Access to innovative grant programs benefitting all members
- Access to digital collections management systems

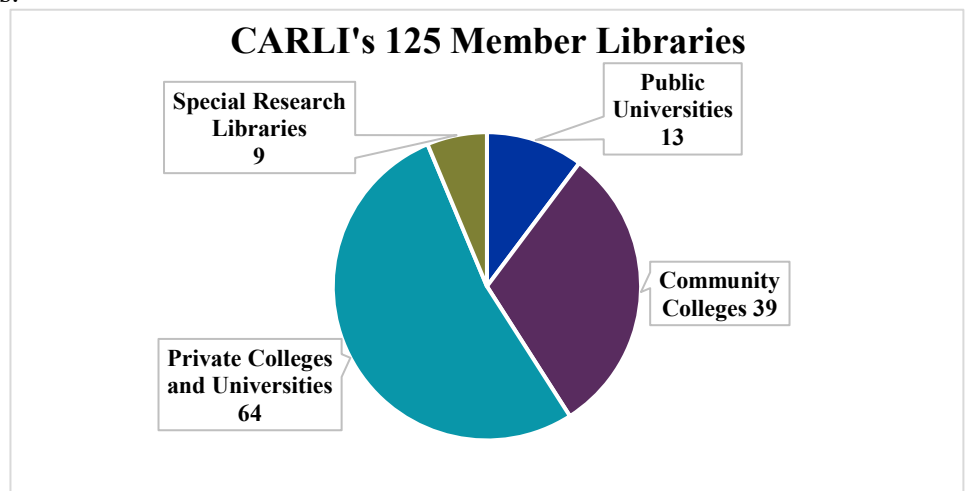


CARLI serves students from diverse backgrounds, including underrepresented groups and first-generation college students.

CARLI serves 90% of Illinois' higher education students and faculty. Through the member libraries, CARLI serves over 630,000 higher education students, faculty, and staff, including over 121,000 across the three University of Illinois campuses.

Who are CARLI members?

- ALL Illinois' public universities
- ALL Illinois' community colleges
- 64 of Illinois' private colleges and universities
- 9 special research libraries like the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, the Illinois State Library, and the Newberry Library



CARLI serves as a coordinator for important initiatives like creating open educational resources, assessment of library impact, submitting grant requests, and providing training and education for members.

CARLI helps make Illinois academic and research libraries world-class by providing to students/faculty:

- E-resources (articles, maps, images, books) from all disciplines
- Print materials from all over the world
- Trained staff ready to focus on research needs
- Services and programs available through CARLI that would not be available otherwise

What do members say about CARLI?

- CARLI links the profession and is depended on to enrich professional lives.
- CARLI helps libraries “level the playing field.”
- The value of colleagues working together—community colleges, private institutions, public institutions, small and large—is that the collaboration makes so many projects possible and gives members a springboard to shape important library services.
- The relatively modest investment the State of Illinois and members make impacts millions statewide.
- CARLI has tremendous potential to coordinate strategic best practices.
- Members need a healthy CARLI to stay vibrant locally; CARLI's success is inseparable from member libraries' success.





The I-Share library services platform serves as the online public catalog for (soon to be) 95 CARLI member libraries, including the three University of Illinois libraries.

It's more than a catalog; I-Share enables discovery and sharing of materials among libraries that is essential to meet student and faculty research needs.

I-Share is named as CARLI's most valued service by members

- Resource sharing benefits impact *all* Illinois residents.
 - Makes discovery of resources available via the open web.
- The power of the shared catalog:
 - 36.8 million items, a shared collection that ranks among the world's largest research libraries.
 - Items from collections throughout the state are delivered in 24 hours.
- I-Share libraries could not operate a separate system for a comparable cost.
 - The cost of duplicate staff, software, administration, and support would be prohibitive for many libraries.
- I-Share familiarity is a powerful tool for students.
 - Transferring students move to new Illinois schools with an advantage.

Without I-Share

- Students and faculty would be immediately and adversely impacted...
 - Campuses would be forced to buy or borrow needed materials at additional expense.
 - Fulfillment of research needs would take noticeably longer.

