

**No-Charge Interlibrary Loan Among Indiana Academic
Libraries Proposal
July 27, 2004**

Purpose - The purpose of this test project is to judge the desirability and feasibility of the Academic Libraries of Indiana (ALI) offering a free (that is, no charge) interlibrary loan among its members.

Benefits - Provide library materials needed by the students, faculty, and staff of ALI institutions while reducing the cost and paperwork for providing those materials.

Drawbacks - Providing no-charge interlibrary loans could create an uneven burden on some libraries either because of the size of their collections (Purdue, Indiana University, Notre Dame) or because of the uniqueness of their collections (IU Medical and Dentistry, law libraries).

Test Project - The following conditions apply:

- 1) Conducted during the 2004-05 academic year (August 15, 2004 through June 30, 2005 - date amended by ALI Board, July 7, 2004)
- 2) Limited to the loaning of books.
- 3) Limited to those institutions that volunteer for the project.
- 4) Materials will be sent via INCOLSA Wheels whenever possible.
- 5) Participants will be asked to keep statistics specifically about this project.