

## **Potential Partnerships**

### **MOBIUS Governance and Growth Management**

- *Identify potential partnerships and areas for cooperation*

The MOBIUS Task Force for Governance and Growth Management (MGGM) identified 5 library sectors to consider for potential partnerships. Each is described below.

#### **Academic Libraries in Missouri**

There are 16 academic institutions in Missouri that appear to meet the MOBIUS criteria for membership but have not made application to do such (with the exception of one that previously withdrew their application). The Task Force has concluded that this sector will not be an area of major growth for MOBIUS nor has it verified the eligibility of each of the institutions. These institutions are listed here for information: Aquinas Institute of Theology, Barnes-Jewish College of Nursing and Allied Health, Calvary Bible College and Theological Seminary, Central Bible College, Cleveland Chiropractic College, College of the Ozarks, Concordia Seminary, Deaconess College of Nursing, Evangel University, Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences, Lester L. Cox College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Park University, Research College of Nursing, Saint Luke's College, Southeast Missouri Hospital College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Wentworth Military Academy and Junior College.

#### **K-12 Schools**

The Task Force discussed this issue with State Librarian Sara Parker who advised that the strategy for K-12 is through the public libraries. This sector is not considered an area of growth for Mobius.

#### **Special Libraries**

The Task Force has concluded that this sector is not an area of major growth for MOBIUS. In the past, MOBIUS has had discussions with the Linda Hall Library but decided that a fee-based arrangement was not something we wanted to do. There were also discussions with the St. Louis Research Libraries Consortium that did not come to fruition. In recent discussions with the library directors in this consortium, there may still be an interest here that could be pursued. There are some issues such as the method they use for consistently maintaining each library's records, non-standard subject headings (different thesaurus), collections of mostly non-circulating items, and cost. These issues are surmountable and there are possibilities for State funding to handle some of the one-time costs. This is not considered a large area of growth but the larger academic libraries in MOBIUS are interested in this potential partnership.

#### **Public Libraries**

The Task Force conducted a survey of public libraries in Missouri to determine if there is an audience interested in more resource sharing between academic and public libraries. Eighty-seven (87) of 170 surveys were returned for a return rate of slightly over 50%.

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The responses indicated that there are 14 libraries that are *very interested* and 38 that are *somewhat interested*. The responses of these 52 libraries indicate that there is a significant possibility that MOBIUS could and probably should give consideration to some type of potential partnership with these libraries. It is also likely that once scenarios are developed and discussions take place, more interest among other public libraries might be generated.

In addition to asking a question about interest, the survey also queried funding, timeline, MARC records, online catalog, and more information. The responses to these questions speak more to the actual technical and financial feasibility for future partnerships. A spreadsheet is attached here that lists the responses to these questions. Assuming that no public library will replace its current system with Millennium in order to work with MOBIUS, the public libraries that we would be most likely to work with in the foreseeable future are those that are *very interested* and are on Innovative or SIRSI.

Of the Innovative public libraries, 1 respondent is *very interested* and 2 are *somewhat interested*. Of the SIRSI public libraries, MOBIUS has already had conversations with Mid-Continent and Daniel-Boone, and both are ready to move forward with MOBIUS. There are also 2 other libraries whose survey responses indicate *very interested* and are on SIRSI. Innovative is currently involved with Michigan for an interface with SIRSI. If this model is successful, it could provide the technical feasibility for all 4 of these libraries and possibly conversations with the additional 5 SIRSI libraries that are *somewhat interested*. Following an Innovative interface with SIRSI, it is reasonable to expect that a technical interface with Dynix would soon follow.

### Consortia

There presently are no consortia that are actively discussing a potential partnership with MOBIUS. To actively consider this possibility, the most important issues would include the technical linking of systems and the proximity that makes delivery efficient. Linking with other consortia is unlikely at this time or the near future.

