



What is AARLIN?

The Australian Academic and Research Library Network Consortium consists of a number of universities co-operating to provide easy access to a wide range of digitised resources to library users across many locations.

A jointly operated portal enables each member institution to integrate a locally branded gateway with quality research information resources.

The portal allows access to:

- information
- digital objects
- electronic prints ranging from citations and abstracts to full text articles
- electronic documents and web pages
- digitised images.

The AARLIN deal

- A self funding business model with stable membership fees
- Centralised computing infrastructure and support
- Extensive web site and discussion lists
- Regular workshops for staff
- Search and discovery of AARLIN portal - fully operational since January 2005

Full Membership

Each new full member pays a **once-only** joining fee plus a **yearly subscription**. Joining fees cover:

- Centralised technical infrastructure and support
- 24/7 operations
- Offsite disaster recovery
- Enabling access to local and regional e-resources
- Ex Libris licensing and maintenance
- Implementation and set up of MetaLib/SFX
- Implementing authentication
- Set up and configuration of local portal
- Assistance in customising and branding end user interface
- On site training
- Hardware and data storage.
- Cost savings from shared operation of MetaLib/SFX and portal support
- Shared specialist staff



About the search technology

AARLIN search and discovery portal enables member libraries to offer authenticated, simultaneous searching of multiple e-resources, digital repositories and web-accessible catalogues, indexes and databases.

Ex Libris MetaLib/SFX software concurrently searches multiple resources and protocols including Z39.50, html and xml. Customisable service menus seamlessly deliver full text, document delivery and direct access to library catalogues for detailed holdings status information.

Easy authenticated access

The sophisticated authentication platform provides great flexibility for members and users, supporting access through each member's locally branded portal anywhere, anytime.

Q. Who would benefit from full membership?

- A.** Institutions, wanting to implement a federated search engine and sophisticated resource discovery for digital and e-resources, and
- looking for alternatives to local responsibility for ownership, implementation and support of the necessary computing infrastructure
 - recognising the cost benefits in collaboration vs standalone operation of a complex search facility
 - looking for breadth of coverage in searching electronic resources of all types
 - interested in taking advantage of a skilled development team creating resource configurations and bringing this knowledge in-house.

Associate Membership

Associate membership includes:

- access to all user forums
- membership to the technical email list
- your choice of two free configurations
- AARLIN quality approved configurations discounted to \$500 per configuration

There are over 150 configurations to choose from not available elsewhere. To view the configurations available for purchase visit the AARLIN website <http://www.aarlin.edu.au>

All this for an annual subscription fee of \$2,500 per year

For a limited time AARLIN is offering Associate membership from 1 July 2006 to 31st December 2007, for a subscription fee of \$3,500 including your choice of 4 configurations at no additional cost.

Q. Who would benefit from Associate membership?

- A.** Institutions which have implemented or plan to implement Ex Libris's MetaLib/SFX and want access to resource configurations not available within the international Ex Libris knowledge base. These configurations enable searching of electronic resources of particular interest to libraries in Australia and New Zealand.

AARLIN members

Members include a growing number of Australian tertiary education institutions offering advanced library services to users.

La Trobe University, in addition to being a member, is the administering institution which manages the AARLIN Portal in accordance with the strategic directions identified by the Consortium.

All Full Members have direct input into the governing body (Management Committee).



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The AARLIN Consortium

Delivering innovation through collaboration

Membership

