OhioLINK is a consortium that efficiently manages the state’s scholarly resources

OhioLINK negotiates on behalf of 121 member libraries throughout the state, giving aggregated purchasing power to Ohio’s academic libraries. OhioLINK, the state’s most viable cost-saving mechanism for academic libraries today, serves over half a million students and faculty. Since 1992, OhioLINK has brought valuable resources to libraries at the lowest possible cost. OhioLINK is a member of the Ohio Department of Higher Education’s Ohio Technology Consortium.

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. Students and faculty discover materials available throughout the state and get those items delivered to their home institution—exponentially stretching the reach of Ohio’s higher education libraries. This extremely cost-efficient system has been nationally admired for more than 20 years.

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 26 million full-text articles from more than 11,000 academic journals from top scholarly publishers, academic societies and university presses.

Electronic Book Center

The EBC provides access to more than 140,000 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 over 59,000 theses and dissertations from students at 30 of Ohio’s world-renowned academic institutions. The ETDs are 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 the visibility of these unique and valuable resources for researchers.

Digital Resource Commons

The DRC houses 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.
Financial Impact

Collective buying power and expert negotiation skills go a long way, and OhioLINK is proof of that. Since 1992, OhioLINK has delivered a wealth of valuable resources to Ohio’s academic libraries while saving millions of dollars. How? By using the collective buying power of our 121 member libraries, OhioLINK negotiates better prices for resources than individual institutions or other library associations can. For example: In one subscription alone, OhioLINK institutions collectively saved $6 million when compared to what institutions would have paid negotiating individually. Annually, OhioLINK negotiates, invoices and manages published digital content worth $42 million on behalf of its member libraries, a fraction of the multi-millions that institutions would pay individually.

OhioLINK NEGOTIATION PAYS OFF

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

If it were not for OhioLINK, I would not be able to model my theoretical data. In other words, I would not have been able to publish my thesis.”

— Kara Geremia, Wright State University

2015–16 Highlights

EJC Rebuild
OhioLINK embarked on a major upgrade to the Electronic Journal Center improving both the user interface and the underlying architecture. The project was made possible through a $1 million capital expenditure from the State of Ohio, funded through the Ohio Department of Higher Education’s Technology Initiatives.

More eBook Content
OhioLINK negotiated two major eBook packages, adding eBooks from the University of California Press, University of Chicago Press, MIT Press and Yale University Press, as well as titles from Institute of Physics Publications.

Pelotonia Participation
Participating in Ohio State’s Pelotonia bike tour helps raise funds for cancer research, highlights the vital role libraries play in the research endeavor and indirectly supports fundamental activities that result in published research made accessible, in turn, to all OhioLINK members.

“The entire semester would not have been possible had it not been for what I have come to believe must be the eighth wonder of the world: OhioLINK. I am sure that my new addiction to OhioLINK will continue for the remainder of my academic career.”

— Rosemarie Emanuele, Inside Higher Ed blog post

| $45 MILLION IN AVOIDED COSTS OVER THE PAST 5 YEARS |
| 46,440,457 items in Central Catalog as of July 2016 |
| AVERAGE COST STATEWIDE $70 PER STUDENT |

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