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"OhioLINK offers Ohioans unprecedented access to the kind of information that energizes education and drives innovation."

— John Carey, Chancellor, Ohio Department of Higher Education

OH·TECH | Ohio Technology Consortium
A Division of the **Ohio Department of Higher Education**

The Ohio Technology Consortium (OH-TECH) represents the technology arm of the Ohio Department of Higher Education. OSC, OARnet, OhioLINK, eStudent Services and the still-in-development Research and Innovation Center comprise a suite of technology and information member organizations unsurpassed in any other state. Their consolidation under the OH-TECH banner allows each organization to harness boundless synergies and efficiencies.

OhioLINK
Shared Services. Shared Resources.
Powered by Member Participation.

Composed of 121 members, including college and university libraries and the State Library of Ohio, the Ohio Library and Information Network (OhioLINK) delivers both a rich array of resources to the students, faculty and researchers of member institutions, plus substantial savings to the state of Ohio. Support from member institutions and the Department of Higher Education have created a collection of shared print and digital materials that rivals the research collections available at the top university libraries in the United States and internationally.

Research Matters



"None of us researchers could do research without the library . . ."

— *Heather Hampel, OSU Division of Human Genetics*

Research means many things in academic contexts. It can mean discoveries that result in cures for diseases or breakthroughs in applied areas, such as materials science or agriculture. It can provide insights into social processes or the meaning of events. OhioLINK's shared eJournal and eBook portfolios provide the latest in cutting-edge research as well as extensive digitized backfiles. The print collection available from any of the member libraries provides a deep and wide pool of over 50 million volumes of materials to support exploration and focus. Ohio researchers use these materials to discover new approaches, ensure they are charting new ground, and build on the research that went before them. Faculty and instructors also use the rich resources available in shared content to expand the scope of assignments while building curricula and syllabi for classes and programs of study.

Students are expected to conduct high-quality research during their undergraduate and graduate careers. The breadth of OhioLINK resources supports learning the basics of academic exploration as first year students, thorough investigations as upper classmen and original research as a graduate student. No matter where students enroll in the OhioLINK network of institutions, they have an amazing wealth of resources to spark their imaginations, support their ambitions and give them solid grounding in the discipline of their choice.

Gwen Evans

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Executive Director

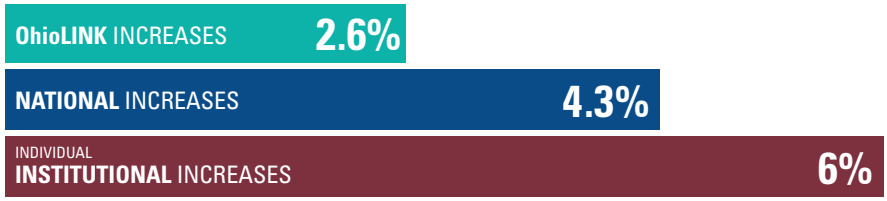
Financial Impact

Traditionally, OhioLINK negotiates better prices for resources than individual institutions or other national and international library consortia. We leverage members' collective buying power and use central state funding to encourage vendors to maintain affordable access to all 121 OhioLINK member libraries. This approach offers significant savings: In the case of one subscription, OhioLINK institutions collectively saved $6 million versus the cost of negotiating individually. Preserving OhioLINK packages is the most efficient method of acquiring and disseminating content that supports academic research and teaching in Ohio.

$53.6 MILLION
IN AVOIDED COSTS
OVER THE PAST 5 YEARS

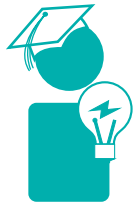


OhioLINK NEGOTIATION PAYS OFF



These numbers are the average rate of increase for journals and databases for the past year.

