

# The OCLC Research Library Partnership



The OCLC Research Library Partnership (RLP) is a global community of research libraries dedicated to improving library practice through **professional development, collaborative research, and information sharing**.

The RLP offers research institutions direct engagement opportunities in a variety of formats, ranging from small group discussions and webinars to working groups and in-person events. Most activities are offered virtually, providing an affordable, accessible resource for library staff.

The RLP supports libraries as they evolve to meet shifting challenges and opportunities, drawing on the perspectives and expertise of partner organizations to drive collaboration and discovery of practical insights. Through strategic collaboration, the RLP scales its engagement and research activities, benefiting everyone involved.

**Together, we are shaping the future of research libraries.**

**The RLP supports our affiliates in connecting research to practice through:**

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

The **RLP** is part of **OCLC Research**, one of the world's leading centers devoted exclusively to the challenges facing libraries in a rapidly changing information technology environment. The RLP works with Partners to collaboratively identify problems and opportunities, prototype and test solutions, and share findings through publications, presentations, and professional interactions.

# The Research Library Partnership **empowers research institutions globally.**

## The RLP supports affiliates in connecting research to practice through:

### KNOWLEDGE SHARING EVENTS

We facilitate learning opportunities to support professional development, including:

- Sharing and learning about leading-edge activities in webinars
- Hosting small group discussions on common challenges
- Facilitating workshops to discuss and apply OCLC Research outputs

### THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

The RLP synthesizes and shares the results of our efforts through:

- OCLC Research publications
- Hanging Together, the OCLC Research blog
- Conference presentations and more

### SHARES RESOURCE SHARING CONSORTIUM

- Two-thirds of RLP members participate in SHARES, which supports resource sharing innovation and best practices to unite trusted partners in providing access to diverse collections.
- Many institutions find it offers significant cost savings.

### ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

RLP Partners benefit most by:

- Serving on groups that shapes program directions, such as the SHARES Executive group
- Engaging with peers in learning groups like the Metadata Managers Focus Group
- Collaborating with OCLC Research to produce findings that benefit the field
- Consulting with RLP staff who share expertise and offer guidance in areas of programmatic focus

### STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

The RLP partners with key organizations supporting research institutions, including:

- **LIBER**—Collaborating on the multi-year program “Building for the future”
- **euroCRIS**—Partnering on research projects about research information management

#### The RLP develops research and engagement programs in four areas of high interest to research libraries:

- Next generation metadata
- Resource sharing and collective collections
- Unique and distinctive collections
- Research support

The RLP seeks to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion across all programs of work.

**Learn more and join the RLP at [oclc.org/rlp](https://oclc.org/rlp).**

Because what is known must be shared.®

