

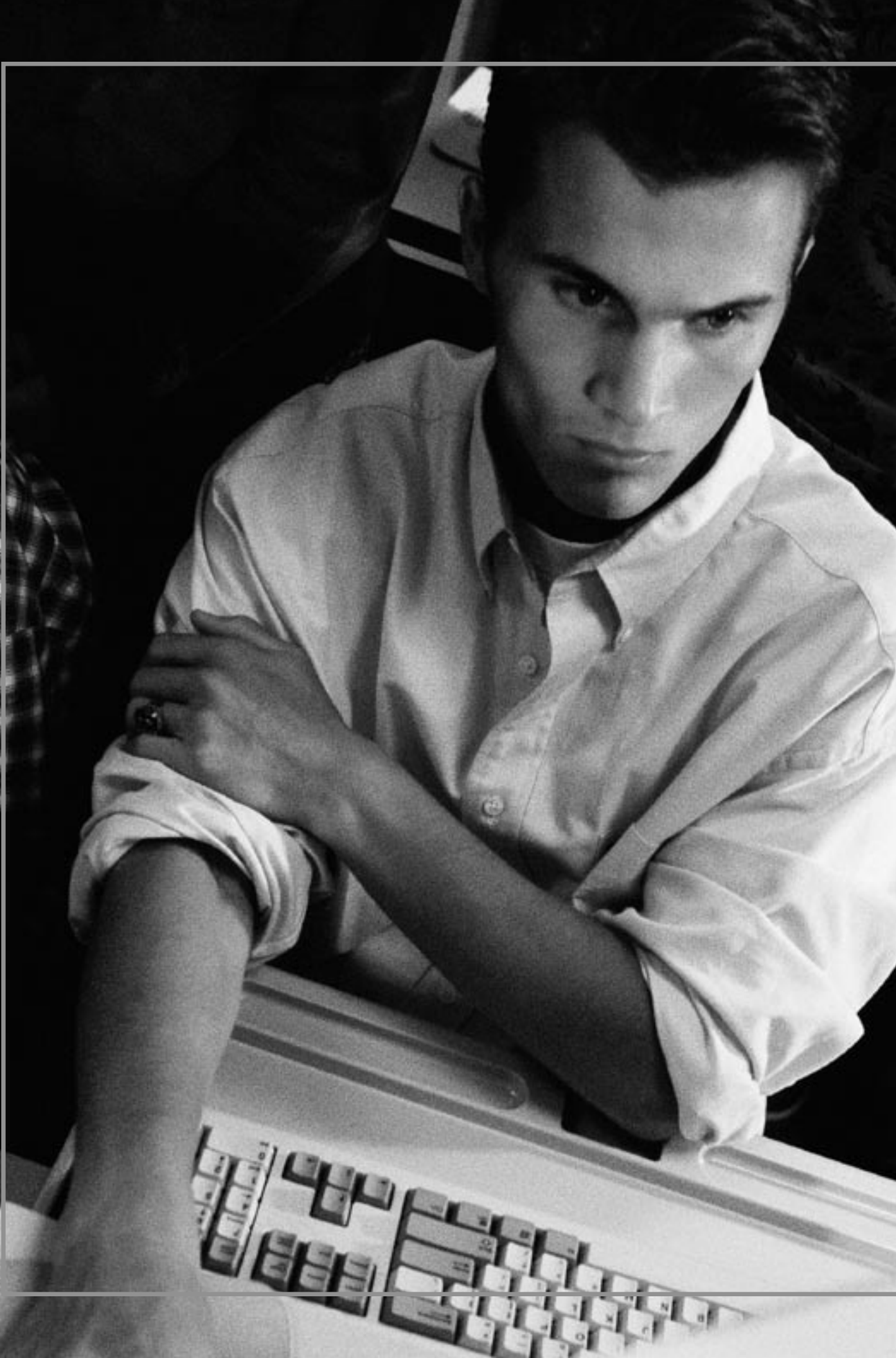


2002-2003
**Annual
Report**

MOBIUS

Linking Missouri's Academic Libraries

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Welcome to the 2002-2003 Annual Report for the MOBIUS Consortium. After the very active years of Common Library Platform (CLP) implementation, the twelve months ending July 31, 2003 were comparatively peaceful for MOBIUS, although the staff in the MOBIUS member libraries who must cope with the ever-increasing rate of book borrowing and lending might object to that characterization. The fact is, CLP implementation activities continued during FY2003, and MOBIUS borrowing and lending activity continued to grow at an amazing pace.