Major FY24 accomplishments

- Completed migration to I-Share for five libraries: City Colleges of Chicago (all seven colleges), College of Lake County, Elgin Community College, Prairie State College, and Chicago Theological Seminary, to bring the total I-Share members to 94 of the 125 members.
- Strides in CARLI's [Open Illinois Initiative](#) include:
 - The launch of the "[Illinois Course Materials Survey: Student Perspectives](#):" 4,617 students attending 52 Illinois CARLI member institutions participated in the survey, closed December 2023; report released March 2024.
 - The Secretary of State/Illinois State Library awarded a \$300,000 grant to CARLI to administer their \$3 million FY24 OER grant. CARLI will support member projects through FY26.
 - Continue work on the \$2 million, four-year ED grant, "[Illinois SCOERs: Support for the Creation of Open Educational Resources](#)."
- Concluded a successful Cohort 5 for [CARLI Counts: Analytics and Advocacy for Service Development](#).
- Secured a new \$143,489 grant to extend CARLI Counts to other US library consortia.
- Supported [member funding for consortially shareable ebooks](#); added UI Press to the resources available to members.
- Supported continuing education for 5,000+ member library staff through collaboration with 15 other national library consortia via the [Professional Development Alliance of Library Consortia](#).
- Executive a new contract for Mometrix for their test preparation materials.
- Transitioned to using Consortia Manager for database brokering, resulting in ~\$50,000 savings annually.



History and governance

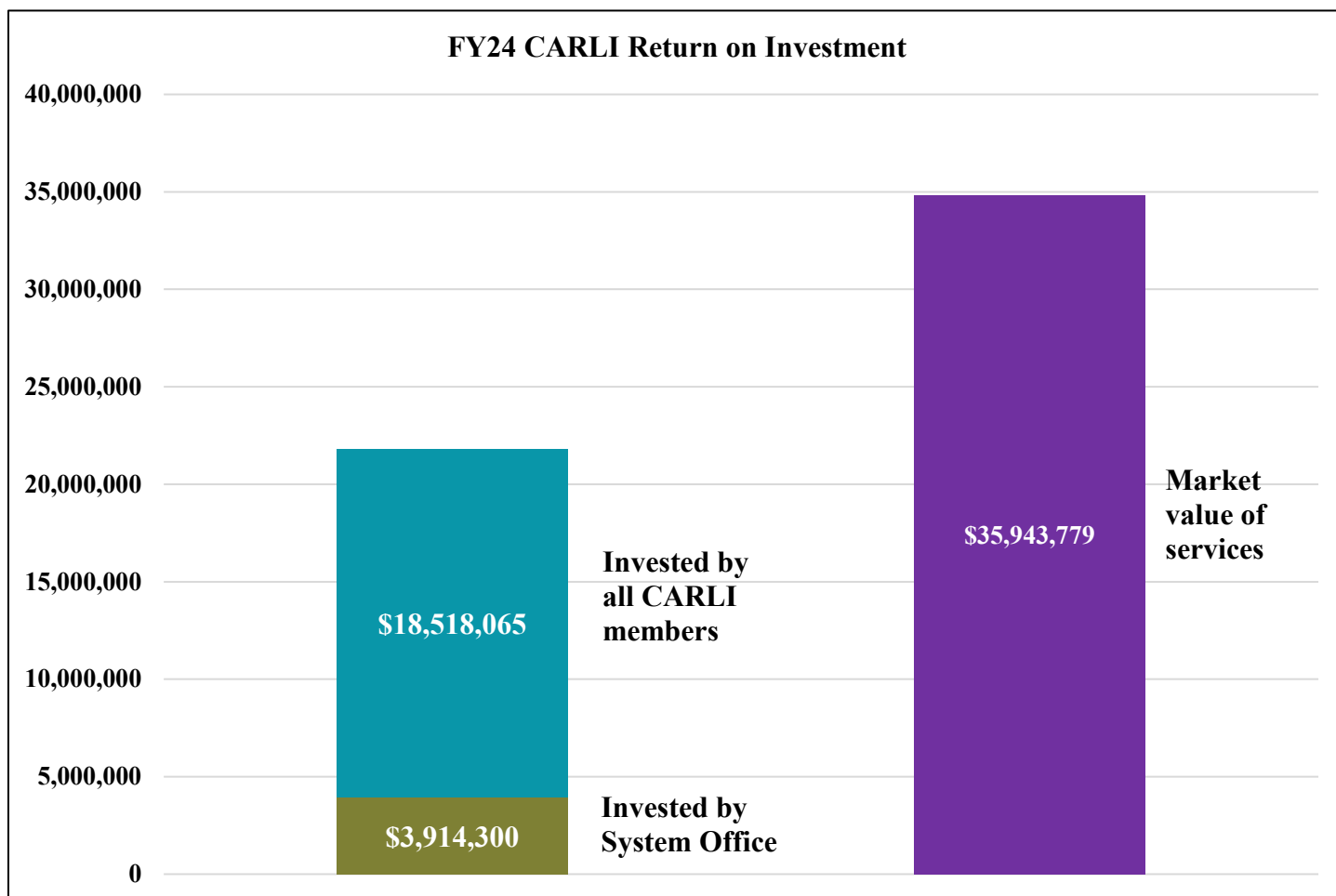
Illinois academic library collaboration began over 40 years ago, led by the vision of the University of Illinois. CARLI was established in 2005 following the consolidation of three existing Illinois academic library consortia. Since 2005, this collaboration has grown increasingly effective and coordinated, establishing CARLI as one of the premiere library consortia in the United States.

