

TITLE: Affordable Learning KY: An Initiative of the Kentucky Virtual Library

DESCRIPTION: Staff will provide the Committee with an overview of the work of the Kentucky Virtual Library and discuss how its work is helping make postsecondary education more affordable for its students.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The Kentucky Virtual Library (KYVL) is a statewide, multi-type consortium of 350 members, including Kentucky academic libraries, public libraries, public school districts, private K-12 schools, hospitals, and more. All of Kentucky's public colleges and universities participate, along with all private AIKCU-affiliated institutions and some nonaffiliated academics. In cooperation with the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA), KYVL resources are also available to state government employees.

KYVL's mission is to provide all Kentuckians a common foundation of high-quality resources, and support in their use, to enhance lifelong learning, working and living. Primary KYVL services and resources include a core collection of research and skill-building databases serving learners of all ages; a library-to-library courier service to support resource sharing among public and academic libraries; and the Kentucky Digital Library (KDL) platform for sharing digital archival collections. Affordable Learning KY began to take shape in the fall of 2020.

During the 2021-22 academic year, KYVL supported:

- 67 million database searches.
- 84 thousand items transported by courier.
- 1.2 million items indexed in or accessible through KDL.

KYVL's operates on a total annual budget of roughly \$4.5 million. For F21-22, 55% percent of revenues came from member fees, with additional funding from CPE (34%) and KDLA (11%). F21-22 expenditures included database licensing (85%), courier fees (8%), technology / systems (3%), and staffing and other expenses (5%). Annual savings for member institutions are estimated at over \$20 million statewide.

KYVL has two full-time staff members and a well-established committee structure of representing library constituencies and member institutions. A summary of current committee membership in KYVL work groups conveys a sense of the broad engagement of Kentucky academic institutions in the work of KYVL.

Work Group	Public University and KCTCS Membership
Affordable Learning	Co-chairs ECU & WKU; KSU, MoSU, MuSU, NKU, UK, UL, Big Sandy CTC, Bluegrass CTC, Gateway CTC
Alliance	KYSU, Owensboro CC, UK, UL
Collections	ECU, WKU, UofL, Bluegrass CTC, Gateway CTC, Maysville CC
Funding	MuSU, Southcentral KY CTC, Jefferson CTC
Kentucky Digital Library	<i>Mostly public libraries, small academics</i>
Information Literacy	Co-chair SKYCTC, Gateway CTC, Maysville CC
Leadership Team	MoSU – David Gregory Jefferson CTC – Sheree Williams

KYVL launched in November of 1999.