

## Group Purchasing Arrangements

Below are group purchasing arrangements (consortia, alliances, networks, etc.) available to SE/A network members. These arrangements are advantageous because they lower, per unit, e-licensing costs for groups of library members purchasing electronic resources. Importantly, there are eligibility requirements for membership. For example, a few are strictly for academic health sciences libraries, some are for the larger academic community, others have multi-type libraries as members and most arrangements do not cross state lines.

1. **MASHL** – [Maryland Association of Health Sciences Librarians](#)  
As a Maryland hospital library and/or MAHSL member there is greater buying power for a few select medical databases and e-journals.
2. [National Library Alliance](#)  
*The alliance* is for small hospitals, colleges, nursing schools, and public libraries working together to bring affordable electronic delivery of medical and nursing textbooks, while maintaining an affordable price.
3. **GAIN** - [Georgia Interactive Network](#)  
GaIN is a non-profit, university-based electronic health care information network open to all healthcare institutions in GA. It offers a range of information services to members, including online access to medical textbooks and journals.
4. **MisHIN** - [Mississippi Health Sciences Information Network](#)  
Through electronic information, MisHIN enables its members to link the newest medical information with clinical practice and thus enhancing both quality and cost effectiveness of health care delivery in Mississippi.
5. [AHEC Digital Library](#) – North Carolina  
The AHEC Digital Library serves North Carolina healthcare professionals by providing access to current medical literature and other quality health information resources via electronic full-text formats.
6. **NAAL** - [Network Of Alabama Academic Libraries](#)  
NAAL's resource sharing projects include the purchase of electronic resources and the use of information technologies in order to effectively support academic research in Alabama.
7. [Tenn-Share](#)  
Tenn-Share provides leadership and support in all areas of resource sharing (including the purchase of electronic resources) among libraries and information agencies of all types and sizes in Tennessee.
8. [Lyrisis](#) – Consortial licensing  
LYRISIS offers a Consortial Licensing Program, which allows a library to outsource portions of its licensing activities.
9. [The Carolina Consortium](#)  
Academic libraries in North Carolina and South Carolina can use their bulk purchasing power to obtain favorable pricing on a variety of electronic resources that are of interest to the scholarly community.
10. **VIVA** - [Virtual Library of Virginia](#)  
VIVA is a consortium of nonprofit academic libraries within Virginia and its business model eliminates duplication, leverages resources, and drives hard bargains to get the very best value for the Commonwealth's investment.
11. **WRLC** - [Washington Research Library Consortium](#)  
The WRLC was established in the Washington D.C. area to share library collections and information technology. One goal is to increase the scope and accessibility of information resources available to WRLC students and faculty by maintaining a cooperative process for selecting and funding shared purchases of online resources to realize cost savings.
12. **NERL** - [NorthEast Research Libraries consortium](#)  
The NorthEast Research Libraries consortium (NERL) interstate membership comprises 28 academic research libraries with common objectives of access and cost containment, joint licensing, and possible joint deployment of electronic resources.

13. **USMAI** - [University System of Maryland and Affiliated Institutions](#)  
USMAI shares resources through the centralized implementation of library software and cooperates with members for consortial purchasing of databases and e-journals.
14. [Triangle Research Libraries Network](#) - is a collaborative organization whose purpose is to marshal resources through cooperative efforts in order to create a rich and unparalleled knowledge environment that furthers the universities' teaching, research, and service missions.

If your library is interested in participating, contact the respective group purchasing organization for details on membership requirements.