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Linking Missouri's Academic Libraries

Information about MOBIUS and
the Common Library Platform Project

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a WIN for all

EVERY INSTITUTION in MOBIUS, from the biggest (MU) to the smallest (Linn State), whether state-assisted (Truman State) or independent (Washington University), whether liberal arts (Columbia College) or special (Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine), is a member of MOBIUS primarily because it means better library services for its own constituency. Some of the intangible benefits are the most important.

The Common Library Platform, and the greatly expanded range of print materials it makes available, is a very visible benefit of MOBIUS membership for an institution.

All citizens of Missouri who are involved in higher education, whether as students or faculty, whether the institution they are involved with

is state-assisted or independent, have a higher quality educational experience because of their institution's membership in MOBIUS.

Some of the intangible benefits are: service ideas and techniques obtained through cross-pollination from other MOBIUS libraries; a greater range of electronic information resources available for the same dollars due to the buying power of the consortium; more library staff time devoted to public services and less to the management of inhouse computer systems due to the centralized management of the CLP; more effective library research experiences for students and faculty due to higher quality library catalog records.

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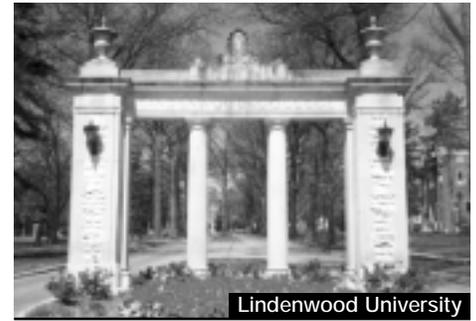
member PROFILES



Mineral Area College



Missouri Western State College



Lindenwood University

Mineral Area College, Park Hills

<http://www.mac.cc.mo.us>

FOUNDED IN 1922 as Flat River Junior College, it is the third oldest community college in Missouri. Mineral Area College was established in 1965 and moved to its present 226-acre location in 1970. There are approximately 2,700 full-time and part-time day, evening, and weekend credit students per semester. In addition, many students participate in non-credit continuing education, customized training, and College Connection. MAC offers a four-year bachelor's degree in six areas through the Central Methodist College at Mineral Area College 2+2 Program. All coursework is offered on the Mineral Area College campus. This is the first such program in Missouri. The MAC Service Region includes all of St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, Perry, Madison, Iron, Washington, Shannon and Texas counties. Chris Burns, Learning Resources Director, says, "Students are amazed at how easy it is to request books with direct patron borrowing and how quickly they receive them. Direct patron borrowing is a drastic improvement over traditional interlibrary loan. MOBIUS is a fantastic benefit and privilege to all Missouri academic students and faculty."

Missouri Western State College, St. Joseph

<http://www.mwsc.edu>

MISSOURI WESTERN State College is a four-year, state-supported institution providing a blend of traditional liberal arts and career-oriented degree programs. The college is authorized under Missouri statutes to offer one-year certificates, two-year associate degrees, and four-year baccalaureate programs. In addition, the college offers some pre-professional transfer programs, continuing education courses, seminars, and programs suited to the needs of the community as well as conferences, workshops, and seminars suited to the needs of the community and serving groups throughout the nation. Originally founded in 1915 as St. Joseph Junior College to provide a two-year liberal arts transfer program, Western was transformed into a four-year college in 1969 and became a full member of the State of Missouri system in 1977. Julia Schneider, Library Director, says that after seeing firsthand how the MOBIUS system worked, one of the student workers in interlibrary loan was so excited that she spread the MOBIUS news to fellow students by creating a special MOBIUS handout for members of her history classes. According to Schneider, common remarks from students and faculty members as they pick up their MOBIUS books are "I can't believe it's here! I just ordered it a couple of days ago!" Schneider is pleased that MOBIUS has afforded them the opportunity to enhance services in this way.

Lindenwood University, St. Charles

<http://www.lindenwood.edu>

LINDENWOOD UNIVERSITY is a four-year liberal arts institution nestled amid the beautiful linden trees in the heart of St. Charles, Mo. It offers more than 80 undergraduate and graduate degree programs to nearly 12,000 students and has a liberal arts heritage that goes back 175 years. Lindenwood University is in the middle of a bold campus expansion plan that blends the old with the new and provides facilities that will endure for Lindenwood's next 175 years. The endeavor is being funded by a \$46 million capital campaign. The expansion already has brought two new 180-bed residence halls to Lindenwood students. Two more are under construction, and two additional residence halls are on the drawing board. In addition, a \$19 million campus center is becoming the focal point of Lindenwood and the City of St. Charles. All this construction is a result of student demand. Lindenwood is experiencing the most rapid growth in its history.



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EVIDENTLY BELIEVING there is a life to be experienced outside of MOBIUS, Axie Hindman and Robin Kespohl retired from the MOBIUS Consortium Office effective December 31, 2002.

Much of the success the members of the MOBIUS Consortium have enjoyed with respect to MOBIUS projects is directly due to the work of these two remarkable women. Fortunately both will be on the MCO staff half-time for calendar 2003. Robin Kespohl is Coordinator of Implementation and Support. It is impossible to overstate the importance of Robin to the successful completion of the Common Library Platform implementation. We could not have done it without her. One of the best things about the MOBIUS CLP project is that staff in academic libraries all over Missouri have had the opportunity to experience Robin's razor-sharp intelligence and incredible attention to detail.

