



Frequently Asked Questions

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FAQ - What is JASI?

JASI stands for “**Joint Automation Server Initiative**”

- a program developed by Ontario Library Service – North that provides equity of access to library services, technologies and resources for Ontario’s residents through a shared integrated library system.

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FAQ - What are some of the benefits of JASI?

Advanced Technologies

JASI members enjoy the benefits of leading-edge technology at an affordable price such as:

Mobile apps

Social media integration

Automated patron notifications

Smartphone integration for staff and patrons

OverDrive Integration

...and much more

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FAQ - Can JASI membership help to lower my operating costs?

Yes.

Thanks to **Consortia Purchasing Power**, patron cards, labels, hardware, peripherals, cataloguing records and more can often be purchased at reduced prices.

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FAQ - How can JASI benefit First Nation or Francophone libraries?

All JASI members including First Nation and Francophone libraries can share unique collections with other libraries who often aren't aware of these collections or have limited or no access at all.

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FAQ - Do I need to be a cataloguing expert to join JASI?

No.

The JASI catalog provides access to thousands of MARC records.

Simply add an item to an existing standardized MARC record instead of creating or importing MARC records.

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FAQ - Can JASI give me reports for my board or help with the annual survey?

Yes.

Creating reports is easier than ever before.

Create graphical reports for your board or complete provincial surveys easily with report templates.

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FAQ - What does it cost to join JASI?

Membership fees for libraries are annual and based on population served.
Contact OLS- N to get a quote for your library.

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FAQ - Is my library eligible to join JASI?

Probably yes.

Membership in JASI is open to any non-automated public library in Southern Ontario that wishes to participate in addition to all Northern Libraries.

Participation criteria includes full participation in the Provincial Interloan system according to the policy of the appropriate OPS agency. Each public library that wishes to participate will be required to enter into a contractual agreement with OLS-North.

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FAQ - Will I have access to training and tech support after I join JASI?

Yes.

All JASI members have full support and training provided by the JASI support team and ongoing support and training whenever they need it.

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FAQ - Where can I find more information?

- On the web at www.jasinorth.ca
- By phone: 1-800-461-6348
- By email ask@olsn.ca

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