

## **STRATEGIC COLLABORATION FOR SHARED BENEFIT**

The Alliance delivers innovative and essential programs that support sustainable, equitable access to library resources and services at member institutions in the Pacific Northwest.



## **ALLIANCE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMUNITY**

The Alliance is a trusted partner in serving the teaching, learning, and research needs of students, faculty, and staff at member institutions:

**38**

members in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho

**250,000+**

student FTE

**80,000+**

faculty and staff

## **SHARED COLLECTIONS AND SERVICES FOR SHARED STUDENTS**

**36%** of students transferring into Alliance member institutions come from other member schools



## REDUCING THE COST OF EDUCATION

Through collective investment, the Alliance strengthens, sustains, and extends the capacity of individual libraries, helping bend the cost curve for member institutions.

### **\$39 PER STUDENT**

#### **Average cost per member:**

For only \$39 per student FTE, the Alliance provides a full suite of library resources and services:



- ✓ A **shared** library catalog and collection management system
- ✓ **22 million** books and media available for students and faculty to request
- ✓ **Fast interlibrary loan courier service** (3 days on average) between 246 academic, public, and K-12 libraries across OR, WA, and ID
- ✓ **234,000+** subscribed ebooks and **22,000+** owned ebooks
- ✓ **80,000+** subscribed streaming videos
- ✓ A **shared** archives discovery platform, including **40,000** archival collection guides
- ✓ **10.0 FTE** dedicated consortium staff who provide library and archives systems management; library resources purchasing and subscription management; interlibrary loan coordination; professional development; and community event coordination.

### **SMALL INVESTMENT, BIG RETURN**

On average, member institutions spend **\$981** per student FTE on library services; by investing only **4%** of that amount in the Alliance, each member library is able to provide a wealth of resources and research tools to each student.



## DELIVERING ON SHARED INVESTMENTS

Members' investments in Alliance resources and services not only provide expanded access for their institutional communities—they lead to cost-effective use and significant cost savings that can be re-invested locally.



### Shared Library System

**80%** average cost savings for member institutions by participating in the shared library system (a collective savings of **\$10.4 million**)



### Shared Collections and Catalog

**109,712** books and media borrowed through the shared catalog—increasing physical item check-outs by students, faculty, and staff at member libraries by **20%**



### Interlibrary Loan Courier Service

**146,611** packages sent to participating libraries at a cost of \$2.43/package—realizing a minimum savings of \$6.57/package over comparable speed mail service (and a collective savings of **\$963,339**)



### Shared eBook Collections

- **3,229,204** uses of collectively subscribed ebooks, at a shared cost per use of **\$0.29**
- **222,267** uses of owned Oxford University Press titles, at an overall cost per use of **\$1.43** and an average member library cost per use of **\$7.48**
- **438,886** uses of owned Wiley titles, at an overall cost per use of **\$0.64** and an average member library cost per use of **\$4.58**



### Shared Streaming Video Collection

**140,832** streams of shared digital videos across all members, at a shared cost per use of **\$2.20** (compared to other streaming video options for libraries that can cost \$150 or more for a 1-year license, regardless of use)



### Extended Local Staffing Capacity

Consortium staff help address skill and capacity gaps at individual libraries through training and direct support, as well as centrally managing shared functions (e.g. shared systems and group subscription negotiations)—creating significant time savings that allow member libraries to focus on directly supporting their local communities.

## A LA CARTE SAVINGS

Beyond sharing ebook and streaming video collections, Alliance members benefit from opt-in shared licensing of journals and research databases. Members save an estimated **25%** on subscriptions licensed through the Alliance—a collective savings of **\$4 million**.



# BUILDING CAPACITY FOR MEMBER LIBRARIES

Fostering professional development and a sense of belonging are critical for member libraries' efforts to recruit and retain qualified employees—Alliance training opportunities and collaborative work directly support these goals.



## Training and Professional Development

**139** community and capacity-building sessions coordinated or delivered by Alliance central staff in FY24, with a total of **2,412** member library worker participants and an estimated market value of **\$240,000** for all session seats.



## Involvement in Shared Work

**145** members in **21** groups in FY24 that provide opportunities for members to help guide Alliance work; evaluation of group members' experiences convey that members believe their work is valuable for the Alliance and their contributions are valued; and their experiences and/or identities are respected.



## Cultivation of Inclusive Community

**6** training sessions offered in FY24 by the DEI Standing Group in support of creating equity in higher education; **246** library workers across **36** Alliance member libraries participated in the training series. Of attendees sharing their experiences, **94%** learned something new and **87%** were confident in applying their new knowledge/skills in their work.

## ORBIS CASCADE ALLIANCE MEMBERS

Central Oregon Community College  
Central Washington University  
Chemeketa Community College  
Clackamas Community College  
Clark College  
Eastern Oregon University  
Eastern Washington University  
George Fox University  
Gonzaga University  
Lane Community College  
Lewis & Clark College  
Linfield University  
Mt. Hood Community College  
Oregon Health & Science University  
Oregon Institute of Technology  
Oregon State University  
Pacific University  
Portland Community College  
Portland State University

Reed College  
Saint Martin's University  
Seattle Pacific University  
Seattle University  
Southern Oregon University  
The Evergreen State College  
University of Idaho  
University of Oregon  
University of Portland  
University of Puget Sound  
University of Washington  
Walla Walla University  
Warner Pacific University  
Washington State University  
Western Oregon University  
Western Washington University  
Whitman College  
Whitworth University  
Willamette University

