

Working Group

RESOURCE SHARING

Charge and membership

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Charge:

Since the 1930s, TRLN libraries have cooperated on collection purchases to ensure access to a greater range of resources owned collectively than by any one institution. The ability to request and receive materials among the member libraries is critical to the success of this cooperative effort. The Resource Sharing Working Group is responsible for maintaining rapid and reliable interlibrary lending services to ensure member libraries' patrons have access to the full scale and breadth of all TRLN collections. The working group oversees the TRLN Direct and TRLN Expedited ILL services according to the policies set out in the Memorandum of Understanding Concerning TRLN Interlibrary and Document Delivery Services.

Responsibilities/deliverables/timeline:

- Oversee TRLN Direct and TRLN Expedited ILL services and maintain procedures that align with the Memorandum of Understanding Concerning TRLN Interlibrary and Document Delivery Services.
- Develop and implement policies to govern circulation of shared resources
- Serves as a forum for reviewing procedures and sharing best practices in resource sharing.
- Gather and report statistics regarding use of TRLN Direct and TRLN Expedited ILL services.
- Maintain at most a two day turnaround time between the borrowing libraries' receipt of a request and the delivery of the item to the patron.
- Proactively pursue enhancements that will increase processing efficiencies and improve the user experience of interlibrary lending.
- Consult with the TRLN Discovery Working Group on the implementation of interlibrary lending fulfillment mechanisms in the shared discovery service.
- Comply with consortial guidelines for reporting and communication.

Membership overview:

Each TRLN library is entitled to one member on the working group.