



Value of MOBIUS for East Central College Library



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Physical Materials

MOBIUS began in 1998 with 50 libraries to lend books between Missouri libraries. Now MOBIUS lends books, DVDs, dissertations, music scores, CDs, etc., across multiple states, and 77 libraries in 3-4 days.

Value can be found directly in the cost savings of borrowing materials versus buying; excluding cost to process, catalog, store, etc. *

ECC borrowed 631 titles FY20

**Cost savings to borrow vs buy
\$26,250 ECC cost per book
\$46,132 U.S. College book price**

Sierra and MCO

The largest portion of our MOBIUS Assessment fee is related to Integrated Library System, Sierra and the MOBIUS Consortium Office.

Sierra software is our circulation, cataloging and serials management system or integrated library system.

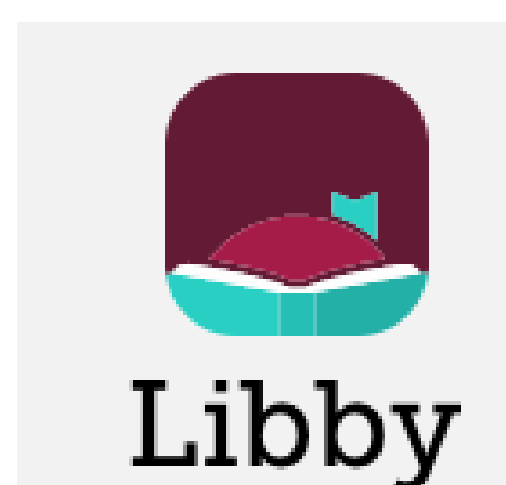
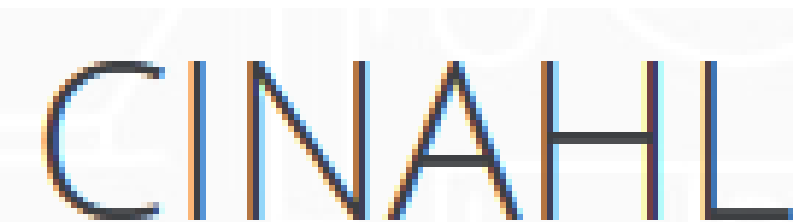
WAM Proxy (in Sierra) allows for secure off campus access to online resources & databases.

MCO staff provides Help Desk Support, process of authority control, monthly load of eMO record updates, monthly load of Overdrive records, biweekly patron loads, contract negotiations for databases and software, and maintain the server.

* ECC cost per book based on actual monies spent FY20
* U.S. college book price based on academic titles average cost FY20

Online Resources & Databases

Consortium buying is the highest value of MOBIUS. As a small community college, ECC does not have a large voice with resource vendors. However, as one of many libraries in MOBIUS we can subscribe to numerous online resources/databases and stay within our budget.



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SAGE Books

MOBIUS resources and database consortium purchasing has saved East Central College over 50% of retail pricing per vendor. We subscribe to 14 of the 158 available resources through MOBIUS.

ECC Library budgets 47% towards all online resource and database subscriptions. Some databases are direct buys from vendors or other consortium like NILRC.

Articles

ArticleReach is a world-wide service of direct digital requesting of articles. This fills the non-full text articles in databases and specialized journals ECC does not subscribe annually. Articles are requested by ECC students and sent directly to their e-mail in 48 hours.

Upon starting ArticleReach in 2017, ECC canceled OCLC Interlibrary Loan \$500 annual cost and eliminated the varied amount charged per request. **

ECC requested 37 articles FY20

Cost savings min. \$647.50 versus traditional Interlibrary Loan

Conference & Trainings

MOBIUS Annual Conference has zero registration fee and with an IMLS federal grant a 50% overnight hotel room is paid per each MOBIUS library attendee. Often held in Columbia, MO the central location allows for less travel time and expense.

The average in-state library conference registration and hotel is \$280 per staff (excluding mileage) as a member of host organization.

Trainings, specific to daily workings at libraries and ILS Sierra software, are free and presented in person, live webinar or recorded webinar.

Library Juice offers live trainings at \$175 per course and Amigos trainings average \$210 per course.

**Traditional ILL cost standard is \$17.50 per item
**Cost savings excludes the \$500 annual OCLC ILL subscription