



CARLI

Consortium of
Academic and Research
Libraries in Illinois

2020 STRATEGIC PLAN

THE CARLI 2020 STRATEGIC PLAN outlines our organization's aspirations and defines our understanding of the consortium's focus. I am grateful to all who have contributed to the development of this plan, including the CARLI Board of Directors and member library staff. Writing the plan was tremendously positive for the organization; the process allowed us to take time to discuss priorities and expectations, challenges and accomplishments, and to set our sights on how we would like CARLI to look in the future.

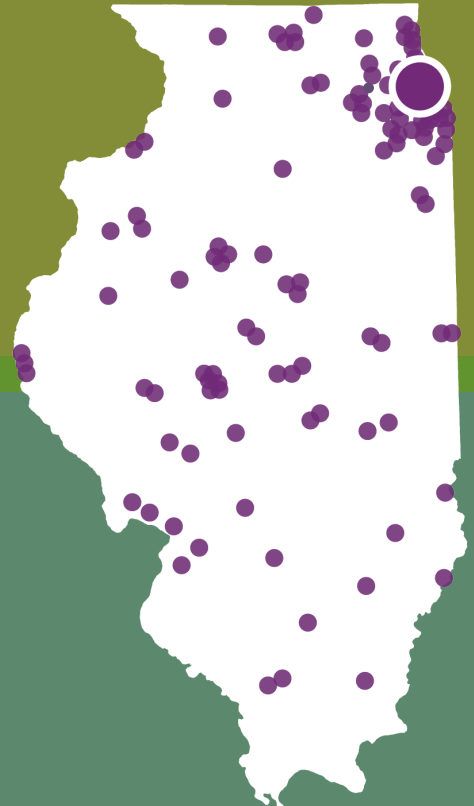
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mission

The **Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois** empowers Illinois academic and research libraries to create and sustain a rich, supportive, and diverse knowledge environment that furthers excellence in teaching, learning, research, and innovation in order to serve students, faculty and researchers. As a collective, CARLI adds value to member libraries of all types, sizes, and missions by sharing costs, collections, expertise, products, and services.

Values

CAREFUL STEWARDSHIP of all CARLI resources
COOPERATION AND ENGAGEMENT among academic and research libraries
RESPONSIVENESS to member needs
COMMITMENT to intellectual freedom, privacy, security of library records, library standards, and open access to information resources
ADVOCACY for academic and research libraries at the local, state, regional and national levels
INNOVATION in identifying and implementing collaborative solutions to shared challenges



Members

90% of higher education students, staff, and faculty are served by CARLI, at **128** governing member institutions throughout in the state. Members include all public universities, all community colleges, and dozens of research, special, and private colleges and universities.



CARLI Strategic Priorities and Supporting Goals

1

ENSURE ADEQUATE, SECURE, AND STABLE FUNDING FOR CARLI

- Evaluate impact of the state budget on member libraries
- Define alternative funding formulas
- Prioritize CARLI services
- Explore opportunities to collaborate

2

ENHANCE COLLABORATION AMONG LIBRARIES BY IDENTIFYING, NURTURING, AND SUPPORTING SERVICES AND PROGRAMS THAT CAN BEST BE PROVIDED AT SCALE

- Provide mechanisms for collaboration; identify model initiatives
- Identify new scalable and replicable services
- Leverage CARLI committees to evaluate services

3

PROVIDE RESOURCES/SERVICES/TOOLS FOR DISCOVERING AND OPTIMIZING INFORMATION RESOURCES AND COLLECTIONS

- Support members by focusing on the superior functioning of services
- Facilitate and strengthen connections between member libraries
- Leverage expertise of member libraries
- Seek grants that fund innovation and new services

4

ESTABLISH AND COMMUNICATE THE VALUE PROPOSITION FOR ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH LIBRARIES IN ILLINOIS

- Connect member programs to student retention and completion
- Document CARLI's value

5

ENCOURAGE INNOVATION IN SKILLS, SERVICES, PROGRAMS, AND ALL ASPECTS OF CARLI LIBRARIES

- Encourage member libraries to think innovatively about serving students and faculty
- Connect institutions that have similar needs by providing opportunities for collaboration

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