Common Knowledge Groups - Frequently Asked Questions

GENERAL
1. What is a Common Knowledge Group (CKG)?
   CKGs are standing groups that are organized around interest areas to help the UC Libraries foster innovation and improvement. CKGs provide a venue for UC librarians and staff involved in an interest area to exchange ideas and collaborate in a systemwide forum. CKGs share their suggestions for new ideas and services or for improving existing operations or services with the relevant Strategic Action Group (SAG) or the Collection Licensing Subgroup (CLS) who will consider the suggestion for possible action.

2. What CKGs have already been formed?
   A current list of CKGs, the charters describing each one, and contact information for the CKG chairs is online:  [http://libraries.universityofcalifornia.edu/ckg](http://libraries.universityofcalifornia.edu/ckg)

3. If I want to form a CKG what do I do?
   To form a CKG in a new interest area, fill out the CKG Charter Template located in the appendix of the CKG Guidelines and submit to the UC Libraries Advisory Structure (UCLAS) Coordinating Committee ([CCC-L@ucop.edu](mailto:CCC-L@ucop.edu)).

MEMBERSHIP
1. Who can join?
   CKGs are open to any UC librarian or staff with job responsibilities or significant expertise related to the CKG’s area of focus.

2. How do I join?
   To join a CKG, obtain your supervisor’s approval, and then contact the chair of the CKG expressing your interest. Contact information for each CKG’s chair is online: [http://libraries.universityofcalifornia.edu/ckg](http://libraries.universityofcalifornia.edu/ckg)

3. How long is membership open?
   Membership is open indefinitely, you can join or leave at any time. Each CKG maintains a listserv that is open to CKG and non-CKG members.

4. How do I subscribe to a CKG’s listserv?
   Email the chair of the CKG to request that you are added to its listserv.