Ohio’s Academic Library Consortium

OhioLINK, a statewide academic library consortium, helps Ohio’s students, faculty and staff access high quality information at the lowest possible cost. Founded in 1992, OhioLINK blazed a trail by being one of the first statewide academic consortia for sharing library resources.

Today, OhioLINK serves more than 600,000 students, faculty, staff, and other researchers at 91 institutions, including the State Library of Ohio. We manage a statewide union catalog and delivery system for over 46.5 million library items, and we help library users around the state access more than 125 databases, 10,000 scholarly journals and millions of electronic articles, 80,000 electronic books, 40,000 electronic theses and dissertations, and thousands of images, videos, and audio files.

Funded by the State of Ohio and the 91 consortium libraries, OhioLINK negotiates on behalf of its members, giving them aggregated purchasing power. OhioLINK is a member of the Ohio Technology Consortium (OH-TECH), a division of the Ohio Board of Regents.

Benefits of Working at OhioLINK

Where else can you work for 91 academic libraries simultaneously? Join a team who helps acquire the highest quality research and information for academic institutions around the State of Ohio. We work closely with library staff on the front lines of academic librarianship, and appreciate your innovation, perspective, expertise, and willingness to problem solve.

Enjoy this camaraderie and challenge of working in the rapidly changing field of librarianship, while also working with a dedicated group of technologists at OH-TECH who provide the infrastructure for OhioLINK.

We also know you have passionate work and life interests – we foster an environment conducive to academic inquiry, scholarly communication, creative achievement, and lifelong learning. Ongoing professional development is a priority of the organization.

Because The Ohio State University serves as OhioLINK’s fiscal agent, OhioLINK employees also are considered Ohio State University employees and enjoy all the same benefits of Ohio State staff.

Leader in Print Sharing

OhioLINK was among the first in the nation to establish a system for sharing physical resources among Ohio’s academic libraries, including a system of five regional book depositories. Recent initiatives at the depositories include:

- Shared depository catalog. The database represents the holdings in three of the regional book depositories for eight of Ohio’s public universities.
- Cooperative de-duplication. The depositories are implementing a policy to preserve one print copy of each journal title held in four of the five depositories to clear space of duplicate copies.

Over the past 10 years, the shared print system has averaged more than 600,000 patron-initiated borrowing requests per year across the consortium.

OhioLINK Values and Principles

- Enable cooperation, transparency, communication, and shared decision making.
- Use resources in ways that serve both the collective good and a member library’s individual priorities and needs.
- Share diverse, deep, and growing collections of current and historical materials.
- Collaborate with nonacademic Ohio libraries and information providers to serve the citizens of the state.
Manager, Shared Resources and Print Policy, OhioLINK

Join OhioLINK, an internationally recognized leader in resource sharing and shared print management, as a senior staff member responsible for charting the direction of shared print among OhioLINK’s 91 member institutions.

OhioLINK has five regional high-density storage facilities serving the public universities in Ohio, a shared depository union catalog running Innovative, Inc ILS software, and a shared ILLIad system for digital article delivery.

Major Responsibilities

In conjunction with the member libraries of OhioLINK, the Manager of Resource Sharing and Print Policy provides a strategic direction for existing OhioLINK shared print initiatives as well as analyzing and recommending new programs, partnerships, and initiatives, including initiatives at the intersection of digital and print. This position serves in a leadership role for member libraries in the development of policies and procedures for shared print programs, for both the regional depository system and among member libraries. The manager coordinates data gathering and provides analysis of print collections across the consortium to aid decision making both on the local institutional level and at the consortial level. This position is responsible for investigating, recommending, and supporting OhioLINK participation in regional and national shared print initiatives as appropriate. The Manager of Resource Sharing and Print Policy supervises the Systems and Technical Services unit, which includes the Coordinator of Catalogs, the Continuing Resources and Database Management cataloger, the Metadata and E-resource librarian, and the Electronic Serials Clerk.

Benefits

The Ohio State University offers competitive benefits, see: http://hr.osu.edu/hrpubs/ben/fs-bensummaryreg.pdf.

Application

For complete position descriptions for the above jobs and to apply, please visit https://www.jobsatosu.com/postings/search (keyword “OhioLINK”). Preference will be given to applications received by the posted end date. All applications should be submitted through the website listed above.

Contact

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To build a diverse workforce Ohio State encourages applications from individuals with disabilities, minorities, veterans, and women. EEO/AA employer.

OhioLINK Member Institutions

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