

<b>TITLE:</b>	Kentucky Virtual Library and Affordable Learning Kentucky
<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>	Staff will provide an update on the work of the Kentucky Virtual Library and one of its key initiatives, Affordable Learning Kentucky.
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**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

One of CPE's key duties is managing the Kentucky Virtual Library (KYVL), which is a collaboration of over 350 Kentucky libraries and institutions, including colleges and universities, public libraries, K-12 schools, hospitals and the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA). KYVL services include research databases, a courier service, the Kentucky Digital Library, and Affordable Learning KY.

KYVL's shared services and collaborative purchasing result in annual savings of approximately \$10 million for Kentucky's postsecondary institutions. In 2023-24, members searched KYVL databases over 68 million times and downloaded or viewed more than five million full-text articles, images or videos. KYVL's courier service transports over ten thousand items per month throughout the state to facilitate resource sharing among public and academic libraries. Additionally, over 20 partner libraries and institutions have published more than 50 local archival collections in the Kentucky Digital Library, making this unique content available online for scholarship, research and lifelong learning.

Dedicated to promoting student success and educational equity through Open Educational Resources (OER), Affordable Learning Kentucky (ALKY) is a key initiative of KYVL. ALKY champions the adoption, adaptation, and creation of OER and other open access resources. ALKY recently celebrated Open Education Week, convening state and national leaders, faculty, and students to explore OER and open educational practices. Currently, ALKY is conducting its second biennial Student Textbook Survey to gain critical insights into the impact of textbook costs and access on students' academic journeys. Through statewide and national presentations, ALKY leaders are expanding the reach and benefits of OER learning and development through cooperation and collaboration.