The mission of CARLI is to lead 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.

CARLI membership does not replace an institution’s obligation to maintain and enhance library collections, staff, and technological infrastructure, in order to meet the primary teaching, learning and research needs of its students, faculty, staff, and other principal clientele. Each member library retains autonomy over its staff, operations, and budget. However, participation in CARLI requires collaboration and commitment to the Consortium. In consideration for membership in CARLI, the institution agrees:

- To abide by the Bylaws of the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois and the common policies, protocols, rules and regulations adopted by the Consortium.
- To assume and pay promptly any and all financial obligations arising from membership and participation in services offered through the Consortium.
- To act in accordance with all terms and conditions of contractual agreements made by CARLI and its business and contractual agent, the University of Illinois, on behalf of member libraries, and to accept responsibility for the acts or omissions of its own employees related to such agreements.
- To maintain physical facilities, collections of information resources, staff and library services adequate to meet the core needs of the institution’s primary clientele.
- To allow physical access to library facilities for the student, faculty and staff of other CARLI without undue restrictions.
- To freely and fairly share its information and library resources with the students, faculty and staff of other CARLI member institutions.
- To maintain current awareness of CARLI programs, services, technologies, policies, and best practices, in order to meet the library’s responsibilities to its fellow Consortium members.
- To play an active part in the Consortium, including the provision of consultation, advice and expertise to colleagues in other member libraries; support for staff participation in consortially provided forums, workshops, and continuing education opportunities; and support for appropriate staff to serve on CARLI committees, task forces and working groups.
Failure to comply with these terms and conditions may lead to the imposition of sanctions or membership termination as specified in the Consortium’s Bylaws, and other legal actions arising from the member library’s contractual obligations with vendors and service providers as may be appropriate.

The _____________________________ (print library name) of _____________________________ (print institution name) selects membership in the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois as a Governing Member.

Membership in CARLI is effective upon execution of this agreement. Annual renewal of membership requires the completion of an online membership certification questionnaire and payment of a membership fee. Membership renewal is effective on July 1 and is in effect until June 30 of the succeeding year, unless notification of a change in membership category or intent to terminate membership is received, as specified in the Bylaws (https://www.carli.illinois.edu/sites/files/Bylaws.pdf).

**Acceptance of CARLI Membership Agreement**

As a representative of the institution legally authorized to execute agreements and contracts and to financially obligate the library named below, I agree by signing this document that the institution will abide by all of the terms and conditions stated in this agreement for membership in CARLI.

Accepted By:  
Name of Institution:  
Name of Library:  
Signature:  
Print Name:  
Print Title:  
Date:  

Accepted By:  
Anne Craig  
Senior Director  
Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI)  
Date: