

Big Ten Academic Alliance Resource Sharing Agreement

Approved by BTAA Library Deans - August 2023

Vision

Big Ten Academic Alliance Libraries agree to provide library collection access to each other's users as if they are their own.

Mission

The Big Ten Academic Alliance Libraries commit to enriching our users' experience through frictionless discovery and delivery of our combined print and electronic collections. We investigate and implement innovative resource sharing technologies, services, policies, and procedures with an unflinching commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility practices to ensure a positive user experience for all.

Scope

We are trusted partners who will

Analytics

BTAA Libraries will retain ILLiad transaction records for a minimum of 4 full calendar years plus the current year in order to facilitate collection development analysis and data analytics.

Charges

Fees: BTAA Libraries agree to waive loan/copy service fees, overdue fines, and rush charges for other BTAA Libraries participating in this agreement.

Lost Items: BTAA lending Libraries agree to waive replacement invoicing and processing fees to each other for general collection items lost while on loan. To encourage return of lost or long overdue items, borrowing libraries should bill and collect fees from their own users as well as apply a block to the user's account

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of U.S. Copyright Law.

- iii. **Apply Section 108(h) provisions** of U.S. Copyright Law for scanning entire published works in the last 20 years of their copyright term.
- iv. **Apply Section 121 of U.S. Copyright Law** to scan an entire work if the requesting library denotes the copy is for the exclusive use of an eligible person with a disability. The supplying library can provide the whole-work scan themselves or conditional to offer a loan if unable to fill the request in a timely manner so that the requesting library may perform the scan.
- v. Offer the requesting library a **loan instead of a scan if the request is likely beyond Fair Use.**
- f. **Scan entire works that are in the public domain** as staffing permits. Conditional for more time if needed.
- g. **If a file is very large** (i.e. many pages or has multiple color/grayscale images):
 - i. Save the file as a Reduced Size PDF in order to deliver via Odyssey or Article Exchange; or
 - ii. Mount the file on your ILLiad or local server and email a link to the requesting library; or
 - iii. Zip the file and send it as an email attachment.

III. **Timeliness**

- a. **Scan requests should be filled electronically the same or next business day** from the day a request is received whenever possible.
- b. **Respond within one business day to any resend requests.**
- c. **If unable to fill scan requests promptly**, consider:
 - i. Canceling the request to let another library fill more quickly; or
 - ii. Conditionalizing the request to explain circumstances or request more time; or
 - iii. Change your OCLC Days to Respond to a higher number of days so that