

# EBSCO Database Package renewal 2024-2025

The pricing for the renewal of the group-purchase for EBSCO online subscription databases is now finalized for public libraries participating in the SWAN arrangement. Currently, 84 libraries participate in the purchase which is now in its 5<sup>th</sup> annual renewal.

The renewal 3.0% cost increase is applied to the single invoice received by SWAN. This year we have Addison Public Library joining the group-purchase. This group purchase is negotiated with RAILS and EBSCO with SWAN staff involvement, and we typically do not have a final invoice until April.

The SWAN EBSCO group-purchase cost sharing arrangement is divided into 4 participating library groups called “quartiles.” The goal of the cost sharing is to allow as many public libraries as possible in SWAN to participate in the group-purchase, which means some libraries are forgoing a full percentage discount so that other libraries can receive a larger discount. The discounts for the libraries for this year are as follows.

EBSCO Quartile Group	Year 5
Group 1 discount	69.00%
Group 2 discount	44.00%
Group 3 discount	40.00%
Group 4 discount	34.00%

This group-purchase for the RAILS EBSCO package would have cost:

RAILS EBSCO “group B” price for 84 SWAN libraries	\$884,910
SWAN group-purchase price	\$476,035
<b>Total savings</b>	<b>\$408,874</b>

## Renewal Timeline

February 23, 2024	Libraries opt-out decision
April 22, 2024	Database selection form will open
May 10, 2024	Database selection form is closed
May 30, 2024	SWAN order details are due to RAILS
June 30, 2024	Updated EBSCO links sent to libraries
July 1, 2024	Updated EBSCO selections are live

## Member Library Responsibilities

- Read over the [SWAN support documentation](#) on the EBSCO database packages
- Determine if your library will continue to participate in the year-5 renewal
- This is a “passive renewal” so if your library decides to remain in the group-purchase, you will not have to notify SWAN
- Libraries that wish to opt-out must inform [SWAN via the online form](#) by February 24, 2024
- Please contact SWAN E-Resources Consultant Olivia Montolin to discuss options for about the group-purchase:

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## SWAN Staff Responsibilities

- Provide database selection period for the library renewal
- Provide centralized management and configuration of databases, including links for remote access use
- Act as centralized point-of-contact for sales and contract renewal
- Hold the EBSCO license on behalf of the public library membership
- Provide centralized support and troubleshooting – through SWAN help/ticket system. SWAN works with EBSCO.
- Provide instructional support through documentation and online tutorials, accessible from the SWAN patron website
- Provide online training for library staff in use of resources, including targeted resources to assist library staff in collection development, reference, and readers advisory (working in collaboration with SWAN member library experts)
- Provide training and support in reporting statistics; consortium-wide statistical analysis
- Continue collaboration with RAILS and the Illinois State Library to expand access to electronic resources with significant cost savings
- If you have questions, please utilize the [SWAN Support site help system](#).

## Group purchase formula explainer

The steps to create the purchase pricing per library is outlined below and is followed each year during the renewal process.

1. Update public library tax information using data used within SWAN membership fee formula
2. Update RAILS EBSCO group B purchase cost per library (pricing based on library service population)
3. Sort column "EBSCO Full Price as Percentage of Tax Revenue Budget" high to low
  - a. This will determine a library's ability in a given year to participate in the purchase
4. Divide participating libraries into 4 equal size groups
  - a. 84 libraries break into 4 groups with 22 libraries in group 1 and the others with 21 libraries
5. Determine if Quartile discounts for each group on RAILS package B full price will sum up to the amount of the invoice SWAN will receive from RAILS for the group purchase
  - a. Adjust discounts for each group by the same amount
  - b. Discounts percentages may utilize one or two decimal places depending on the sum total
6. Sort chart by library name
7. Hide columns that complicate fee chart presentation
  - a. Suggested columns
    - i. Public Library Tax Revenue Total 2021
    - ii. EBSCO FY25 Pricing: RAILS Group B Package with 3% increase
    - iii. EBSCO Full Price as Percentage of Tax Revenue Budget
    - iv. % Increase / (Decrease)
    - v. Savings overall
8. If sum total for the group purchase falls short of the quoted RAILS invoice, SWAN will make up the purchase price difference
9. If a library withdraws from the purchase, repeat above steps
  - a. If the groups cannot be evenly divided, set Group 1 and Group 2 to have more participants
  - b. Quartile discounts will need to be adjusted as the total price for the package purchase will not be reduced when a library exits the deal

