

## OhioLINK Borrowing & Lending 2007-2008

- All Case Libraries, Borrowing: 26,713 items
- All Case Libraries, Lending: 28,715 items

All campus libraries share in the consortia borrowing and lending activities with the other OhioLINK members. The shared OhioLINK Central Catalog, at 88 members strong, has nearly 45 million items, and materials (books, media, bound journals from repositories) may be borrowed and delivered to the location of your choice.

OhioLINK's user-initiated, unmediated borrowing set new borrowing records in January 2009—in one week (January 5-11) over 30,000 items were borrowed throughout the state, with every OhioLINK member institution borrowing materials. Case, one of six founding OhioLINK members, also broke last year's January records, borrowing 4,124 items.

If you are new to OhioLINK, you can take advantage of its many resources, including requesting items from the catalog:

- Researchers locate items on the OhioLINK Central Catalog and place unmediated requests on the system.
- Member libraries, including the State Library of Ohio, two public libraries, and the Center for Research Libraries (Chicago) print the requests on weekdays, sending requested items via land courier to the delivery location chosen by the researcher.
- Requested-to-received time is generally 3-4 days, dependent on the time of day and day of the week that the request was placed.
- The entire system is load-balanced twice a year, adjusting the request activity so that libraries' lending and borrowing is fairly distributed.

During calendar year 2008, OhioLINK delivered 777,000 items to researchers, enhancing local collections, maximizing resources, and sharing costs of research materials. *Snapshot 2007*, OhioLINK's annual report, has more details about collections and services, at <http://www.ohiolink.edu/about/snapshot2007.pdf>