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Pilot Program Provides Broad Access to Academic Journals

A five-year initiative partnering the University of Illinois Press and the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI) will provide UI Press journals access to all CARLI member libraries.

The initiative is funded by the University of Illinois System Office of the Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Field-defining journal titles such as the American Journal of Psychology and American Music are among the 40-plus humanities publications that will be available in digital formats from July 2023-June 2028 at no cost to member libraries.

To support research and discovery, CARLI will add these titles to its I-Share catalog, an online public catalog for 88 CARLI member libraries, and will make available the cataloging records for inclusion in other library databases.

CARLI member libraries serve over 90% of Illinois higher education students, faculty members and staff. CARLI counts among its 128 members all 12 public universities; 67 private colleges and universities; all 39 Illinois community colleges; and nine special research libraries including the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, the Illinois State Library and the Newberry Library.

“Our members have expressed particular interest in UI Press content,” said Anne Craig, senior director of CARLI. “This initiative will expand access beyond the libraries currently subscribing to UI Press journals to serve the full range of research and academic libraries in the state, including community colleges and smaller academic libraries.”

“Our 43 humanities and social science journals offer approachable, thought-provoking content on a range of subjects from music to philosophy, history to archaeology,” UI Press Journals Manager Clydette Wantland said. “This partnership significantly extends the reach and impact of our journals publications by providing these intellectual and academic resources to new audiences and users across the state of Illinois.”

About the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois

The Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI) provides library services, resources, and support to 128 Illinois public universities, community colleges, private colleges and universities, and special libraries. CARLI empowers Illinois 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. CARLI is a unit of the University of Illinois System, <https://www.uillinois.edu/>.

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