The CARLI Governance Board is composed of 12 representatives elected by member institutions, with four members each representing the public university, community college, and private institution sectors. The CARLI Senior Director and the Director of the Illinois State Library serve as ex officio members of the board. The board sets the strategic direction of the organization. In addition to the board, members participate in working advisory committees that assist in carrying out programmatic activities.

The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois System holds a Host Institution Agreement with CARLI that outlines services and support. Members abide by the CARLI Bylaws.

What are CARLI's FY25 revenue sources?

- University of Illinois System Office: \$3,914,300
- CARLI Membership Fees and assessments for optional services: \$2,640,762
- Pass-through revenue:
 - Subscriptions to databases: \$16,345,525
 - Delivery grant from the Secretary of State/Illinois State Library: \$1,299,750



ALL 13 PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

*Chicago State University
 *Eastern Illinois University
 *Governors State University
 *Illinois State University
 *Northeastern Illinois University
 *Northern Illinois University
 *Southern Illinois University
 Carbondale
 *Southern Illinois University
 Edwardsville
 *Southern Illinois University-School
 of Medicine
 *University of Illinois Chicago
 *University of Illinois Springfield
 *University of Illinois Urbana-
 Champaign
 *Western Illinois University

9 SPECIAL RESEARCH LIBRARIES

*Abraham Lincoln Presidential
 Library
 Chicago Botanic Garden
 **Chicago History Museum
 Field Museum of Natural History
 *Illinois Math and Science Academy
 *Illinois State Library
 *JKM Library Trust
 *Newberry Library
 Theosophical Society Library

64 PRIVATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

*Adler University
 American Islamic College
 *Augustana College
 *Aurora University
 *Benedictine University
 Blackburn College
 Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing
 *Bradley University
 *Catholic Theological Union
 *Chicago Theological Seminary
 *Columbia College Chicago
 *Concordia University Chicago
 *DePaul University
 *Dominican University
 East-West University
 *Elmhurst University

Erikson Institute
 *Eureka College
 Garrett-Evangelical Theological
 Seminary
 *Greenville University
 *Illinois College
 *Illinois College of Optometry
 *Illinois Institute of Technology
 *Illinois Wesleyan University
 Institute for Clinical Social Work
 *Judson University
 *Knox College
 *Lake Forest College
 Lakeview College of Nursing
 *Lewis University
 Loyola University Chicago
 *McKendree University
 *Meadville Lombard Theological
 School
 Methodist College
 Midwestern University
 *Millikin University
 *Monmouth College
 *Moody Bible Institute
 *National Louis University
 National University of Health
 Sciences
 *North Central College
 *North Park University
 *Northern Seminary
 Northwestern University
 *Olivet Nazarene University
 *Principia College
 *Quincy University
 Rockford University
 *Roosevelt University
 Rosalind Franklin University of
 Medicine & Science
 *Rush University
 Saint Anthony College of Nursing
 *Saint Francis Medical Center
 College of Nursing
 *Saint John's College of Nursing
 *Saint Xavier University
 *School of the Art Institute of
 Chicago
 *Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies
 *Trinity Christian College
 *Trinity International University

University of Chicago
 *University of Saint Mary of the
 Lake Mundelein Seminary
 *University of St. Francis
 VanderCook College of Music
 *Wheaton College

ALL 39 COMMUNITY COLLEGES

*Black Hawk College
 *Carl Sandburg College
 *City Colleges of Chicago
 *College of DuPage
 *College of Lake County
 *Danville Area Community College
 *Elgin Community College
 *Harper College
 *Heartland Community College
 Highland Community College
 *Illinois Central College
 *Illinois Eastern Community
 Colleges
 *Illinois Valley Community College
 John A. Logan College
 *John Wood Community College
 *Joliet Junior College
 *Kankakee Community College
 Kaskaskia College
 *Kishwaukee College
 Lake Land College
 *Lewis and Clark Community
 College
 *Lincoln Land Community College
 *McHenry County College
 Moraine Valley Community College
 *Morton College
 *Oakton College
 *Parkland College
 *Prairie State College
 Rend Lake College
 *Richland Community College
 *Rock Valley College
 *Sauk Valley Community College
 Shawnee Community College
 *South Suburban College
 *Southeastern Illinois College
 *Southwestern Illinois College
 Spoon River College
 *Triton College
 Waubesa Community College

