

# 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 5.0% 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     | 68.50% |
| Group 2 discount     | 43.50% |
| Group 3 discount     | 39.50% |
| Group 4 discount     | 33.50% |

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                         | \$475,889        |
| <b>Total savings</b>                              | <b>\$409,021</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 2024-2025 renewal:**  
**Based on 84 participants 5.0% increase on renewal price**  
**Final pricing**

| Library Name                                   | Price Quartile<br>Group for Year-<br>5 | Group<br>Purchase<br>Discount | SWAN FY25                            |            | Increase /<br>(Decrease) |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|
|                                                |                                        |                               | Group-<br>Purchase Price<br>(Year-5) | Prior year |                          |
| Acorn Public Library District                  | Group 1                                | 68.50%                        | <b>\$4,702</b>                       | \$4,384    | \$318                    |
| Addison Public Library                         | Group 4                                | 33.50%                        | <b>\$8,798</b>                       | \$0        | \$8,798                  |
| Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library District | Group 3                                | 39.50%                        | <b>\$6,083</b>                       | \$5,784    | \$299                    |
| Batavia Public Library District                | Group 4                                | 33.50%                        | <b>\$6,687</b>                       | \$6,370    | \$317                    |
| Bedford Park Public Library District           | Group 4                                | 33.50%                        | <b>\$2,260</b>                       | \$2,153    | \$107                    |
| Beecher Community Library District             | Group 1                                | 68.50%                        | <b>\$1,867</b>                       | \$1,740    | \$126                    |
| Bellwood Public Library                        | Group 2                                | 43.50%                        | <b>\$5,681</b>                       | \$5,394    | \$288                    |
| Bensenville Community Public Library District  | Group 2                                | 43.50%                        | <b>\$5,681</b>                       | \$5,394    | \$288                    |
| Berkeley Public Library                        | Group 1                                | 68.50%                        | <b>\$1,867</b>                       | \$1,740    | \$126                    |
| Berwyn Public Library                          | Group 3                                | 39.50%                        | <b>\$11,961</b>                      | \$11,373   | \$588                    |
| Bloomingtondale Public Library                 | Group 4                                | 33.50%                        | <b>\$6,687</b>                       | \$6,370    | \$317                    |
| Bridgeview Public Library                      | Group 2                                | 43.50%                        | <b>\$5,681</b>                       | \$5,394    | \$288                    |
| Broadview Public Library District              | Group 3                                | 39.50%                        | <b>\$3,585</b>                       | \$3,409    | \$176                    |
| Brookfield Public Library                      | Group 4                                | 33.50%                        | <b>\$6,687</b>                       | \$6,370    | \$317                    |
| Calumet City Public Library                    | Group 1                                | 68.50%                        | <b>\$4,565</b>                       | \$4,256    | \$309                    |
| Carol Stream Public Library                    | Group 4                                | 33.50%                        | <b>\$9,638</b>                       | \$9,181    | \$457                    |
| Chicago Heights Public Library                 | Group 1                                | 68.50%                        | <b>\$4,565</b>                       | \$4,256    | \$309                    |
| Cicero Public Library                          | Group 1                                | 68.50%                        | <b>\$8,587</b>                       | \$8,006    | \$581                    |
| Clarendon Hills Public Library                 | Group 2                                | 43.50%                        | <b>\$3,348</b>                       | \$3,179    | \$169                    |
| Crestwood Public Library District              | Group 2                                | 43.50%                        | <b>\$3,348</b>                       | \$3,179    | \$169                    |
| Crete Public Library District                  | Group 3                                | 39.50%                        | <b>\$6,083</b>                       | \$5,784    | \$299                    |
| Dolton Public Library District                 | Group 1                                | 68.50%                        | <b>\$3,167</b>                       | \$2,953    | \$214                    |
| Downers Grove Public Library                   | Group 4                                | 33.50%                        | <b>\$9,638</b>                       | \$9,181    | \$457                    |
