

## PRESS RELEASE

### Library Groups Announce Partnership to Establish ORCID US Community

Atlanta, GA - January 30, 2018 - LYRASIS, a member-based nonprofit organization serving libraries, archives, and museums, is proud to announce a partnership with the NorthEast Research Libraries, the Greater Western Library Alliance, and the Big Ten Academic Alliance to create a US community to support ORCID, (Open Researcher and Contributor iD, <http://www.orcid.org>), a non-profit organization based in Bethesda, Maryland. ORCID provides a unique persistent digital identifier for individual scholarly researchers.

Participating library members of the organizations will fund a position at LYRASIS to support the adoption and full implementation of ORCID services at their institutions. All US institutions are welcome to join the program. The parties share a broader vision of national-scale collaboration for US institutions that provides robust support for adoption of open scholarly infrastructure.

Robert Miller, CEO of LYRASIS, says of the new partnership, "We're thrilled to be collaborating with like-minded organizations to support open technologies for the US scholarly research community. This new partnership for an ORCID US community fits well with our work in support of other open source programs and communities such as ArchivesSpace, CollectionSpace, and Islandora."

Laurel Haak, the Executive Director of ORCID, expressed her strong support for the coordinated approach to ORCID adoption. "The newly established ORCID US community will be a key factor in encouraging the use and adoption of critical digital research and scholarly information infrastructure. We are excited to begin working with this new partnership of leading US organizations."

#### About LYRASIS

LYRASIS, a nonprofit membership organization of more than 1000 libraries, museums, and archives supports enduring access to our shared academic, scientific and cultural heritage through leadership in open technologies, content services, digital solutions and collaboration with archives, libraries, museums and knowledge communities worldwide.

### **About NorthEast Research Libraries**

The NorthEast Research Libraries (NERL) consortium is a nonprofit program operating under the auspices of Center for Research Libraries, comprised of 30 core member academic research libraries and more than 110 affiliate members. NERL fosters and support the missions of its member institutions by negotiating the best possible licensing terms and prices for online resources.

### **About Greater Western Library Alliance**

The Greater Western Library Alliance (GWLA) is a consortium of 38 research libraries located across the United States, delivering cost-effective and high-quality information services and resources to its member institutions and their clientele.

### **About Big Ten Academic Alliance**

Headquartered in the Midwest, the Big Ten Academic Alliance is the nation's preeminent model for effective collaboration among research universities. The 14 member institutions advance their academic missions, generate unique opportunities for students and faculty, and serve the common good by sharing expertise, leveraging campus resources, and collaborating on innovative programs.

### **About ORCID**

ORCID's vision is a world where all who participate in research and innovation, from imagining to building and managing, are uniquely identified and connected to their contributions across disciplines, and borders, and time. ORCID provides an identifier for individuals to use with their name as they engage in research and innovation activities. ORCID provides open tools that enable transparent and trustworthy connections between researchers, their contributions, and affiliations. These services help people find information and simplify reporting and analysis.