

## **ACADEMIC LIBRARIES of INDIANA**

**Subject:** ALI Reciprocal (in person) Borrowing Program

**Date:** July 27, 2004

Dear ALI Colleagues:

This is the second of three messages regarding ALI resource sharing projects.

At the ALI members meeting in May we voted to implement a new service: the ALI Reciprocal Borrowing Program. The rules we adopted are attached to this memo, but to summarize, participating libraries agree to provide on-site lending to faculty, staff and students from other participating libraries. This program builds on the culture of effective interlibrary loan practiced throughout Indiana. Consequently, while our literature will emphasize the borrower's role and responsibilities, the ultimate responsibility belongs to the home library to reimburse the lending library for lost or damaged materials, just as in a normal interlibrary loan transaction.

Please review the attached memo and let me know by return e-mail whether your library wishes to participate for the period August 15, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

In order to assess the impact of this program, we ask participating libraries to track:

1. The number of students, faculty, and staff approved for this program.
2. The number of borrowers from other institutions who borrowed materials from your library.
3. If possible, the number of materials loaned. This may be difficult for some libraries to track.

We will also seek general evaluation comments (what problems were encountered; how can we improve the system; how did this program enhance research, teaching and learning at your institution, etc.). As with our No-Charge Interlibrary Loan project, we will especially appreciate faculty and student comments and testimonials that we could use in grant proposals and for public relations.

Please let me know by August 9, 2004 whether you want to participate during 2004-2005. I will then compile a list of participating institutions, distribute it by e-mail, and post it to the ALI Web site. In addition, I will distribute

a supply of brochures and ALI borrowers cards to each participating organization.

Sincerely,

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