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Resource Updates

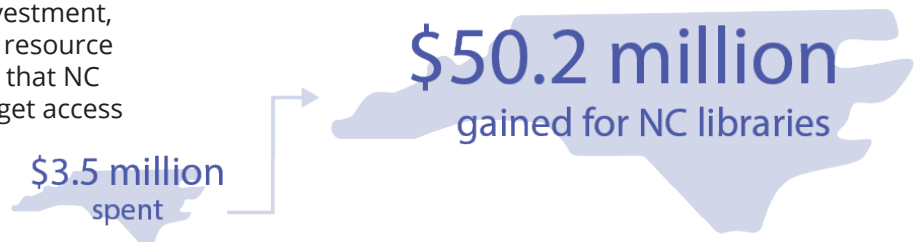
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Selection Process

Results

This year NC LIVE is proud to provide member libraries with a **fourteenfold** return on investment, surpassing the thirteenfold ROI of our last resource cycle. This means that for every one dollar that NC LIVE spends, North Carolina communities get access to fourteen dollars of resources.



Criteria

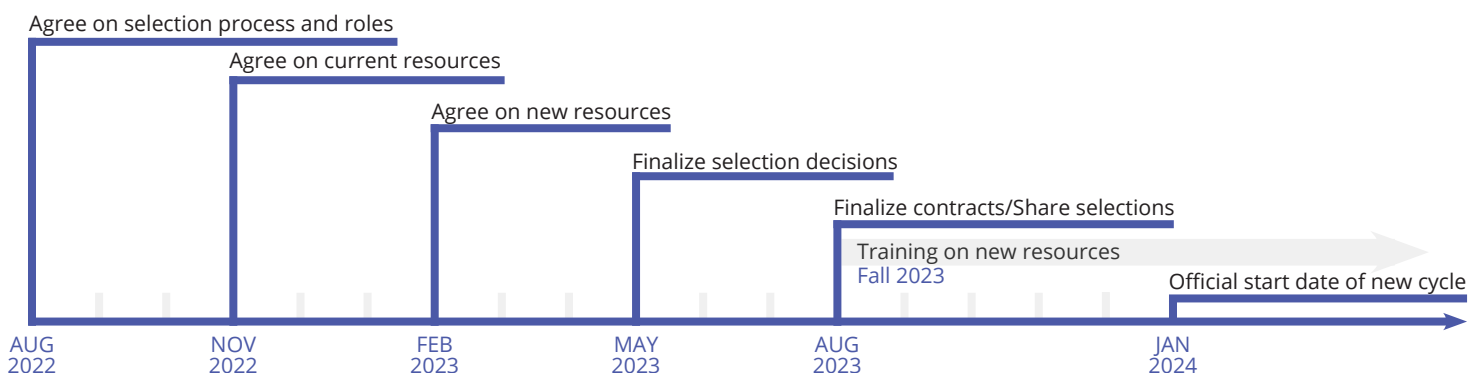
All resource selection decisions are made by the Librarians' Council, based on the recommendations of the Resource Advisory Committee.

All selections were based on the following criteria:

- Value across COIs
- Quantity of content for \$
- Quality of content for \$
- Cost per use
- User experience
- Accessibility
- Change cost to community

Process and Timeline

In order to ensure the best possible suite of resources for our communities, we selected resources based on community input and expert assessment. We solicited recommendations in a survey open to every library staff person at every member institution across the state. Every recommendation was considered and assessed by the Resource Advisory Committee (RAC), which consists of three representatives from each of NC LIVE's four Communities of Interest (COIs). Recommendations from the RAC were then reviewed and approved by the Librarians' Council (LC), which is comprised of COI representatives, committee chairs, and the State Librarian of NC.



