

The OCLC Library and Information Science Education Program

The OCLC® Library and Information Science Education Program supports library instruction programs with reduced- or no-cost, hands-on access to a variety of OCLC services. Through this program, you can help provide your library and information science students with the skills needed to succeed in today's library environment.

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What institutions can participate?

- Library and information science schools accredited by the American Library Association (ALA) in the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada
- Colleges and universities that offer a bachelor's degree or higher in library and information science education
- Library/media technician training programs that offer a certificate or associate's degree
- Schools of library and information science that offer degrees comparable to those in the U.S. in the following geographic regions: Asia Pacific, Canada, Latin America, the Caribbean, Europe and parts of Africa.

Membership in the OCLC Library and Information Science Education Program is handled through an agreement with your LIS school and your OCLC regional service provider.

What OCLC services are offered?

- **Reference services:** including FirstSearch®, with access to WorldCat® and more than 25 additional databases, and the QuestionPoint® virtual reference service
- **Resource sharing services:** including WorldCat Resource Sharing™
- **Cataloging and metadata services:** including access to Connexion®, CatExpress®, WebDewey® and the OCLC Cataloging Label Program, plus reduced prices on selected Dewey® publications and products
- **Digital collection services:** including CONTENTdm® software for hands-on experience with the software used in building digital collections for libraries and archives worldwide

- **WorldCat.org and related services:** including help finding materials in libraries, plus access to related social networking features that let users create lists and bibliographies, write reviews and more.

“Thank you for your presentation on Friday, and the incredible opportunity to tour the OCLC campus. I learned so much about OCLC and the resources available to libraries. *I am even more excited now about the future of librarianship as well as my place in it.* You have given me a lot to think about.”

—Student participant in the OCLC Library and Information Science Education Program

What documentation is included?

Most OCLC documentation is available online for local download. OCLC will also provide multiple copies of reference cards for use in class or for distribution to students as part of the OCLC Library and Information Science Education Program. Other documentation and additional copies are available for purchase. You may copy OCLC documentation for use in your school's LIS program.

What other professional development opportunities are available?

- Complimentary access to more than 200 library and information science journal titles in the OCLC Library; items are available through interlibrary loan or e-mail (ocllibrary@oclc.org) and there are no charges for photocopies or handling

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What other professional development opportunities are available? (continued)

- Training and community networking opportunities through the WebJunction® online community; learn more: www.webjunction.org
- Tours, orientations and service specific presentations for library and information science faculty and students at OCLC's Dublin, Ohio campus.

For more information

Please contact Nancy Lensenmayer, Program Officer, Education and Professional Development, at 1-800-848-5878, ext. 6391, 1-614-764-6391 or lensenma@oclc.org. Learn more about the OCLC LIS program: www.oclc.org/community/education/lis/

“On behalf of my fellow SLIS students, thank you for the wonderful tour of your facility and the gift of your time and all your efforts on our behalf. I do believe it will stand out as *the highlight of the semester, if not the year.*”

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Pricing

OCLC waives most charges for its LIS program, including specified charges for OCLC systems and services (e.g., FirstSearch). OCLC reserves the right to charge for unique items, such as royalty fees to suppliers or third parties. LIS schools are responsible for the following charges: terminal maintenance, training fees and network fees (if applicable).

Research

OCLC offers a variety of opportunities for those who conduct research that advances professional librarianship. These include OCLC's Distinguished Seminar Series, the Visiting Scholar program, and the OCLC/ALISE Library and Information Science Research Grant Program. Learn more: www.oclc.org/programsandresearch/