NELLCO by the numbers

A quick look at the impact of NELLCO in 2018-2019

127 member libraries
- 116 United States
- 11 International

202 available resources
- 50 unique vendors

92 libraries with reciprocal interlibrary loan

243 participants in professional development

4 interest groups

21% average resource discount

10,725 linear feet saved in PALMPrint

75% interest of academic US law libraries in ALLStAR

149,824 LawArXiv downloads
Originally a regional consortium, NELLCO expanded in the early 2000s to include members across the United States and then worldwide. In 2019, members hail from 32 states and territories in the US and four countries. Our diverse membership creates a unique collaborative environment.

resources

NELLCO is constantly working to be the ultimate one-stop shop for the best deals on legal research resources. We work with vendors to offer the biggest discounts on products for members. Additionally, we negotiate the absolute best terms possible, including more than half of our partners that have signed the NELLCO Standard License Agreement.

discounts

List prices and discounts have been notoriously difficult to narrow down. NELLCO partners are required to have a transparent pricing policy so that libraries know that they are paying fair rates. The 21 percent average discount is based on all of the resources that have set rates, not including first-time incentives and additional discount offers.

professional development

NELLCO offered a number of professional development and continuing education options in 2018-2019. These included a two-part grant prospecting and proposal writing webinar in the fall and ALLStAR workshops at several regional and national conferences. The biggest event was the annual NELLCO Symposium, held in March in Providence, Rhode Island. The 2019 event boasted the second highest number of attendees in the Symposium’s eight-year history.

interlibrary loan

The affiliate interlibrary loan program launched in 2019. NELLCO has long been the premier destination for law library collaboration, and this year we were excited to announce that this cooperation had gone one step further by inviting all our U.S.-based members to share their legal materials with other NELLCO libraries.

interest groups

Interest Groups (IGs) are an integral part of NELLCO. IGs have a space for collaboration online and in person, and they use the opportunity to share new ideas, best practices, and enhance collaborative programs. The four IGs are Access Services, Acquisitions & Collection Development, Interlibrary Loan, and Reference.

allstar

In 2018 the Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section of AALL evaluated ALLStAR in detail, praised the tool for filling a need of academic law libraries, made suggestions to grow ALLStAR, and issued a statement encouraging all to participate in the benchmarking tool. The ALLStAR Official Survey, launched in 2018, integrates questions from the national surveys ARL, ACRL, USNWR, and some ABA questions.

lawarxiv

LawArXiv entered its second year during 2018-2019, and its founding organizations (Cornell, LIPA, MALLCO, NELLCO) have been amazed by the average number of downloads per article: 146.

palmprint

With more than 64,353 volumes in PALMPrint, members that subscribe to this joint project of NELLCO and LIPA are able to free up shelf space in their libraries and money in their budgets by having access to an offsite collection of primary legal materials.