



Academic Library Association of Ohio  
A Chapter of the ACRL  
A Section of the Ohio College Association

### ***ALAO Interest Groups***

Special interest groups have formed over the years to discuss specific concerns and issues related to academic librarianship in Ohio. Guidelines for affiliation of interest groups with ALAO are documented in the ALAO Procedures Manual. Interest groups often sponsor workshops, conference program sessions, and other meetings to facilitate communication among library staff with similar professional interests and areas of responsibilities. Please see the ALAO website for further information. <http://www.alaoweb.org/comcigs/igs.html>

### ***CMCIG***

Curriculum Materials Center Interest Group  
<http://www.alaoweb.org/comcigs/cmciig>

### ***Purpose***

The purpose of the Curriculum Materials Center Interest Group is to provide opportunities at a statewide level for CMC personnel to meet and exchange information.

### ***Goals***

The CMCIG's goals are:

- To address mutual issues or problems related to Curriculum Materials Centers that can be discussed in a group setting for the purpose of generating ideas and solutions.
- To share ideas and information regarding Curriculum Materials Centers by sponsoring or co-sponsoring programs and workshops.
- To provide opportunity for networking between CMCs through the publication of a directory of Curriculum Materials Centers.
- To promote the interests of CMCs and CMC personnel through contributions to the ALAO Newsletter.
- To support continued professional development of CMC personnel to insure high standards of service to education programs in Ohio.

### ***Objectives***

To be determined annually by the Chair of the Interest Group in consultation with members.

### ***Membership***

The Interest Group will consist of ALAO members who have expressed an interest in curriculum materials. The Chair will be elected each spring from the Membership.

### ***CMCIG Workshops***

Workshops are presented twice a year, at the ALAO Conference in the fall and at various Ohio locations in the spring. The CMCIG web page has an archive of topics and speakers.

### ***Spring Workshop Information***

2005: Kent State University  
[Putting the Pieces Together: The Many Facets of CMCs](#)

2004: Bowling Green State University  
[Rediscovering our Collections](#)

2003: Ashland University  
[Creating the Exemplary CMC Environment: Connecting with Patrons](#)

2002: Eisenhower National Clearinghouse  
[Information Mining](#)

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[Virtual Resources: Collaboration and Discovery](#)

2000: Columbus Metropolitan Library  
[CMC's in the New Millennium](#)

### ***CMCIG Projects***

CMCIG is dedicated to projects which benefit Curriculum Materials Centers and their patrons. Current and past projects reflect issues such as Praxis II Resources and CMC guidelines. An archive of projects, dating from 1988 forward, is available on the CMCIG web page.

### ***Praxis Pathfinder (2002-2003)***

The Praxis II Pathfinder is an Academic Library Association of Ohio (ALAO) Curriculum Materials Center Interest Group (CMCIG) collaborative service project. ALAO members recommend books, materials, and websites that help patrons prepare for the Praxis II tests, Principles of Learning and Teaching, and some subject assessments/specialty area tests.

The Pathfinder is a test preparation tool that has the potential to help patrons improve their test scores. Students can refer to the Pathfinder as they prepare for the Praxis II tests. CMCIG members have a common interest in this project and possess the cooperative expertise to identify appropriate, current resources. The CMCIG chair and Coordinating Committee will update and expand the information as it becomes available.

Praxis Pathfinder may be found directly at <http://academic.udayton.edu/Praxis/index.htm> or via the CMCIG web page.

### ***CMCIG Listserv (2001)***

Open to all ALAO members, the CMCIG listserv focuses on issues pertaining to Ohio's curriculum materials centers. Issues that arise during our annual meetings and workshops are often discussed on the list. Additionally, CMCIG workshops and meetings are announced via this listserv, as well as the ALAO listserv.

### ***Subscribe to the CMCIG Listserv***

To subscribe, send an email message to [imailsrv@lms.kent.edu](mailto:imailsrv@lms.kent.edu) with the following in the body of the message:

subscribe ALAO-CMC your\_full\_name

Once subscribed, send email messages to [alao-cmc@lms.kent.edu](mailto:alao-cmc@lms.kent.edu) to participate in discussions. Remember that all messages posted to the list will have [CMCIG] as the beginning subject line and a "reply" to posted messages will be sent only to the poster, not to the list.

### ***Directory of Ohio CMCs (2000)***

An online directory form for institutions to submit data and information regarding individual curriculum materials centers. This directory is a cooperative venture with Akron University and Utah State University. It is possible to report, update, delete, and insert new records directly from the web. Statistical information is present for reporting institutions.

Directory of Ohio Curriculum Materials Centers is hosted by the University of Akron <http://cmc.library.uakron.edu/cmc/index.html> and via the CMCIG web page.

### ***CMCIG Website***

Keep up to date with CMCIG workshops and projects by visiting the web page. Check out the "what's new?" area for recent additions.

### ***CMCIG Coordinating Committee 2005-2006***

Looking for a way to get involved with ALAO and CMCIG? Looking for a way to be sure your voice is heard? Volunteer to be on the coordinating committee and share your ideas with peers. If interested in becoming a member of the CMCIG coordinating committee, please contact one of the current members.

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