Axie Hindman is Coordinator of Electronic Resource Licensing for the UM Office of Library Systems and for MOBIUS. It is impossible in this space to describe effectively the complexities involved in managing millions of dollars in licenses for electronic information products. Axie does not make it look easy — no one could — but she gets it done more effectively than anyone I have known. During her tenure, she has more than earned her salary in the savings and expanded services she has negotiated for the students and faculty of the UM campuses, Washington University, Saint Louis University and the members of MOBIUS.

It has been a privilege for all of us to work with Robin and Axie, and we wish them the best in their well-earned retirements.

George Rickerson,
Executive Director



MOBIUS goes PUBLIC

SPRINGFIELD-GREENE County Library (SGCL) will become the first public library to connect its online system to the MOBIUS Common Library Platform. Later this year the catalog records for SGCL's collection will be added to the MOBIUS Union Catalog, and the Direct Patron Borrowing links between SGCL and the rest of MOBIUS will be activated.

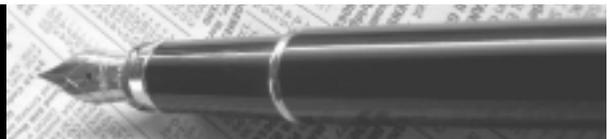
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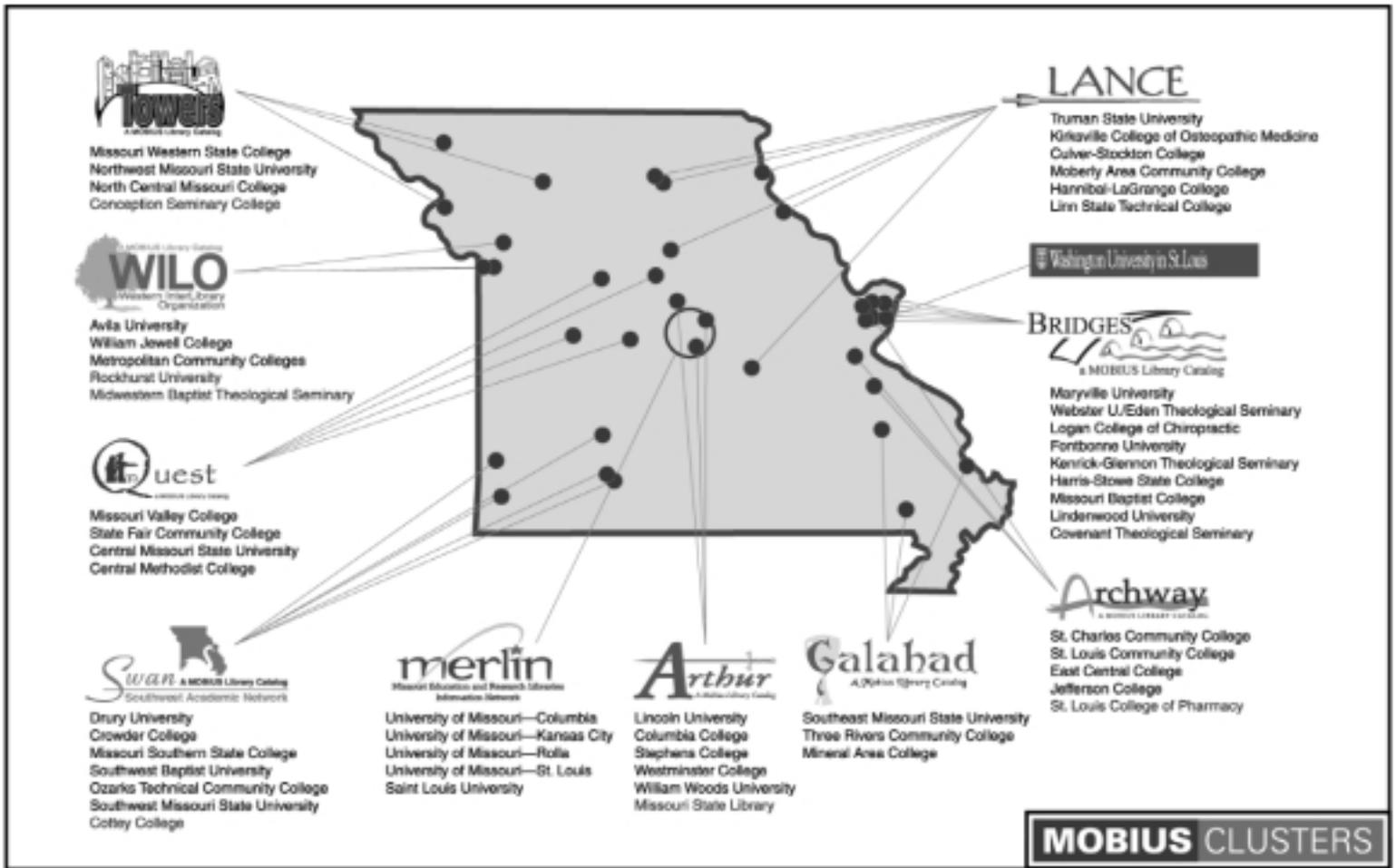
This means that the more than 14 million volumes in the MOBIUS member libraries will be available for direct patron borrowing for the residents of Springfield and surrounding areas and that the SGCL collection will be available to students and faculty statewide. This is significant because it represents the first direct patron borrowing partnership between a public library and the academic community in the state of Missouri.

The MOBIUS Public Libraries Task Force is charged with developing detailed recommendations for the implementation. This task force will complete its recommendations by spring 2003.

The Springfield-Greene Library should be fully participating in the CLP MOBIUS Direct Patron Borrowing program later this fall.

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