

MOBIUS

MOBIUS Implementation Completed on Schedule

The Greenlease Library has completed the implementation of the new consortium called MOBIUS.

What is MOBIUS?

MOBIUS stands for the Missouri Bibliographic Information User System. This consortium consists of public and private college and university libraries in the state of Missouri. Through this new consortium the library has implemented a library automated system known as the Common Library Platform that is shared by the entire membership. This automated system supports many of the major functions needed to efficiently operate a library.

Why are only Missouri libraries included?

Part of the funding for MOBIUS comes from the Missouri state legislature and they have approved use of state funds for Missouri libraries only. To be a member of MOBIUS Rockhurst University pays for what state funding does not cover.

What libraries are involved in MOBIUS besides Rockhurst University?

The MOBIUS consortium is divided into 11 clusters. Rockhurst University is a member of the WILO cluster, which also includes Avila University, the Metropolitan Community Colleges (Blue River, Longview, Maple Woods, Penn Valley), Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Saint Paul School of Theology and William Jewell College.

To see a complete list of MOBIUS libraries visit the MOBIUS website at <http://mco.mobius.missouri.edu/article/articleview/7/>.

What are the services available to Rockhurst University students, faculty and staff because of our MOBIUS membership?

- q Rockhurst University students, faculty and staff have access to approximately 17 million items owned collectively by the MOBIUS member libraries.
- q Rockhurst University students, faculty and staff may use their unique campus ID code through the online catalog from their home or office computers to request **books** from another MOBIUS library and have them sent to Rockhurst for a 3-week checkout period. This process is known as Patron Initiated Requesting. Information about this process is available on the library's website at <http://www.rockhurst.edu/services/library/circulation/piborrow.pdf>.

- q Rockhurst University students, faculty and staff may use their Rockhurst ID card and their unique campus ID code to checkout books and other materials directly from other MOBIUS libraries through the Visiting Patron Borrowing program. Information about this process is available on the library's website at <http://www.rockhurst.edu/services/library/circulation/index.html#checking> .
- q Rockhurst University students, faculty and staff are responsible for all fines or lost charges accrued while borrowing from MOBIUS libraries. Fines can be as high as \$120.00 per item. More information is available on the library's website at <http://www.rockhurst.edu/services/library/circulation/index.html#overdues> .
- q Items borrowed from MOBIUS libraries usually arrive within 3 days through a courier system used by the MOBIUS members. The library uses this courier system to receive items from MOBIUS libraries each weekday. Deliveries are not made during the weekend.
- q Through our membership in the MOBIUS consortium the library has purchased electronic databases such as *Education Full Text*, *Historical Abstracts* and *America: History and Life*. The technological backbone of the consortium is through MOREnet, which now acts as the Internet service provider for the university. Membership in MOREnet provides Rockhurst users additional electronic databases such as *EBSCOhost*, *Newsbank*, *Gale Business & Company Resource Center* and the *Gale Discovering Collection*.

Wasn't the Rockhurst University library already in a consortium?

Yes. The Greenlease Library was a member of the Kansas City Library Consortium (KCLC) from 1991 - 2003. The library's contract with KCLC ended June 30, 2003. Rockhurst University no longer has an official relationship with the Kansas City Public Library and the other libraries of the Kansas City Library Consortium

The KCLC online catalog has been replaced with an online catalog system that defaults to searching the Rockhurst University's library collection first. Then if an item is not found in our collection patrons can easily click on links to search the WILO Cluster Catalog or the entire MOBIUS Union Catalog. For search tips for using the online catalog visit <http://wilo.missouri.edu/screens/help.html#search> .

Rockhurst University students, faculty and staff used to be able to use their Rockhurst ID card at the Kansas City Public Library. Is that still possible?

No. Rockhurst University patrons should obtain a public library card. Online applications for KCPL cards can be done on their website at <http://www.kclibrary.org/catalog/librarycards.cfm>. The Rockhurst University library has never accepted any cards from area public libraries so no change will occur in that policy.

Rockhurst University students, faculty and staff used to be able to use their Rockhurst ID card and a PIN number to access databases like ProQuest, FirstSearch Select and ATLAS from off campus. Will this still be possible?

Not with a Rockhurst University ID. However, access to ProQuest and FirstSearch is available with a Kansas City Public Library card. ATLAS is not available through the public library, but is available at Rockhurst through the password-protected version of FirstSearch. For information on the electronic resources available at the Rockhurst University Greenlease Library visit our website at <http://www.rockhurst.edu/services/library/electronic/index.html> .

Rockhurst University students, faculty and staff used to be able to use the KCLC online catalog to enter a "Request to Borrow" for a book from KCLC libraries, including the Kansas City Public Library. Is that still possible?

Since the Greenlease Library discontinued the use of the KCLC online catalog we are no longer receiving books from those consortium libraries through an online catalog. To request books from KCLC libraries, Rockhurst University students, faculty and staff should fill out an Interlibrary Loan form; either on the Interlibrary Loan web page at <http://www.rockhurst.edu/services/library/interactive/InterLibraryLoan/index.asp> or a paper form can be filled out in person at the Information Desk on the main floor of the library.

Rockhurst University students, faculty and staff used to be able to receive books or journal articles from other libraries through Interlibrary Loan. Is that still possible?

Yes. The Greenlease Library will continue to do traditional interlibrary loans for Rockhurst University students, faculty and staff.

Books that can be borrowed from MOBIUS libraries will not be borrowed on Interlibrary Loan. Do not fill out Interlibrary Loan forms for these items.

Books available from MOBIUS libraries must be borrowed using Patron Initiated Borrowing or Visiting Patron Borrowing. Information about Patron Initiated Borrowing and Visiting Patron Borrowing is available on the library's website at <http://www.rockhurst.edu/services/library/circulation/index.html#checking> .

Books that are not available at MOBIUS libraries will be borrowed using traditional Interlibrary Loan. Borrowing of audiotapes and receipt of photocopies of articles must be done through traditional Interlibrary Loan. Rockhurst University students, faculty and staff should fill out an Interlibrary Loan form; either on the Interlibrary Loan web page at <http://www.rockhurst.edu/services/library/interactive/InterLibraryLoan/index.asp> or a paper form can be filled out in person at the Information Desk on the main floor of the library.

Can anyone else besides Rockhurst University students, faculty and staff do Patron Initiated Borrowing or Visiting Patron Borrowing with MOBIUS libraries or participate in traditional Interlibrary Loan?

No. All of these services are restricted to current Rockhurst University students, faculty and staff.

Other types of patrons are eligible to checkout materials from the Rockhurst Greenlease Library. For information about who are considered eligible borrowers please visit the library website at

<http://www.rockhurst.edu/services/library/circulation/borrower.html>.

Who can I talk to on the library staff if I have additional questions?

Contact Laurie Hathman, Head of Public Services, at 816-501-4655 or laurie.hathman@rockhurst.edu with your questions.