| Eisenhower Public Library District             | Group 4                                | 33.50%                        | <b>\$6,687</b>                       | \$6,370    | \$317                    |
| Elmwood Park Public Library                    | Group 2                                | 43.50%                        | <b>\$5,681</b>                       | \$5,394    | \$288                    |
| Evergreen Park Public Library                  | Group 2                                | 43.50%                        | <b>\$5,681</b>                       | \$5,394    | \$288                    |
| Flossmoor Public Library                       | Group 3                                | 39.50%                        | <b>\$3,585</b>                       | \$3,409    | \$176                    |
| Forest Park Public Library                     | Group 3                                | 39.50%                        | <b>\$6,083</b>                       | \$5,784    | \$299                    |
| Frankfort Public Library District              | Group 3                                | 39.50%                        | <b>\$8,768</b>                       | \$8,337    | \$431                    |
| Franklin Park Public Library District          | Group 3                                | 39.50%                        | <b>\$6,083</b>                       | \$5,784    | \$299                    |
| Geneva Public Library District                 | Group 4                                | 33.50%                        | <b>\$9,638</b>                       | \$9,181    | \$457                    |
| Glen Ellyn Public Library                      | Group 4                                | 33.50%                        | <b>\$6,687</b>                       | \$6,370    | \$317                    |
| Glenside Public Library District               | Group 3                                | 39.50%                        | <b>\$9,959</b>                       | \$9,469    | \$490                    |
| Grande Prairie Public Library District         | Group 1                                | 68.50%                        | <b>\$4,565</b>                       | \$4,256    | \$309                    |
| Green Hills Public Library District            | Group 3                                | 39.50%                        | <b>\$8,768</b>                       | \$8,337    | \$431                    |
| Harvey Public Library District                 | Group 2                                | 43.50%                        | <b>\$5,681</b>                       | \$5,394    | \$288                    |
| Hillside Public Library                        | Group 4                                | 33.50%                        | <b>\$3,941</b>                       | \$3,754    | \$187                    |
| Hinsdale Public Library                        | Group 4                                | 33.50%                        | <b>\$6,687</b>                       | \$6,370    | \$317                    |
| Hodgkins Public Library District               | Group 3                                | 39.50%                        | <b>\$2,056</b>                       | \$1,955    | \$101                    |
| Homewood Public Library District               | Group 3                                | 39.50%                        | <b>\$6,083</b>                       | \$5,784    | \$299                    |
| Indian Prairie Public Library District         | Group 4                                | 33.50%                        | <b>\$9,638</b>                       | \$9,181    | \$457                    |
| Itasca Community Library                       | Group 4                                | 33.50%                        | <b>\$3,941</b>                       | \$3,754    | \$187                    |
| Justice Public Library District                | Group 1                                | 68.50%                        | <b>\$3,167</b>                       | \$2,953    | \$214                    |
| Kaneville Public Library District              | Group 1                                | 68.50%                        | <b>\$1,071</b>                       | \$998      | \$72                     |
| LaGrange Park Public Library District          | Group 3                                | 39.50%                        | <b>\$6,083</b>                       | \$5,784    | \$299                    |
| Lansing Public Library                         | Group 4                                | 33.50%                        | <b>\$6,687</b>                       | \$6,370    | \$317                    |
| Lyons Public Library                           | Group 1                                | 68.50%                        | <b>\$3,167</b>                       | \$2,953    | \$214                    |
| Markham Public Library                         | Group 1                                | 68.50%                        | <b>\$3,167</b>                       | \$2,953    | \$214                    |
| Matteson Area Public Library District          | Group 4                                | 33.50%                        | <b>\$6,687</b>                       | \$6,370    | \$317                    |
| Maywood Public Library District                | Group 2                                | 43.50%                        | <b>\$5,681</b>                       | \$5,394    | \$288                    |
| McCook Public Library District                 | Group 2                                | 43.50%                        | <b>\$1,920</b>                       | \$1,823    | \$97                     |