AVERAGE COST STATEWIDE
$67
PER STUDENT



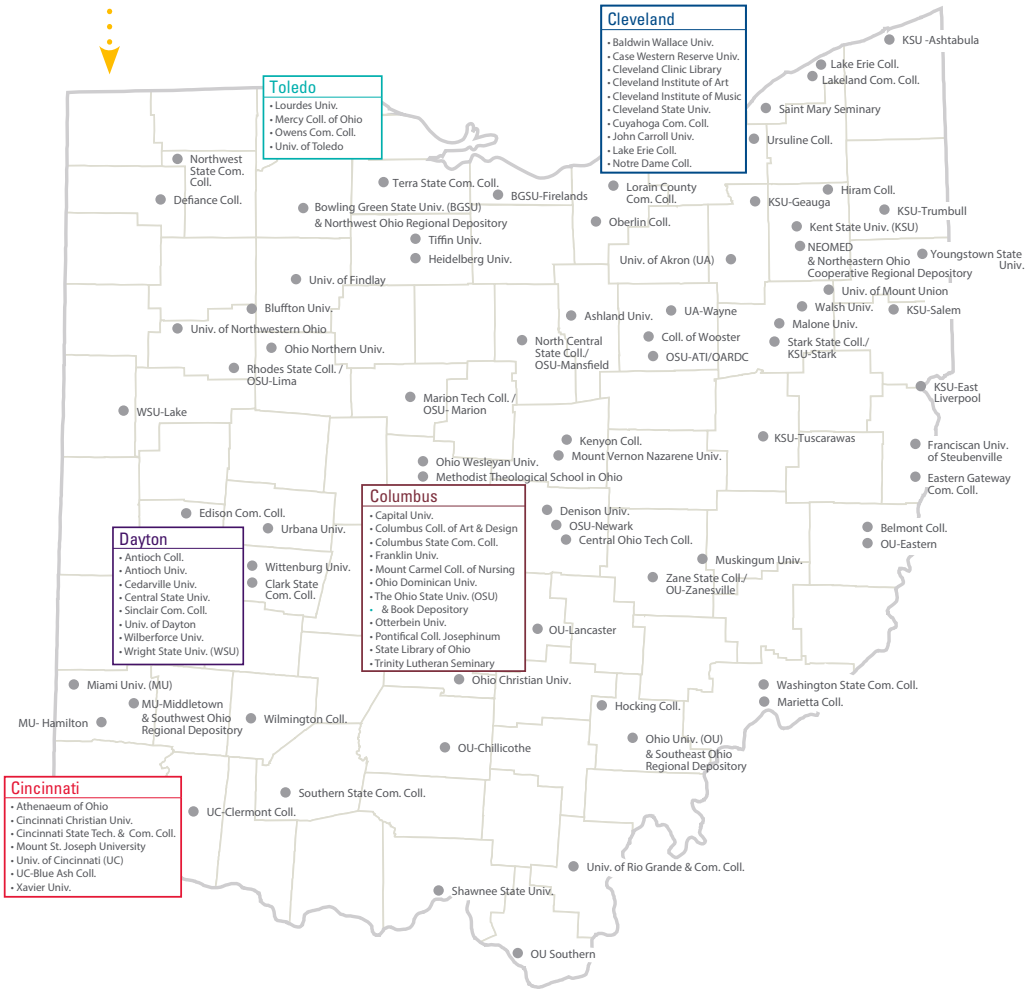
"Don't forget to check [OhioLINK] before spending a million dollars on books"

@Ayotupac

121 member libraries serving

- **1/2+** million patrons
- **46+** million library items
- **24** million articles
- **55** thousand theses & dissertations
- **125** thousand eBooks
- **100+** databases