# SWAN EBSCO Group-purchase discount pricing year-5 renewal:

## Estimated fees for FY25

Based on 84 participants 3.0% increase on renewal price

Library Name	Price Quartile Group for Year- 5	Group Purchase Discount	SWAN FY25		Increase / (Decrease)
			Group- Purchase Price (Year-5)	Prior year	
Acorn Public Library District	Group 1	69.00%	<b>\$4,628</b>	\$4,384	\$243
Addison Public Library	Group 4	34.00%	<b>\$13,049</b>	\$0	\$13,049
Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library District	Group 3	40.00%	<b>\$6,033</b>	\$5,784	\$249
Batavia Public Library District	Group 4	34.00%	<b>\$6,636</b>	\$6,370	\$267
Bedford Park Public Library District	Group 4	34.00%	<b>\$2,243</b>	\$2,153	\$90
Beecher Community Library District	Group 1	69.00%	<b>\$1,837</b>	\$1,740	\$97
Bellwood Public Library	Group 2	44.00%	<b>\$5,631</b>	\$5,394	\$237
Bensenville Community Public Library District	Group 2	44.00%	<b>\$5,631</b>	\$5,394	\$237
Berkeley Public Library	Group 1	69.00%	<b>\$1,837</b>	\$1,740	\$97
Berwyn Public Library	Group 3	40.00%	<b>\$11,862</b>	\$11,373	\$489
Bloomington Public Library	Group 4	34.00%	<b>\$6,636</b>	\$6,370	\$267
Bridgeview Public Library	Group 2	44.00%	<b>\$5,631</b>	\$5,394	\$237
Broadview Public Library District	Group 3	40.00%	<b>\$3,555</b>	\$3,409	\$147
Brookfield Public Library	Group 4	34.00%	<b>\$6,636</b>	\$6,370	\$267
Calumet City Public Library	Group 1	69.00%	<b>\$4,493</b>	\$4,256	\$236
Carol Stream Public Library	Group 4	34.00%	<b>\$9,565</b>	\$9,181	\$384
Chicago Heights Public Library	Group 1	69.00%	<b>\$4,493</b>	\$4,256	\$236
Cicero Public Library	Group 1	69.00%	<b>\$8,451</b>	\$8,006	\$445
Clarendon Hills Public Library	Group 2	44.00%	<b>\$3,318</b>	\$3,179	\$140
Crestwood Public Library District	Group 2	44.00%	<b>\$3,318</b>	\$3,179	\$140
Crete Public Library District	Group 3	40.00%	<b>\$6,033</b>	\$5,784	\$249
Dolton Public Library District	Group 1	69.00%	<b>\$3,117</b>	\$2,953	\$164
Downers Grove Public Library	Group 4	34.00%	<b>\$9,565</b>	\$9,181	\$384
Eisenhower Public Library District	Group 4	34.00%	<b>\$6,636</b>	\$6,370	\$267
Elmwood Park Public Library	Group 2	44.00%	<b>\$5,631</b>	\$5,394	\$237
Evergreen Park Public Library	Group 2	44.00%	<b>\$5,631</b>	\$5,394	\$237
Flossmoor Public Library	Group 3	40.00%	<b>\$3,555</b>	\$3,409	\$147
Forest Park Public Library	Group 3	40.00%	<b>\$6,033</b>	\$5,784	\$249
Frankfort Public Library District	Group 3	40.00%	<b>\$8,696</b>	\$8,337	\$359
Franklin Park Public Library District	Group 3	40.00%	<b>\$6,033</b>	\$5,784	\$249
Geneva Public Library District	Group 4	34.00%	<b>\$9,565</b>	\$9,181	\$384
Glen Ellyn Public Library	Group 4	34.00%	<b>\$6,636</b>	\$6,370	\$267
Glenside Public Library District	Group 3	40.00%	<b>\$9,877</b>	\$9,469	\$408
Grande Prairie Public Library District	Group 1	69.00%	<b>\$4,493</b>	\$4,256	\$236
Green Hills Public Library District	Group 3	40.00%	<b>\$8,696</b>	\$8,337	\$359
Harvey Public Library District	Group 2	44.00%	<b>\$5,631</b>	\$5,394	\$237
Hillside Public Library	Group 4	34.00%	<b>\$3,911</b>	\$3,754	\$157
Hinsdale Public Library	Group 4	34.00%	<b>\$6,636</b>	\$6,370	\$267
Hodgkins Public Library District	Group 3	40.00%	<b>\$2,039</b>	\$1,955	\$84
Homewood Public Library District	Group 3	40.00%	<b>\$6,033</b>	\$5,784	\$249
Indian Prairie Public Library District	Group 4	34.00%	<b>\$9,565</b>	\$9,181	\$384
Itasca Community Library	Group 4	34.00%	<b>\$3,911</b>	\$3,754	\$157
Justice Public Library District	Group 1	69.00%	<b>\$3,117</b>	\$2,953	\$164
Kaneville Public Library District	Group 1	69.00%	<b>\$1,054</b>	\$998	\$55
LaGrange Park Public Library District	Group 3	40.00%	<b>\$6,033</b>	\$5,784	\$249
Lansing Public Library	Group 4	34.00%	<b>\$6,636</b>	\$6,370	\$267
Lyons Public Library	Group 1	69.00%	<b>\$3,117</b>	\$2,953	\$164
Markham Public Library	Group 1	69.00%	<b>\$3,117</b>	\$2,953	\$164
Matteson Area Public Library District	Group 4	34.00%	<b>\$6,636</b>	\$6,370	\$267
Maywood Public Library District	Group 2	44.00%	<b>\$5,631</b>	\$5,394	\$237
McCook Public Library District	Group 2	44.00%	<b>\$1,903</b>	\$1,823	\$80