## Public Library Survey by System

Library	Question 1 Interest	Question 5 System	Question 6 More Info
McDonald County Library	No at this time	Book Systems/Atrium	no answer
Wright County Library	No at this time	Book Systems/Atrium	no answer
Cedar County Library District	Somewhat	Book Systems/Webrary	Yes
Gentry County Library	Somewhat	Book Systems/Webrary	Yes
Mercer County Library	No at this time	Book Systems/Webrary	Yes
Scotland County Memorial Library	No at this time	Book Systems/Webrary	Yes
Ray County Library	No at this time	Booksystem/Concourse	no answer
St. Louis Public Library	Somewhat	DRA	Yes
Brentwood Public Library	Very	Dynix	Yes
Cape Girardeau Public Library	Very	Dynix	Yes
Kirkwood Public Library	Very	Dynix	Yes
University City Public Library	Very	Dynix	Yes
Maplewood Public Library	Somewhat	Dynix	no answer
Rock Hill Public Library	Somewhat	Dynix	Yes
Webster Groves Public Library	Somewhat	Dynix	Yes
Adair County Public Library	No at this time	Dynix	Yes
Joplin Public Library	No at this time	Dynix	Yes
Cameron Public Library	Somewhat	Follett	Yes
Carthage Public Library	Somewhat	Follett	Yes
Worth County Library	Somewhat	Follett	Yes
Stone County Library	Very	Innovative	Yes
Lebanon-Laclede County Library	Somewhat	Innovative	Yes
Webster County Library	Somewhat	Innovative	Yes
Boonslick Regional Library	Very	Lib Corp	Yes
Poplar Bluff Public Library	Very	Lib Corp	no answer
St. Clair County Library	Very	Lib Corp	Yes
Barton County Library	Somewhat	Lib Corp	no answer
Douglas County Public Library	Somewhat	Lib Corp	Yes
Mississippi County Library District	Somewhat	Lib Corp	Yes
Riverside Regional Library	Somewhat	Lib Corp	no answer
Mexico-Audrain County Library	No at this time	Lib Corp	no answer
Rolla Public Library	No at this time	Lib Corp	Yes
Barry Lawrence Regional Library	No interest	Lib Corp	no answer
Trails Regional Library	Somewhat	Listen 2000	Yes
Livingston County Library	No at this time	Listen 2000	no answer
Scenic Regional Library	No interest	Listen 2000	Yes
Bonne Terre Memorial Library	Somewhat	no answer	Yes
Brookfield Public Library	Somewhat	no answer	Yes
Crystal City Public Library	Somewhat	no answer	Yes
Dallas County Library	Somewhat	no answer	Yes
Desloge Public Library	Somewhat	no answer	Yes
DeSoto Public Library	Somewhat	no answer	Yes
Louisiana Public Library	Somewhat	no answer	Yes
Marceline Carnegie Library	Somewhat	no answer	Yes
Ozark Regional Library	Somewhat	no answer	Yes
Park Hills Public Library	Somewhat	no answer	Yes
Pulaski County Library District	Somewhat	no answer	Yes
Putnam County Public Library	Somewhat	no answer	Yes
Seymour Community Library	Somewhat	no answer	no answer

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Sullivan Public Library	Somewhat	no answer	Yes
Van Buren/Carter County Public Library	Somewhat	no answer	Yes
West Plains Public Library	Somewhat	no answer	Yes
Bloomfield Public Library	No at this time	no answer	no answer
Centralia Public Library	No at this time	no answer	Yes
Eminence Public Library	No at this time	no answer	no answer
Farmington Public Library	No at this time	no answer	Yes
Howard County Library	No at this time	no answer	no answer
Monroe City Public Library	No at this time	no answer	no answer
Morgan County Library	No at this time	no answer	no answer
Mountain View Public Library	No at this time	no answer	Yes
Price James Library (Tipton)	No at this time	no answer	no answer
Puxico Public Library	No at this time	no answer	no answer
Rich Hill Memorial Library	No at this time	no answer	no answer
Camden County Library District	No interest	no answer	no answer
Clarence Public Library	No interest	no answer	no answer
Fairview Community Library volunteer	No interest	no answer	no answer
LaPlata Public Library	No interest	no answer	no answer
New Madrid County Library	No interest	no answer	no answer
Norborne Public Library	No interest	no answer	no answer
Ozark County Library volunteer	No interest	no answer	no answer
Sikeston Public Library	No interest	no answer	Yes
Rolling Hills Consolidated Library	No interest	no answer	Yes
Keller Public Library	No at this time	OPAC	no answer
Grundy Co. Jewett Norris	Very	Sagebrush	Yes
Shelbina Carnegie Public Library	Very	SIRS Mandarin	Yes
Maryville Public Library	Somewhat	SIRS Mandarin	Yes
Cass County Public Library	Very	SIRSI	Yes
Daniel Boone Regional Library	Very	SIRSI	Yes
Little Dixie Regional Libraries	Very	SIRSI	Yes
Mid-Continent Public Library	Very	SIRSI	Yes
Jefferson County Library	Somewhat	SIRSI	Yes
Kansas City Public Library	Somewhat	SIRSI	no answer
Neosho/Newton County Library	Somewhat	SIRSI	Yes
North Kansas City Public Library	Somewhat	SIRSI	Yes
St. Joseph Public Library	Somewhat	SIRSI	Yes
Sedalia Public Library	No at this time	Winnebago	no answer
Washington County Library	No at this time	Winnebago	no answer

## **MOBIUS COOPERATING PARTNERS**

MOBIUS is a consortium of accredited Missouri institutions of higher education and the Missouri State Library. According to the Memorandum of Understanding that created the Consortium, “college and university members are generally defined as public and not-for-profit independent institutions of higher education accredited (or advanced to candidacy status) by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.” (MOU Section 1.5).