Member Institutions



89¢ EACH
full text downloads in FY2015

30.7 MILLION
downloads and accesses of electronic resources in FY2015

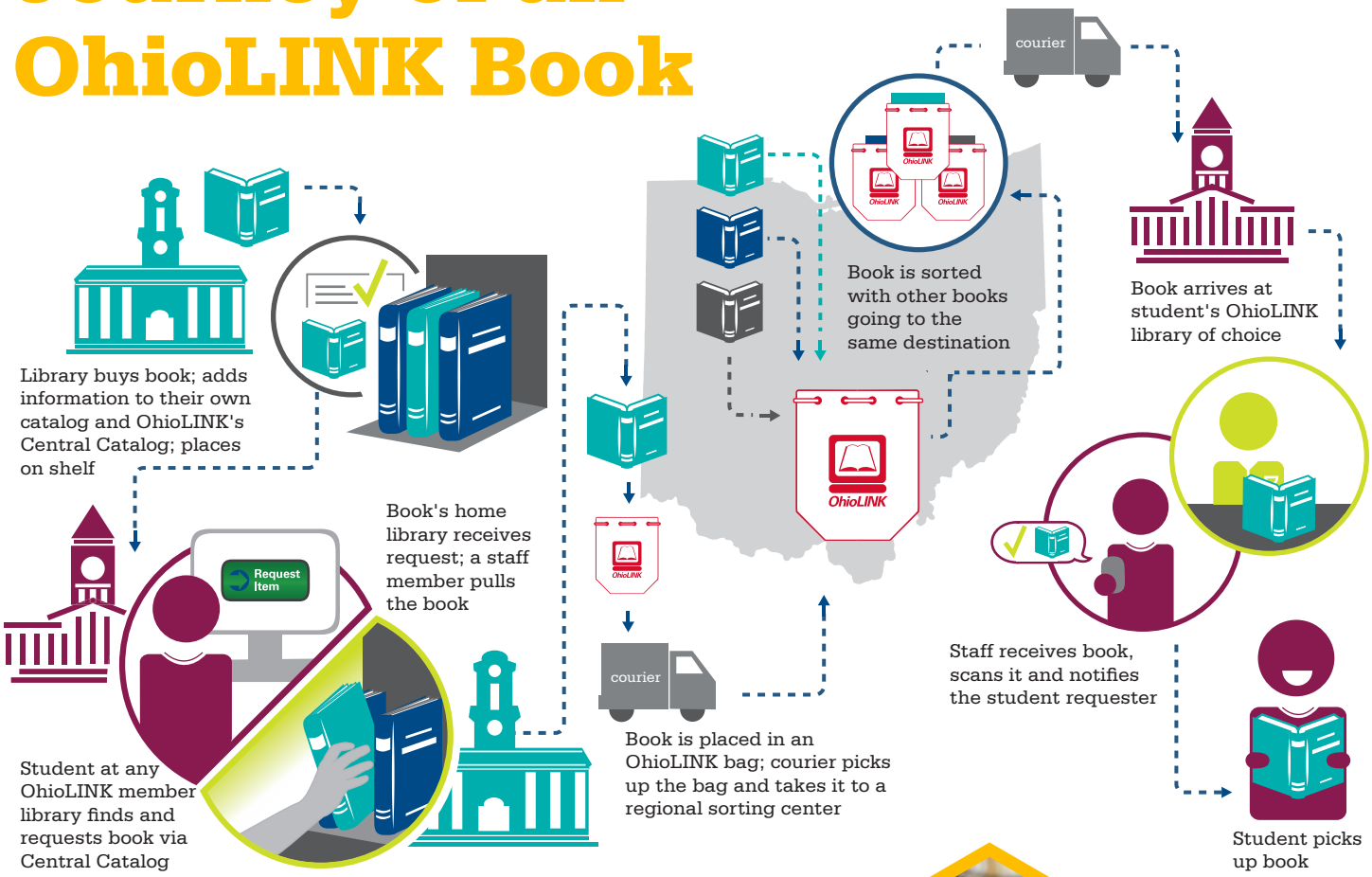
OhioLINK SCHOOLS GET MORE DIGITAL CONTENT > THAN AN AVERAGE **IVY LEAGUE SCHOOL**

46,762,457
items in Central Catalog as of July 2015

"I love it when ppl doubt my claim that I can get anything via ILL. Dude I have @OhioLINK & SearchOhio I can get nearly everything! #fb"

@dejah_thoris

Journey of an OhioLINK Book



"Mondays can be rough, but they're always a little brighter when you get a delivery from @OhioLINK!"

@carrie_thrash



Overview of Resources

Central Catalog

The Central Catalog is a shared catalog displaying information for items owned by our 121 member libraries. It lists over 46 million items, including books, periodicals, maps, music scores and audiovisual materials. Items can be requested online and picked up at any OhioLINK member library.

Research Databases

OhioLINK users have online access to an A–Z listing of over 100 databases provided through OhioLINK, as well as links to the lists of research databases provided through each member library.

Electronic Journal Center

The EJC is a database containing millions of full-text articles from more than 10,000 academic journals from top scholarly publishers, academic societies and university presses.

Electronic Book Center

The EBC provides access to more than 100,000 eBooks; titles feature reference works, American and English literature and technology titles, including the popular Safari eBook collection.

Music Center

The music center is a streaming database of international works in a variety of genres, containing more than 81,000 tracks of music from more than 22,000 albums.

