

MISSION

CARL provides leadership on behalf of Canada's research libraries and enhances capacity to advance research and higher education. It promotes effective and sustainable knowledge creation, dissemination, and preservation, and advocates for public policy that enables broad access to scholarly information.

MEMBERS AND GOVERNANCE

Our members include Canada's twenty-nine largest university libraries and three federal institutions. A bilingual association, CARL is governed by an elected board of six member-library directors (excludes federal institutions) reflecting regional representation. The Executive Director manages the operations of the Association and reports to the board.

CORE PRINCIPLES

Leadership

Inclusion

Influence

Impact

STRATEGIC COMMITTEES

Advancing Research Committee: Fosters a sustainable scholarly research ecosystem in Canada, aiming to maximize open access while helping to create a healthy, integrated scholarly communication environment to serve Canadian research, learning, and scholarship.

Advancing Teaching and Learning Committee: Focuses on articulating the strategic role of research libraries in education, developing a pan-Canadian framework for essential literacies, and promoting equity in access to learning materials and resources.

Strengthening Capacity Committee: Supports CARL members' staff development and growth, addressing financial, technical, or physical capacity issues as needed on a national scale.

Impact Committee: Develops new evaluation methodologies and measures to ensure that CARL members gather and deploy solid evidence to support decision-making.

Policy and Advocacy Committee: Defines public policy and advocacy positions and represents the interests of Canadian research libraries to government.

COLLABORATION

CARL works in close collaboration with the Canadian Research Knowledge Network, Canada's four regional consortia, the Canadian Federation of Library Associations, the Association of Research Libraries, and many other organizations.