

ORBIS CASCADE ALLIANCE



Alliance News

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Alliance AVON collection now available!

Alliance institutions now have access to the complete ProQuest AVON (Academic Video Online) collection, which includes over 71,000 titles. The package includes a blend of educational and feature films, and allows members to select some films for perpetual access. This 2-year license

was funded based on a survey of Council members, who reported high demand for streaming media, and ranked AVON as the preferred package. We're working with Proquest to plan a training webinar in October.



Summit Lending and Borrowing Resumes

After suspension due to COVID-19 precautions, Summit resumed on an opt-in basis on August 3rd. 32 of 37 institutions have resumed Summit lending and borrowing, as well as courier service. Our Summit request fill rate has returned to a standard 80% range, with the number of requests rising.

Equity Exploratory Committee Launched

The new Equity Exploratory Committee will build and sustain the Alliance's commitment to equity, expressed in our vision statement: "The Orbis Cascade Alliance, an exemplary academic library consortium, is a vital partner in advancing transformative learning and research and creating equity in higher education." The committee began meeting this summer, and is currently identifying Alliance work in progress that supports diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), as well as conducting an environmental scan of how other consortia support DEI. The committee will foster a shared understanding of the national conversation about equity in higher education, and will promote clarity regarding opportunities for the Alliance. [Read more...](#)



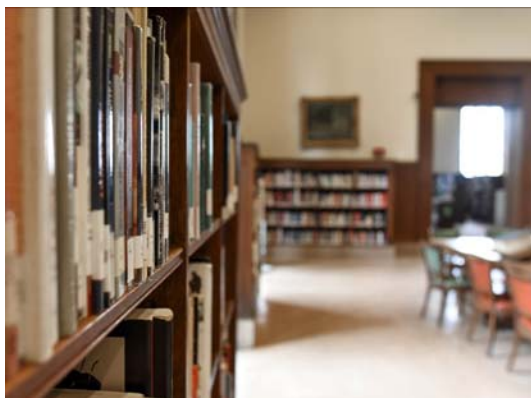
Alliance events go virtual!

Alliance events have pivoted to all-virtual, in response to COVID-19. This spring and summer, virtual education programs exceeded our expectations. Participation was at an all-time high for the annual Archives & Manuscripts meeting (53 registrations), as well as for Summit and Fulfillment Days (194 registrations) and the joint Systems/Discovery & User Experience program (247 registrations).

Many first-time attendees told us that they had been unable to travel to events in the past, and encouraged us to continue offering virtual or hybrid programming. We have also begun offering captioning to improve accessibility of our virtual events. Look out for more virtual events this fall, including Shared Content and Technical Services Days on October 13-15. [Read more and register...](#)

New strategic plan infographic

We heard your feedback! The 2019-2024 Alliance strategic plan is now available as a revised and streamlined infographic. The document highlights initiatives that support our four strategic themes: *Strengthen Member Institutions; Improve Access to Information; Inspire Knowledge Creation; and Equip Students for Success.* [Read More](#)



Send us photos of your library!

Do you have a new space to show off? Have you creatively re-organized to promote social distancing? Send us photos for *Alliance News*! Please send jpegs to news@orbiscascade.org, and include a credit line.

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