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|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|
|                                              |                                        |                               | Group-<br>Purchase Price<br>(Year-5) | Prior year |                          |
| Melrose Park Public Library                  | Group 2                                | 43.50%                        | \$5,681                              | \$5,394    | \$288                    |
| Messenger Public Library of North Aurora     | Group 3                                | 39.50%                        | \$6,083                              | \$5,784    | \$299                    |
| Midlothian Public Library                    | Group 2                                | 43.50%                        | \$5,681                              | \$5,394    | \$288                    |
| Nancy L. McConathy Public Library District   | Group 1                                | 68.50%                        | \$3,167                              | \$2,953    | \$214                    |
| North Riverside Public Library District      | Group 3                                | 39.50%                        | \$3,585                              | \$3,409    | \$176                    |
| Oak Brook Public Library                     | Group 3                                | 39.50%                        | \$3,585                              | \$3,409    | \$176                    |
| Oak Lawn Public Library                      | Group 4                                | 33.50%                        | \$13,148                             | \$12,525   | \$623                    |
| Oak Park Public Library                      | Group 4                                | 33.50%                        | \$13,148                             | \$12,525   | \$623                    |
| Palos Heights Public Library                 | Group 2                                | 43.50%                        | \$5,681                              | \$5,394    | \$288                    |
| Palos Park Public Library                    | Group 2                                | 43.50%                        | \$1,920                              | \$1,823    | \$97                     |
| Park Forest Public Library                   | Group 3                                | 39.50%                        | \$6,083                              | \$5,784    | \$299                    |
| Prairie Trails Public Library District       | Group 2                                | 43.50%                        | \$8,189                              | \$7,774    | \$414                    |
| Richton Park Public Library District         | Group 1                                | 68.50%                        | \$3,167                              | \$2,953    | \$214                    |
| River Forest Public Library                  | Group 2                                | 43.50%                        | \$5,681                              | \$5,394    | \$288                    |
| River Grove Public Library District          | Group 1                                | 68.50%                        | \$3,167                              | \$2,953    | \$214                    |
| Riverside Public Library                     | Group 3                                | 39.50%                        | \$3,585                              | \$3,409    | \$176                    |
| Roselle Public Library District              | Group 3                                | 39.50%                        | \$6,910                              | \$6,570    | \$340                    |
| Schiller Park Public Library                 | Group 2                                | 43.50%                        | \$5,681                              | \$5,394    | \$288                    |
| South Holland Public Library                 | Group 3                                | 39.50%                        | \$6,083                              | \$5,784    | \$299                    |
| St Charles Public Library District           | Group 4                                | 33.50%                        | \$13,148                             | \$12,525   | \$623                    |
| Stickney-Forest View Public Library District | Group 2                                | 43.50%                        | \$5,681                              | \$5,394    | \$288                    |
| Sugar Grove Public Library District          | Group 1                                | 68.50%                        | \$3,167                              | \$2,953    | \$214                    |
| Summit Public Library District               | Group 1                                | 68.50%                        | \$3,167                              | \$2,953    | \$214                    |
| Thomas Ford Memorial Library                 | Group 2                                | 43.50%                        | \$5,681                              | \$5,394    | \$288                    |
| Thornton Public Library                      | Group 1                                | 68.50%                        | \$1,071                              | \$998      | \$72                     |
| Tinley Park Public Library                   | Group 4                                | 33.50%                        | \$13,148                             | \$12,525   | \$623                    |
| University Park Public Library District      | Group 1                                | 68.50%                        | \$1,867                              | \$1,740    | \$126                    |
| Villa Park Public Library                    | Group 3                                | 39.50%                        | \$6,083                              | \$5,784    | \$299                    |
| Warrenville Public Library District          | Group 2                                | 43.50%                        | \$6,453                              | \$6,126    | \$327                    |
| West Chicago Public Library District         | Group 4                                | 33.50%                        | \$6,687                              | \$6,370    | \$317                    |
| Westchester Public Library                   | Group 2                                | 43.50%                        | \$5,681                              | \$5,394    | \$288                    |
| William Leonard Public Library District      | Group 1                                | 68.50%                        | \$1,867                              | \$1,740    | \$126                    |
| Worth Public Library District                | Group 1                                | 68.50%                        | \$3,167                              | \$2,953    | \$214                    |

**Group purchase total: \$476,110**

**EBSCO/RAILS invoice (Addison participates + 5% increase): \$475,889**

**Over/(Under): \$221**