MOBIUS Consortium

**A Valuable Partnership**

MOBIUS is a vibrant, collaborative partnership of libraries providing access to shared information resources, services, and expertise.

**Resources**
Tap into the larger buying power of the Consortium and keep up-to-date on new technologies and services:

- A common Integrated Library Services platform enables efficiencies ranging from eliminating cataloging overlaps to optimizing resource discovery, as well as shared system costs, resulting in major operational savings.

- Shared technical infrastructure for the Integrated Library System eliminates the need to manage a server.

- Supplement local collections with access to a user-initiated resource sharing system of over 60 million items from academic, special, and public libraries in Missouri, Colorado, Iowa, Texas, and Oklahoma at a cost of about $1.00 per item.

- A courier system provides access to over a thousand libraries in the Midwest at a cost of about $0.83 per item, with delivery in 3 to 4 days.

- Cost-effective shared e-book collections available only to consortium members.

**Services & Expertise**
**Personalized, professional support:**

- MOBIUS staff provide on-site training, tailored to the needs of each library, on demand and at no extra cost. Library vendors can charge thousands of dollars for such services.

- Expert, personal service from the MOBIUS Help Desk saves member library staff time and provides a level of service above and beyond a library vendor.

- Help Desk staff manage data loads, product implementations, and general system functions so that member library staff are free to provide more services to users.

- Discounts are available to members on Electronic Resources, saving money through shared contracts - all provided by an expert who manages, advocates, and negotiates contracts and discounts on behalf of the membership.

**Collaboration**
**Sharing knowledge and working together to get more done - creating a true cost-saving collaborative environment equalizing service for all:**

- Collaborative opportunities at all levels is provided through discussion lists, committees, task forces, and the annual conference. The consortial environment fills a major skill and capacity gap beyond the reach of individual libraries, as large institutions provide expertise and assistance to smaller ones.

- The MOBIUS Annual Conference, which features national keynote speakers, is **free** to all member library staff, providing a venue where library staff can present, share expertise, and gain valuable professional development.