

LVIS (Libraries Very Interested In Sharing) Promotes Reciprocal Interlibrary Loan

LVIS (Libraries Very Interested in Sharing) is a nationwide OCLC interlibrary loan reciprocal group in which members agree to share loans and copies with each other at no charge.

Participation in LVIS

Libraries participating in LVIS agree to:

- Subscribe to OCLC services as either a Governing Member or Member.
- Participate in OCLC resource sharing as a supplier.
- Commit to resource sharing with all LVIS members.
- Provide loans of all circulating monographic (returnable) items to LVIS members at no charge.
- Provide photocopies for a maximum of 30 pages per bibliographic citation to LVIS members at no charge (a cost recovery charge for photocopies exceeding the 30 page limit is permissible and may be determined by the library).
- Pay costs associated with the use of OCLC's WorldCat Resource Sharing (interlibrary loan) service as part of their monthly OCLC charges.

Benefits of LVIS Membership

- Greater Workflow Efficiency. Libraries can quickly and easily identify no-charge libraries in OCLC, and therefore, streamline ILL transactions.
- Greater Load Leveling. LVIS encourages the strengthening of local ILL networks, which ultimately lessens the lending burden of major research libraries.
- Greater Resource Sharing Alternatives. LVIS supplements the Nylink ILL Code by providing a resource sharing option for those libraries that desire an overall no-charge policy for ILL transactions.
- Broader ILL Scope. LVIS expands the geographic ILL scope by encouraging interstate borrowing and lending practices.

Access to LVIS Data

LVIS participants access the group holdings via the OCLC ILL Service. Participants, therefore, must either be full OCLC cataloging members or ILL-only OCLC members.

Joining LVIS

Any Nylink member that uses OCLC's ILL service may join LVIS. To join LVIS, please complete and submit the LVIS membership form. There is a link to the LVIS agreement from the Nylink web site or you can visit it directly at this address: < http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/who_we_are/OCLC/pdfs/lvis_agr.pdf >.

Stand-Alone Version of Odyssey Document Delivery Software Now Available (And It's Free)

Atlas Systems, Inc. has released a stand-alone version of their Odyssey electronic delivery software. The software allows for the transmission and receipt of electronic documents between other Odyssey sites, sites using OCLC ILLiad, and sites using other software packages that implement the Odyssey protocol. Odyssey software uses the standard TWAIN scanner drivers that come with most scanners and works with black and white, grayscale, color, or any combination of these scanned formats. Upon receipt, the documents can be printed, automatically converted to .pdf format, or saved in the original .tif format. In addition, a new messaging service has been added to the protocol.

Odyssey software is available for FREE via a download from the Atlas Systems web site: < <http://www.atlas-sys.com> >.

Odyssey features:

- Send and receive electronic documents.
- Review, insert, delete, rotate, crop and de-skew images either sending or receiving.
- Automatically add coversheets to incoming or outgoing documents.
- Rescan any incorrectly scanned pages.
- Send black, grayscale, color, or a combination of formats in the same document.
- Send free text messages between Odyssey clients and reference documents for re-scanning requests.
- Manage addresses for other libraries in the address book.
- Uses standard Twain drivers.
- Utilizes a single port for ease of firewall modification and allows for IP blocking of incoming items.
- Automatic conversion of incoming files to PDF.
- Automatic posting of files to a specific file or folder.
- Automatic printing of incoming files.
- Easy importing of Odyssey settings and address book into OCLC ILLiad when upgrading.
- Send and receive documents between other Odyssey users or OCLC ILLiad sites (using version 7.1 available fall 2005).

For more information on Odyssey Document Delivery Software, please contact Dan Specht at Atlas Systems, Inc. via email (dspecht@atlas-sys.com).

OCLC Sponsors Global Resource Sharing Group

OCLC has formed the Global Sharing GAC to foster international resource sharing initiatives. There are over 6,700 libraries in 28 countries using the vast resources of the OCLC WorldCat database and the largest online ILL system. Identifying libraries that are willing to lend internationally has been a difficult process. The Global Sharing GAC will make this identification process easier and will formalize rules for OCLC ILL borrowing beyond state and national boundaries.

The primary requirements in joining the Global Sharing GAC are:

- IFM is the only payment method accepted.
- Airmail or courier is used for returnable material.
- Fax, Ariel or Odyssey is used for non-returnable material.
- Participants agree to lend to all other participants within the group.

There is no cost to join this group.

Participants should update their ILL Policies in the ILL Policies Directory to provide their policies for lending internationally and to include their Ariel and Odyssey addresses and Fax number.

Libraries that are members of this group can issue a GS#P at the bibliographic record to view all the holdings of the libraries within this GAC. They may also search the electronic Participating Institutions lists to identify other members of this group for inclusion into their Custom Holdings paths.

OCLC has developed a Web based agreement form that any library wishing to participate in this GAC must complete, and submit electronically to OCLC. To retrieve this form, go to:

< <http://www.oclc.org/oclc/forms/gac.htm> >.

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Resource Sharing Contact Information

Please contact Jon Penn, Resource Sharing Librarian at Nylink, with questions. Jon is available via email (pennj@nylink.org) or phone (800-342-3353 / 518-443-5444).