

## Consortia & Memberships

### OhioLINK

The [Ohio Library and Information Network](#) (OhioLINK) is a consortium of Ohio's college and university libraries and the State Library of Ohio. Serving more than 600,000 students, faculty and staff at 88 institutions, OhioLINK offers access to more than 50 million library items statewide. User-initiated, non-mediated online borrowing is possible through a statewide central catalog. OhioLINK also provides a delivery service among member institutions to speed the exchange of library items. In addition to the central catalog, users can access electronic research databases including a variety of full-text resources.

### Association of Research Libraries

Kent State University is a member of the [Association of Research Libraries](#) (ARL). ARL is a not-for-profit membership organization of the leading research libraries in North America. Its mission is to shape and influence forces affecting the future of research libraries in the process of scholarly communication. The Association articulates the concerns of research libraries and their institutions, forges coalitions, influences information policy development, and supports innovation and improvements in research library operations.

### Center for Research Libraries

Kent State University is a member of the [Center for Research Libraries](#) (CRL), located in Chicago. CRL is a shared resource among research libraries. The program of cooperative collection development is instrumental in meeting the needs of thousands of scholars. CRL's collections are designed to supplement, not duplicate, member libraries' collections by approximately five million volumes. CRL bibliographic records are being added to the OhioLINK central catalog. Collections are available for extended loan to member libraries through interlibrary loan.

### Cooperative Regional Library Depository

A [remote shelving facility](#) is located on the Northeast Ohio Medical University's (NEOMED) campus in Rootstown. The facility opened in March 1994. Little-used library materials from Kent, NEOMED, the University of Akron, Cleveland State University, and Youngstown State University are moved to highly dense shelving in the climate-controlled environment of this facility. Books that are requested by Kent library users are retrieved from the depository and delivered to the Libraries within 24 to 48 hours. Titles moved to the depository in Rootstown will be returned to the main collection if their removal greatly disadvantages an academic program.