While the official position of the MOBIUS Council is that membership will be limited to Missouri academic libraries as defined above, the MOBIUS Consortium is also interested in pursuing cooperative relationships with libraries in other sectors and/or geographical regions. In particular, the Consortium is interested in developing working resource sharing relationships with non-academic libraries where it is determined that there will be mutual benefit for both parties in making such arrangements.

Accordingly, the MOBIUS Consortium has developed a status called MOBIUS Cooperating Partner to define relationships with non-academic libraries who do not satisfy the criteria for being voting members of the MOBIUS Council but are willing to cooperate in resource sharing arrangements under defined conditions. Those conditions are laid out in the paragraphs that follow.

### **Governance**

- The Cooperating Partner (hereafter CP) will not be a voting member of the MOBIUS Council nor be eligible for positions on the MOBIUS Executive Committee.
- The CP may send a representative to meetings of the MOBIUS Council with non-voting observer status.
- The CP may have voting membership on the Access Advisory Committee and the Catalog Design Committee. These are the MOBIUS committees that generally deal with issues relating to the shared MOBIUS catalog (INNReach) and resource sharing arrangements.
- A CP may be a single library, a library system with branches, or a group of libraries sharing an INNOPac. Each CP may send representatives to the meetings of the MOBIUS Council, the Access Advisory Committee, and the Catalog Design Committee as defined in the previous paragraphs.
- The MOBIUS Council must approve each CP relationship.
- The MOBIUS Executive Director will report to Council annually concerning the performance of this document and the progress of any CP relationships formed thereunder.

**Hardware, Software, and Resource Sharing Arrangements**

- The CP will acquire and manage an INNOPac from Innovative Interfaces, Inc. as its library management system. The CP may also contract with MOBIUS to manage its INNOPac from the MOBIUS server farm in Columbia.
- The CP will purchase INNReach software to install on its own INNOPac.
- The CP will purchase and install the Consortial Statistical Package for extracting MOBIUS use statistics.
- The CP will underwrite the costs of being included in the courier system managed by MOBIUS.

**Operational Issues**

- A CP will function as a separate cluster whose records will be loaded into the INNReach catalog in the same way as the records of other participants, becoming either master bibliographic records or item records as circumstances dictate.
- Authorized borrowers on the CP side will be persons who have borrowing privileges with that library or consortium.
- CP patrons will be authenticated by INNReach for purposes of borrowing, renewing, and checking their own record using the names and barcode or other numbers that identify patrons in the CP database.
- The Visiting Patron option will not be activated for CP patrons, who will do all borrowing via the electronic request function and courier service provided by MOBIUS.
- The CP will assume responsibility for collecting for lost books and reimbursing lending libraries following the policies and procedures already established in MOBIUS.
- The CP will make its own decisions on which materials and/or formats it chooses to lend and will make appropriate adjustments in its tables and cataloging records in order to enforce its own lending decisions. The CP will observe already established lending periods used in MOBIUS.
- The CP will evaluate the 10 and 20 borrowing limits in MOBIUS and decide if they meet their needs or if a new lower limit needs to be established for their patrons.

- The CP will make its own decisions as to whether any categories of its own patrons (P-types) should be blocked from borrowing.
- The CP will specify which pickup point(s) it wants included in the INNReach request form. If a CP has branches within its system, it will use an internal courier system to move MOBIUS books to the pickup points selected by its patrons.
- In a Display Holdings screen in the INNReach catalog, the CP will appear as another cluster. Member libraries or branch libraries, if they exist, will be separately listed as hot links to permit identification by name.
- The CP will use the MCO Help Desk only to deal with issues relating to INNReach.
- The CP will accept all policies and procedures currently in force regulating INNReach activity in the consortium.
- CP staff will be provided with password access to the MCO Web site for purposes of staying current with policies and procedures related to INNReach activities.
- When an agreement is signed between MOBIUS and a CP, the MCO will provide staff to work with CP staff to do all needed profiling. Operational details will be worked out during that process.
- If an agreement is signed between MOBIUS and a CP, the latter agrees to pay an annual fee to MCO for services rendered in maintaining the INNReach catalog, assisting with initial profiling of CP records, providing ongoing assistance through the MCO Help Desk, and other services provided by MCO.
- On the MOBIUS members screen ([MOBIUS Union Catalog](#)), CPs will be listed as Cooperating Partners rather than as MOBIUS Members.