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Renewals

Resource	Description
Biblioboard eBook Platform	E-book platform used to host NC LIVE's HomeGrown eBooks Collection. BiblioBoard delivers all media types, works across desktop and mobile platforms, and offers a modern user experience.
CQ Researcher	Reports on issues shaping our world, with in-depth coverage of political and social issues, such as health, education, the environment, technology, and the U.S. economy.
Credo Reference	Premier virtual reference collection including encyclopedias, dictionaries, atlases, images, audio files, and videos in a wide expanse of subject areas.
Data-Axle Reference Solutions	Reference and research tool providing instant, real-time access to accurate, in-depth information on 24 million U.S. businesses and 235 million U.S. residents. Data-Axle makes it faster and easier to find new business opportunities, research executives and companies, find news articles, conduct job searches, research papers, locate addresses and phone numbers, conduct market research and much more.
EBSCO CINAHL Plus with Full Text	Premier database of nursing and allied health journals with additional materials that include nursing dissertations, conference proceedings, evidence-based care sheets, audiovisuals, and continuing education modules.
EBSCO MasterFILE with Consumer Reports	Popular collection of product reviews and recommendations for cars, appliances, electronics, personal finance, and health information.
EBSCO Novelist Plus	Readers' advisory resource covering fiction, nonfiction, and audiobook recommendations.
Ferguson's Career Guidance	Career database that enables users to explore industries and careers, plan their education, and research best practices for résumés, cover letters, interviewing, networking, and salaries/benefits. Includes articles, career advice blogs, and streaming video.
Films on Demand	Thousands of high quality videos on business & economics, health & medicine, humanities & social sciences, and science & mathematics, as well as travel and fitness programming, home and how-to videos, indie films, and popular music performances. Includes Oscar, Emmy and Peabody award winning documentaries, interviews, instructional and vocational training videos, historical speeches and newsreels.
Gale Ebooks Platform	Platform fee for the Gale Ebooks platform which hosts permanent ebooks purchased by NC LIVE from Gale, and any locally purchased Gale ebook content from libraries.
Gale Literature Resource Center	An extensive literature resource collection with articles, critical essays, topic overviews, full-text works, and biographies covering authors, their works, and literary movements.
Historic NC Digital Newspapers	3.5 million digitized pages of historic newspaper content from the North Carolina Collection at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Renewals, cont'd.

Resource	Description
Just for Kids Streaming Video Collection	The Just for Kids Streaming Collection gives children—and their parents—a thoroughly kid-safe, advertisement-free media platform they can freely explore and enjoy.
LearningExpress Library and PrepSTEP	Practice tests, interactive tutorials, and ebooks for students adult learners. Includes practices tests such as GED, GRE, SAT, TEAS, and supports those looking to improve core academic skills, pass a high school equivalency test, prepare for college, join the military, obtain occupational certification, find a job, change careers, become a U.S. citizen and much more.
Morningstar	Investment research center that includes research and independent opinions on thousands of mutual funds, stocks, and hundreds of ETFs.
ProQuest Custom Collection	Our current ProQuest aggregated collection, which covers general reference, education, entrepreneurship, global regions, library science, natural sciences, news, and numerous health and social science fields. For a complete list of included resources, see page 7.
ProQuest Summon	Discovery service to increase usage of library resources by offering patrons a contemporary search interface.
Transparent Language	Transparent Language Online provides a fun, effective, and engaging experience for learners of all levels looking to build their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in a foreign language. Combining robust courses, supplemental vocabulary, extensive grammar resources, and mobile apps, Transparent Language Online is the most complete language-learning system. With over 110 languages to choose from, including English for speakers of over 30 languages, there is something for every learner.

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Additions

Resource	Description
Social Explorer	Visualization and data-mapping tool with hundreds of thousands of data indicators across demography, economy, health, education, religion, crime and more.

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Subtractions

Resource	Description	Replaced By	Rationale
Cypress Resume	Easy-to-use résumé building tool with a built-in writing process and automatic formatting.	Free resume tools, such as NCWorks Online: ncworks.gov .	Low usage.
Gale in Context: Biography	A biography databases which includes narrative biographies, news, magazine, and multimedia content.	Similar content is available through Credo Reference and Gale Literature Resource Center.	High cost-per-use.

