# Help make resource sharing open and accessible by joining the Exlibris Resource Sharing Directory!

Our goal is to break down walls between resource sharing platforms and make resource sharing as interoperable as possible.

Being a part of the directory lets other Alma institutions know how they can interact with you regardless of your preferred resource sharing platform.

Any Alma library can opt into the directory by a simple set up done through Alma. Steps include letting people know who you are, where to find you and what you can lend.

Participating in the directory does not require that you use Alma resource sharing as your staff interface. The directory will enable configuring ILLiad or Alma as you preferred tool.

**What is the directory?**

The directory is a central place with up-to-date information about resource sharing libraries in Alma

**How does it work?**

* You can self-define a resource sharing member which is published to the Community Zone
* Others can go the Community Zone and download your member if they want to send you requests directly to Alma. This eases the peer-to-peer relationship setup

**How can you opt in?**

A fulfillment admin role should see a new section under fulfillment configuration “Contribute to Resource Sharing Directory”. You can find documentation on the short steps need here

**How do I use the Directory to expand my resource sharing network?**

The directory is available from the Alma resource sharing partner tab.

Step1: You search for potential partners in the directory and simply download the configuration to your institution.

Step2: Alma requires that the other library also defines you as their partner. So to start working with the library you identified you will need to contact them and ask them to also download your partner record.

Now both libraries can start sending requests to one another without the need to create complex partner and locate definitions in Alma!

This can be a great improvement from using email partners and sending one another manual ALA forms!

Still have concerns?   
Contact us at [RS-Directory@exlibrisgroup.com](mailto:RS-Directory@exlibrisgroup.com) to help you with any question or find out more [here](https://page.exlibrisgroup.com/resource-sharing-directory?hs_preview=IMgyXJcU-59009105232)