Connecticut Library Consortium
Membership Terms

Membership Eligibility

- Membership in the Connecticut Library Consortium (CLC) is open to any institution or organization providing library service in Connecticut regardless of the governance, source of funding, or constituency of that institution or organization.
- In general, Connecticut institutions and organizations in the following categories will be eligible for membership: public and private libraries serving the public; university and college libraries; public, private, parochial, and state PreK-12 school libraries; and special libraries including but not limited to law, medical, corporate, government, historical, museum, and religious. CLC may at its discretion accept membership from organizations with direct links to Connecticut libraries, such as library networks.
- Public PreK-12 schools may join CLC individually or as a district.
- In a library system with more than one branch or location, one membership includes all branches/locations.
- CLC does not offer membership to individuals. Staff of CLC member libraries are automatically CLC members under their library’s membership.
- Library vendors and suppliers are not eligible for CLC membership.

Membership Period

- The membership year commences on January 1 and ends on December 31 of the same calendar year.
- New members may join at any time of year. Membership will be effect commencing when dues are received by CLC and ending on December 31 of the same calendar year. CLC may choose to extend the initial membership period at its discretion.

Membership Dues

- All CLC member libraries pay annual membership dues. Payment of dues constitutes membership.
- Dues are assessed on a sliding scale, with a minimum and maximum. Public and special library dues are based on library total operating expenditures, academic library dues on the parent institution’s student FTE, and school library dues on student enrollment. Rates are posted on the Consortium’s website at www.ctlibrarians.org.
- Each year, dues rates are evaluated and recommended by the CLC Board of Trustees and ratified by the majority vote of member representatives in attendance at a designated membership meeting.
• Dues are assessed in the fall of each year for the following calendar year.
• A member whose dues remain unpaid after thirty days at the beginning of the calendar year will be considered lapsed and will be terminated from membership. Membership will be reinstated immediately upon payment of dues.
• Dues for new members joining throughout the year will be pro-rated in accordance with CLC’s bylaws.
• Dues are not refundable.

Membership Benefits

The purpose of the only state-legislated, non-profit library purchasing consortium in Connecticut is to initiate and facilitate cost-effective services to strengthen the ability of member libraries to serve their communities. To that end, CLC provides the following member benefits:

• Eligibility to purchase from 90+ publicly bid discount contracts for mission-critical library products and services
• Training and individual support navigating contracts, discounts, vendors, and purchasing
• 30+ roundtable groups that connect library staff with common interests for professional development
• An online directory of performers, lecturers and artists who provide workshops, performances, and events at Connecticut libraries
• Networking, partnership, and collaboration events and opportunities
• A library job listing service
• New member orientation
• A monthly e-newsletter
• Voting privileges at the Annual Meeting

Member Obligations

• Member libraries must maintain a current, paid membership to receive member benefits.
• If a member uses CLC contracts to purchase subscription-based products or services, CLC membership must remain current for the duration of the subscription period. CLC reserves the right to impose additional charges equaling the value of savings received on subscriptions and/or terminate access to the discounted product or service if membership lapses.
• Member libraries agree to receive CLC email via at least one active email address per library/location.
• Member libraries agree to provide CLC with a list of staff with contact information, and to update this information at least once each year.
• CLC makes members-only information available on its website behind a login. Both libraries and individuals have CLC login credentials. Members are aware of their CLC username and password and can log in to the CLC website.
• Member library staff agree not to share members-only information, such as contract details, logins, discount codes, etc., with staff of non-member libraries.