Frequently Asked Questions

General FAQs

MY LIBRARY HAS ITS OWN SUBSCRIPTION TO ONE OF THE NEWLY-ADDED RESOURCES. CAN I GET A REFUND NOW THAT NC LIVE IS PROVIDING IT TO THE WHOLE CONSORTIUM?

We have negotiated with vendors to ensure that any existing subscriptions that member libraries hold to new NC LIVE resources will be prorated and refunded or credited appropriately. You can contact your vendor directly to initiate this process.

CAN LIBRARIES GET EARLY ACCESS TO A RESOURCE BEFORE IT LAUNCHES ON JANUARY 1?

Early access will be available for training purposes. Check out NC LIVE training opportunities, such as webinars and tutorials, at nclive.org/instruction.

SOME OF THESE RESOURCES ARE NEW TO ME. WHAT OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR TRAINING ON THE NEW RESOURCES?

Our Instruction Librarian is in the process of organizing the following instructional opportunities for our membership and will announce them as they become available:

- Vendor webinars
- Online hands-on training
- Tutorials

You can always check on current instruction offerings at nclive.org/instruction or sign up for the NC LIVE listserv to receive announcements about new training opportunities.

HOW LONG ARE THE CONTRACTS FOR?

Unless otherwise noted, all contracts will end on Dec 31, 2026.

I USE EZPROXY TO ENABLE OFFSITE ACCESS TO NC LIVE RESOURCES. HOW/WHEN/WHO WILL CONFIGURE MY EZPROXY TO ENABLE THESE NEW RESOURCES? WILL I GET MARC RECORDS FOR THE NEW RESOURCES?

As we get closer to launching the new resources, we'll be sending out an email for each new resource with proxy information and MARC records.

WILL THERE BE ANY CHANGES IN NC LIVE'S PERPETUAL ACCESS COLLECTIONS?

NC LIVE will continue to provide perpetual access to the following collections of own materials:

- ABC-CLIO E-book Collection
- Credo Contemporary Issues and Controversies Ebooks
- Chadwyck-Healey Poetry Collections
- eBooks on EBSCOhost
- Gale Ebooks
- HomeGrown Ebooks Collection
- Ebook Central Permanent Collection
- hoopla ebooks and audiobooks
- JSTOR Ebooks
- North American Women's Letters and Diaries
- NC LIVE Video Collection hosted on Films on Demand Platform
- Omnigraphics Health Reference Sourcebooks

FAQs, cont'd.

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WHAT SPECIFIC RESOURCES ARE INCLUDED IN NC LIVE'S PROQUEST CUSTOM COLLECTION?

ABI/INFORM Collection	Linguistics Database
Accounting, Tax & Banking Collection	Materials Science Database
Advanced Technologies & Aerospace Database	Middle East & Africa Database
Agricultural & Environmental Science Collection	Military Database
Arts & Humanities Database	New York Times
Asian & European Business Collection	Nursing & Allied Health Database
Australia & New Zealand Database	Political Science Database
Biological Science Database	ProQuest Central
Business Market Research Collection	ProQuest Learning: Literature
Canadian Business & Current Affairs Database	ProQuest Research Companion
Canadian Newsstream	ProQuest Research Library
Career & Technical Education Database	Psychology Database
Computer Science Database	Public Health Database
Consumer Health Database	Religion Database
Continental Europe Database	Science Database
Criminal Justice Database	SIRS Discoverer
Digital Sanborn Maps (1867-1970) for North Carolina	SIRS Issues Researcher
Earth, Atmospheric Aquatic Science Database	Social Science Database
East & South Asia Database	Sociology Database
East Europe, Central Europe Database	Statistical Abstract of the United States
Ebook Central Academic and Public Library Complete	Telecommunications Database
Education Database	Turkey Database
eLibrary	U.K. & Ireland Database
Engineering Database	US Newsstream
Entrepreneurship Database	Wall Street Journal
Global Breaking Newswires	Washington Post
Health & Medical Collection	
Healthcare Administration Database	
HeritageQuest	
Historic North Carolina Digital Newspaper Collection	
History Study Center	
India Database	
International Newsstream	
Latin America & Iberia Database	
Library Science Database	