Expanding Atla's Reciprocal Borrowing Program

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First a quick overview. So the purpose of the expansion is to great options to participate for institutional and affiliate candidate members who are not eligible under the constraints of the previous program, which I will go over in a few minutes. All current and future institutions in the program will have the ability to opt into this expansion, which will include different member categories. These categories have been created, so that you can either opt in or not. So for all current participants that are here, you can choose to have the structure of your agreement remain the same as it is today. Or you can opt in to expand your borrowing agreement to include these new groups, the choice is entirely up to you. All current participants will also be asked to update your information through the library profile form that is on the Atla Reciprocal Borrowing website. And a direct link will be sent to everyone in the program for this purpose after these webinars are complete. Here, you will be able to make the choice as to whether or not you opt into the program as well as providing some more detailed information for us. To better assist in communication between participants, I'll go over the form changes as well.

So when joining the new program, or when updating your information, the big difference you will see is that you are now asked what your membership group or tier will be. You will designate either participant, participant plus global collaborator, or borrower online. So participant and participant plus would include all institutions that take part in the program under its previous requirements. These are institutions in North America with a physical lending collection. That's everybody who's in the program, right. Everyone right now in the program falls into the participant category. This is the chair you would choose to remain in the program as it stands not to opt in to the expanded program. It restricts borrowing and lending to other institutions that fall into the participant and participant plus categories. Participant plus is the expanded option. Choosing this level of membership means that you will still borrow and lend to everyone under what is your current agreement. But you will also extend lending and borrowing when applicable to our new member tiers, you have the option to choose one, or both. So now for our new tiers. First, we have the global collaborator tier. This is for our members outside of North America that want to take part in this program. Global collaborators agree to lend and borrow and must agree to do so with other global collaborators. And with participant plus libraries in North America, they can only sent their patrons to these categories. So this means that if a participant plus institution has an online student that lives in Australia, Britain, or anyone else where we have active global collaborators, your student can go to those libraries in the
country that they're in, and check out books just like they would at your institution. Likewise, you would welcome students that go to these institutions that happen to live in your area in North America. In time, this can also help Atla create borrowing communities outside of North America where several members in a collected area outside of North America can work together with Atlas help. So for instance, we could have six member schools and the Philippines. And they all joined the Reciprocal Borrowing program. Yes, if your students are over there in the Philippines, they would be able to use those institutions. Likewise, if their students were in North America, they could use your institutions. But it would also create a network there in that country where all of those schools could collaborate in this Reciprocal Borrowing with the help of AP. The last category is borrower only. This includes institutions that for any reason, do not have a circulating collection. They wish to participate as a borrower, but they can't be a lender. Members in this tier can only send students to participant plus libraries that have agreed to extend their lending policies to borrower only institutions. So these are institutions that Have an old digital library or have a physical collection, but it is all considered non-circulating institutions that have a physical circulating collection in North America cannot choose to be borrower only. This is only for schools that don't have that type of lending library.

Now to updating your information and what things are going to look like that are going to be a little bit different when you look at the forms. So for current institutions, updating your information, and for all new members, forms have these few simple updates. This is the first one, choose your level of involvement, choose your tier, your options, our participant, participant plus level collaborator, and borrower only. So current institutions, when you're updating your information, you would choose either participant or participant plus participant to stay in the agreement that you're in, or participant plus, to welcome these new tears into your library. Second, you will see a question asking what tiers you will lend to. So you can say we are plus lender, and we'll lend to the borrower only institutions and or global collaborator institutions. And you can designate which, so the answer for this is, I will lend to borrower only institutions, I will lend to global collaborator institutions, I will lend to both or if you didn't choose participant plus, you would just say not applicable. Finally, we have this question. This question shows up right after the you put in the information for who the contact person is for this program. So it's is this contact the same person patrons contact for information. If not, please specify and give the above information for the patron contact. This is so that we can get a better understanding of who was in charge of what parts in these programs. So say, your library director or if you are the library director, you're filling out this form to create this Reciprocal Borrowing program your information, as the director or your directors information is going to be on there as a way for Atla to contact about the program and for other program participants to communicate. This information would be say if your director filled out the form, but when students are calling to ask about the information, you want them to contact your reference librarian or your circulation desk or your service manager or something like that. This is an optional question to answer. If you're a librarian who has both the contact for the program and the contact for students, you can just leave this blank that is the entirety of my short overview.