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Melrose Park Public Library	Group 2	44.00%	<b>\$5,631</b>	\$5,394	\$237
Messenger Public Library of North Aurora	Group 3	40.00%	<b>\$6,033</b>	\$5,784	\$249
Midlothian Public Library	Group 2	44.00%	<b>\$5,631</b>	\$5,394	\$237
Nancy L. McConathy Public Library District	Group 1	69.00%	<b>\$3,117</b>	\$2,953	\$164
North Riverside Public Library District	Group 3	40.00%	<b>\$3,555</b>	\$3,409	\$147
Oak Brook Public Library	Group 3	40.00%	<b>\$3,555</b>	\$3,409	\$147
Oak Lawn Public Library	Group 4	34.00%	<b>\$13,049</b>	\$12,525	\$524
Oak Park Public Library	Group 4	34.00%	<b>\$13,049</b>	\$12,525	\$524
Palos Heights Public Library	Group 2	44.00%	<b>\$5,631</b>	\$5,394	\$237
Palos Park Public Library	Group 2	44.00%	<b>\$1,903</b>	\$1,823	\$80
Park Forest Public Library	Group 3	40.00%	<b>\$6,033</b>	\$5,784	\$249
Prairie Trails Public Library District	Group 2	44.00%	<b>\$8,116</b>	\$7,774	\$342
Richton Park Public Library District	Group 1	69.00%	<b>\$3,117</b>	\$2,953	\$164
River Forest Public Library	Group 2	44.00%	<b>\$5,631</b>	\$5,394	\$237
River Grove Public Library District	Group 1	69.00%	<b>\$3,117</b>	\$2,953	\$164
Riverside Public Library	Group 3	40.00%	<b>\$3,555</b>	\$3,409	\$147
Roselle Public Library District	Group 3	40.00%	<b>\$6,853</b>	\$6,570	\$283
Schiller Park Public Library	Group 2	44.00%	<b>\$5,631</b>	\$5,394	\$237
South Holland Public Library	Group 3	40.00%	<b>\$6,033</b>	\$5,784	\$249
St Charles Public Library District	Group 4	34.00%	<b>\$13,049</b>	\$12,525	\$524
Stickney-Forest View Public Library District	Group 2	44.00%	<b>\$5,631</b>	\$5,394	\$237
Sugar Grove Public Library District	Group 1	69.00%	<b>\$3,117</b>	\$2,953	\$164
Summit Public Library District	Group 1	69.00%	<b>\$3,117</b>	\$2,953	\$164
Thomas Ford Memorial Library	Group 2	44.00%	<b>\$5,631</b>	\$5,394	\$237
Thornton Public Library	Group 1	69.00%	<b>\$1,054</b>	\$998	\$55
Tinley Park Public Library	Group 4	34.00%	<b>\$13,049</b>	\$12,525	\$524
University Park Public Library District	Group 1	69.00%	<b>\$1,837</b>	\$1,740	\$97
Villa Park Public Library	Group 3	40.00%	<b>\$6,033</b>	\$5,784	\$249
Warrenville Public Library District	Group 2	44.00%	<b>\$6,396</b>	\$6,126	\$269
West Chicago Public Library District	Group 4	34.00%	<b>\$6,636</b>	\$6,370	\$267
Westchester Public Library	Group 2	44.00%	<b>\$5,631</b>	\$5,394	\$237
William Leonard Public Library District	Group 1	69.00%	<b>\$1,837</b>	\$1,740	\$97
Worth Public Library District	Group 1	69.00%	<b>\$3,117</b>	\$2,953	\$164

**Group purchase total: \$476,035**

**EBSCO/RAILS invoice (Addison participates + 3% increase): \$477,519**

**Over/(Under): (\$1,484)**