



Become a Member of the BC Libraries Cooperative – Join today!

What is the BC Libraries Cooperative?

The BC Libraries Cooperative is a community enterprise, strategically focussed on the delivery of shared operational infrastructure and resources for our diverse members - nearly 100 institutions in the provinces of BC, Manitoba and the Yukon. Simply put, we strive to improve efficiency, reduce costs and extend service delivery in libraries.

The BC Libraries Cooperative is a limited-liability, non-profit corporate body registered under the Cooperative Association Act of BC. The Cooperative harnesses the tremendous buying power and cost savings of a consortium while at the same time providing the corporate ability to limit risk. Your library's risk is limited to its share capital; its fifty-dollar lifetime membership fee.

The Cooperative is home to:

- [Sitka](#), a multi-type library consortium powered by the innovative [Evergreen](#) open source Integrated Library System.
- The [Licensing](#) group, through which numerous licensed products are brokered in BC.

We're currently exploring several new opportunities for the membership.

Who is eligible to join?

Eligible organizations, including libraries of all types, archives, museums and others are invited and welcome to join the BC Libraries Cooperative. The Cooperative's charter limits its mandate to operational matters and issues of interest to eligible organizations, thus individuals are not eligible to join.

Why should my Library join?

Exclusive product range. Innovative services. Consortial savings. Expert advice. All of this within a non-profit, community governed structure.

Members have rights and benefits.

A one-time \$50.00 membership entitles member organizations to appoint a representative and to participate in the Cooperative's governance structure. Participation is voluntary and member organizations retain their own autonomy.

What are the members' obligations?

Members are encouraged to participate in the management of the Cooperative and must pay fees for goods and services they consume. Members' rights and obligations are detailed in the Rules of the Cooperative and its Service Management Agreement. These documents are public and available on the BC Libraries Cooperative website at cooperative.bclibraries.ca

Your organization will not be asked to sign a membership agreement until it decides it wishes to participate in one or more of the Cooperative's service offerings.

How does my organization join?

Joining is easy. Simply have a cheque made out on behalf of your organization in the amount of \$50.00 CAD, payable to:

BC Libraries Cooperative
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Where can I get more information?

Visit the BC Libraries Cooperative website at cooperative.bclibraries.ca or contact:

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