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OCLC Research Library Partnership
Mission is to accelerate and scale library learning, innovation, and collaboration that make breakthroughs possible

Serving the global network of OCLC member libraries & beyond since 1978

Devoted exclusively to the challenges facing libraries and archives
OCLC Research Library Partnership

A unique transnational network of research libraries

Supported by a combination of partnership dues and co-investment from OCLC

Supports engagement and research activities

Provides a way for libraries to engage directly with OCLC Research

www.oclc.org/research/partnership.html
Activities are led by an energetic team who work with member institutions to develop an array of programming for both senior library leaders and staff, virtually and in person.
Research support

Unique and distinctive collections

Learning Together

Resource sharing / Collective collections

Next generation metadata
How?

- Knowledge sharing events
- Engagement
- Thought leadership
- Strategic network partnerships
- SHARES resource sharing consortium
Knowledge sharing events

“Works in Progress” webinar series
- Princeton’s Personal Librarian Program—building relationships across campus
- Towards diversifying collections—implementing strategies
- Supporting campus goals through a library-led Office for Open Research at the University of Manchester

Small group discussions
- Addressing bias in research analytics
- Collections as data: State of the field and future directions

Workshops
- Social interoperability workshop

Engagement

- Ongoing working groups
  - Metadata managers
  -SHARES Best Practices Working Group
- Ad hoc working groups
  - Collection Building and Operational Impacts Working Group
- Sabbaticals, visiting scholars
  - Research Information Management in the United States
  - Responsible Operations: Data Science, machine Learning, and AI in Libraries
Thought leadership

- OCLC Research blog
- Surveys
- Research reports
Strategic network partnerships

The RLP works collaboratively with strategic partners on both engagement and research interests of common interest.

Building for the future: Opportunities and responsibilities for state-of-the-art services
SHARES resource sharing consortium

• Resource sharing program for members of the OCLC Research Library Partnership
• About 75 institutions in the US, Canada, the UK, & the Middle East
• Innovative trust network providing access to unique collections
Canadian perspectives
Learning together

- Diversity, equity and inclusion at the center
- Skilled "art of hosting" conveners
- Spirit of caring
- Making our time together count

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The OCLC Research Library Partnership

Becoming an OCLC Research Library Partner

The OCLC Research Library Partnership (RLP) is a transnational network of research libraries, supported by a combination of partnership investment from OCLC. We welcome your interest in joining.

Why joining matters

Partner dues directly support our work to assist libraries as they evolve to meet 21st century challenges. Dues give our staff the resources to convene conversations and support projects that lead to prototyping, reports, white papers, webinars, and other outputs.

Partner benefits

Our work focuses on addressing the pressing needs of research libraries in the 21st century and that work is shaped and influenced by our partners. We offer multiple opportunities and formats for staff at your institution to learn, engage, and partner.

- **Online learning:** The [Works in Progress Webinars](https://www.oclc.org/research/partnership/join.html) are live, participatory online learning opportunities focused on leading edge work at OCLC and our partner institutions. Our webinars provide a cost-effective way for members to stay up-to-date on emerging practices.
- **Discussion:** We frequently host small group discussion on topics related to our programmatic focus.
- **Collaborative research:** We engage members in research collaboratively through ad hoc working groups.
- **Information sharing:** RLP email and discussion lists facilitate sharing and allow subscribers to receive updates about webinars, events, projects, and more.
- **Consultations:** RLP staff consult directly with partner institutions, sharing their expertise on resource sharing, metadata, distinctive collections, and more.