

# State Wide Resource Sharing (SWRS)

## Ohio Libraries Share (OLS): MORE

### Cost Benefit Analysis

When determining the value of OLS: MORE to your environment, be sure to consider:

- Administrators
- Board of Education
- Community
- Classroom teachers
- Instructional support staff
- Students
- Librarians



<b>BENEFITS</b> <b>Advantages for Student Learning</b>	<b>COSTS</b> <b>Time and Dollars</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Borrow from collections totaling more than 50 million items, including books, DVDs, videos, music, audio books.</li> <li>• Web based. Need only computer, current Internet browser and <i>Adobe Acrobat</i></li> <li>• Locate hard to find materials.</li> <li>• Expands your collection with <b>K-12 appropriate materials</b>.</li> <li>• Longer loan periods help students, allowing time to improve reading comprehension. Especially helpful to those who have visual/learning difficulties or need additional time.</li> <li>• Prepares students for Inter-Library Loan (ILL) use in colleges; one more skill to prepare students for their futures.</li> <li>• Partnerships with other agencies: Collaboration can be within a district, between districts or with a public library or other agency using U.S. Cargo.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Per pupil cost is low, usually less than \$1 per pupil.</li> <li>• No software or equipment costs</li> <li>• <b>ONLY</b> cost is for shipping (U.S. Cargo or third party)</li> <li>• Can cut mailing costs. U.S. Cargo can be used by administrators to send materials across the state to other schools or public agencies using U.S. Cargo. (Other examples: Coaches send DVDs, band directors send competition packets.)</li> <li>• Payment options:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Partner with local public library (no cost to you or shared costs).</li> <li>2. Partner with other school districts and share costs.</li> <li>3. Request grant seed money from PTA/PTO or Educational Foundation.</li> <li>4. Include per pupil cost in student fees.</li> <li>5. Use curriculum monies.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

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## Curriculum Justification for OLS: MORE

Two deliveries per week	Divided by # of students in district	Cost per pupil
\$1,374	2,968 **	\$0.46
\$1,374	2,500	\$0.55
\$1,374	1,000	\$1.37
\$1,374		

\*\* Average number of students in Ohio school districts, 2006. Ohio Department of Education,  
<http://education.ohio.gov/GD/Templates/Pages/ODE/ODEDetail.aspx?page=3&TopicRelationID=1441&ContentID=26549&Content=81693>