Electronic Theses & Dissertations

The ETD contains nearly 55,000 theses and dissertations from students at 30 of Ohio's world-renowned academic institutions. The ETDs are now included in Google Scholar, increasing visibility and expanding the reach of Ohio's research.

Finding Aid Repository

The Finding Aid Repository contains the rich collections housed in archives, libraries and other institutions throughout the state of Ohio. The repository provides access to collections on a broad scale, increasing for researchers the visibility of these unique and valuable resources.

Digital Resource Commons

The DRC houses online nearly 85,000 unique, scholarly and historical records from Ohio's colleges, universities and cultural institutions. Collections include historic maps of Akron, bioacoustic recordings and more than 1,800 educational videos.

Student Profile

Pelotonia fellowship, OhioLINK resources aid student research



Engineering student Josh Javor discusses his work developing a new cancer-detecting instrument.

Josh Javor, an undergraduate student in The Ohio State University's Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, received a 2015 Pelotonia Undergraduate Fellowship in May. Javor is in the final stages of designing a microscope that employs a detection method currently used in material science engineering to help oncologic surgeons quickly identify tumor margins in the operating room.

While the engineering side of his work may come naturally, he has used resources provided by OhioLINK throughout his undergraduate career to stay abreast of the latest developments in oncology and medicine. OhioLINK's vast research journal collection allows him to deepen his knowledge in the medical field. For Javor, a fifth-year senior, these additional resources helped him make the decision to pursue an advanced degree that he had not considered previously.

"For researchers, it's an incredibly powerful tool," Javor said. "If I'm looking into a field where I don't yet know the terminology, I love that I can get on OhioLINK and search everything by subject. Sometimes I don't even know what I want to know yet, because it's out there, and I haven't read it."

Javor was one of 7,270 riders last year who participated in Pelotonia, a grassroots bike tour that has raised over $92 million for cancer research since 2008. Some of this money is allocated toward fellowships for students who have the potential to become independent cancer researchers.

Javor soon will move to testing the microscope's imaging accuracy with tissue measurements. If the images do not match up with pathology, he will move back to the design stage. Though there may be setbacks, Javor said the support he receives from Pelotonia, Ohio State and OhioLINK motivates him to persevere. •

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For the full story, visit www.ohiolink.edu/profile/javor. To learn more about OhioLINK and Pelotonia 2015, visit www.oh-tech.org/blog/pelotonia_2015.

Student Resources

Get acquainted with your library resources

"Everyone that goes to a university in Ohio should know about [OhioLINK] . . . I just got 4 textbooks from other libraries for free"

@Angela_McVeyy



1 Go to your library
ohiolink.edu/members

OhioLINK provides a wealth of resources; your library may have more. Go to the library's website, or visit your institution's library in person. Librarians are on site and want to help you, so just ask!

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Faculty Profile

OhioLINK proves instrumental for researchers



Ursuline College Assistant Professor of Biology Lynn Ulatowski uses OhioLINK for key research into benefits of vitamin E.

Lynn Ulatowski, a Ph.D. graduate of Case Western Reserve University (CWRU), recently transitioned from her post-doctoral fellowship with CWRU to continue her research as an assistant professor at Ursuline College. Her dissertation topic, Regulation of Vitamin E and Tocopherol Transfer Protein, received the Doctoral Excellence Award from CWRU's Office of Graduate Studies. Ulatowski has dedicated her career to studying how vitamin E moves throughout the human body, particularly in the brain. Her research could aid patients who are already diagnosed with a neurodegenerative disease such as Alzheimer's, ALS and Down syndrome.

OhioLINK provides Ulatowski with access to relevant, current and previously published journals that allow her to generate new research on vitamin E. "When developing and synthesizing thoughts, experiments and data, it is critical to read and understand what has been done," Ulatowski said. "Literature searches and resource gathering through OhioLINK are standard to these steps." Fortunately for Ulatowski, one benefit of continuing her research at another OhioLINK institution is sustained access to the same journals and databases she was accustomed to at CWRU.

Ulatowski is also an avid advocate for researchers who, like herself, are doing the preliminary work for potentially groundbreaking advances in the biomedical field. She recently met with members of Congress as part of the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Hill Day. While in D.C., she explained to legislators how critical it is to fund basic science research. •

For the full story, visit www.ohiolink.edu/profile/ulatowski.

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