What is the CLC?
The Central Library Consortium (CLC) is a group of 14 (soon to be 17) public libraries based in Central Ohio that share library services and provide a pool of library materials to their cardholders. In total, through the CLC there are over 5 million items and over 1 million unique titles available to patrons.

Why is DCDL joining the CLC?
In addition to our own body of materials and access to other state sharing agencies like OhioLink and SearchOhio, the CLC will provide an additional 5 million items. This means shorter hold periods, faster access, and a family of libraries within driving distance where your DCDL card is honored.

What libraries are already in the CLC?
CLC member libraries include Alexandria Public Library, Bexley Public Library, Columbus Metropolitan Library, Fairfield County District Library, Grandview Heights Public Library, London Public Library, Marysville Public Library, Pickaway County District Public Library, Pickerington Public Library, Plain City Public Library, Southwest Public Libraries, Upper Arlington Public Library, Wagnalls Memorial Library, and Worthington Libraries. In addition to the Delaware County District Library, in 2018, Granville Public Library and Pataskala Public Library will also join the consortium.

When will this happen?
• February 12: SearchOhio and OhioLink requests are temporarily unavailable until mid-March
• February 26: No DCDL items may be requested through the online catalog, but may be checked out and returned to any branch
• March 2 - 8: Online search interface will change appearance and CLC items will be added
• Mid-March: Ebook titles from Ohio Digital Library will be added back to online search

How does it affect me?
• A DCDL card will work at CLC libraries
• Hold times will be shorter for new and popular materials
• Items can be checked out from and checked in to any library in the system
• Items checked out will automatically renew if there are no other holds
• Music CD collection will expand greatly
• Advanced online searching and filtering options
• Save searches and have them automatically run weekly or monthly
• Mobile-friendly catalog for use with smartphones and tablets will help with easy searching
• Text message notifications alert when materials are ready
• Faster access to new materials!

Will I lose any services I already use?
If you keep a list of the items you've checked out in our system, called a Reader History, this list will not transfer to the new system. We can print out what you have read if you'd like to keep a copy of that information. Please request this information prior to March 1. This same service will be available in the new system and it will begin tracking as soon as you opt-in. DCDL also suggests using an online site like Goodreads to keep track of your reading history, write reviews, and find new titles to read and enjoy.

Will DCDL still have a no-fine policy?
Yes, the no-fine policy that DCDL instituted several years ago will continue. DCDL users will still pay no fines on overdue materials. Fees for lost or damaged items will remain.

Will I still have access to digital services like hoopla, RBdigital, and OverDrive?
Yes! Digital services will remain easily accessible before, during and after the transition.