Statewide we added five new institutions to the CLP, including the Missouri State Library, a 10 percent increase in the number of institutions participating. CLP lending increased nearly 20 percent, and traditional interlibrary lending increased approximately 15 percent. Clearly, the students and faculty of Missouri's institutions of higher education continue to discover the benefits of having fast and easy access to a 17-million-volume library collection.

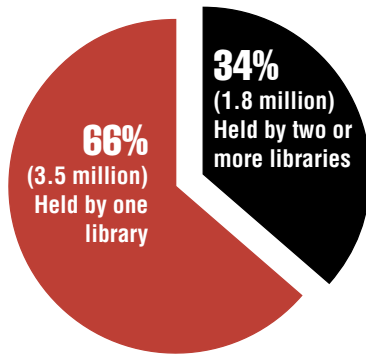
While we, along with our colleagues across the state, regret the impact that the state's budget difficulties are having on Missouri's publicly assisted higher education institutions, we believe MOBIUS and the CLP have helped to moderate that impact in two ways. First, of course, the CLP makes it easier for students and faculty to find the informational resources they need, even when their home institution is unable to acquire them. Second, the CLP project eliminated the necessity for the state to spend money on expensive automated library systems for each of the public institutions for the foreseeable future. Over the life of the CLP, this savings will add up to millions of dollars for Missouri.

Thank you for taking the time to review this report and to learn about MOBIUS. MOBIUS members can be proud of the consortium's accomplishments during the past year, and we look forward to the coming year with excitement and optimism.



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UNIQUE HOLDINGS



There are 5.3 million titles in the MOBIUS Union Catalog.

HIGHLIGHT: **SPRINGFIELD-GREENE**

In September 2003, Springfield-Greene County Library will become the first public library to join forces with a consortium of nearly every institution of higher education in Missouri. The inclusion of the Springfield-Greene County Library in the MOBIUS Union Catalog means the more than 17 million resources 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.

Meghan Lunders Senior at Truman State University

In her sophomore year at Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri, Meghan Lunders discovered the benefits of using MOBIUS.

"The teachers at Truman are good about educating students on how to research and where to look for information," said Lunders, who is entering her senior year this fall.

Lunders requests about 15 to 20 books each semester. About 60 percent of her requests are books of personal interest, such as fiction titles, while the other 40 percent are school-related.

Since September of 2002, Lunders has worked at Truman State's Pickler Memorial Library filling and sending out the library's MOBIUS requests.

"We can tell what time of the semester it is by the number of requests there are. By mid-terms we are starting to receive several orders, and as the semester goes on, the requests continue to increase," said Lunders.

According to Lunders, Pickler Memorial Library sends out about 15 MOBIUS requests a day and nearly twice as many are received. A wide selection of books comes into the library that reflect patrons' personal hobbies, such as knitting, and various research topics.

Lunders observes numerous Truman students accessing the service on library computers every day.

"It's just so easy to use. I can search all of MOBIUS in one click," said Lunders.

Work.



James Giglio
Distinguished Professor of History
at Southwest Missouri State University

James Giglio began using the MOBIUS Common Library Platform (CLP) a couple of years ago and now uses the service five to seven times a semester. Giglio is a distinguished professor of history at Southwest Missouri State University (SMSU) in Springfield. He uses MOBIUS to obtain resources for classes and research, as well as topics of personal interest.

“With MOBIUS, I am able to supplement what is in our [the SMSU] system. Because different schools emphasize different areas, MOBIUS offers a wonderful opportunity for sharing with other institutions,” said Giglio.

Giglio has found MOBIUS an easy service to use and appreciates being able to access it from the personal computer in his office. He encourages his students to use MOBIUS to broaden their research beyond the resources available within the SMSU library system.

Giglio added, “I hope it [MOBIUS] continues. It offers services from which all institutions within the state can benefit.”

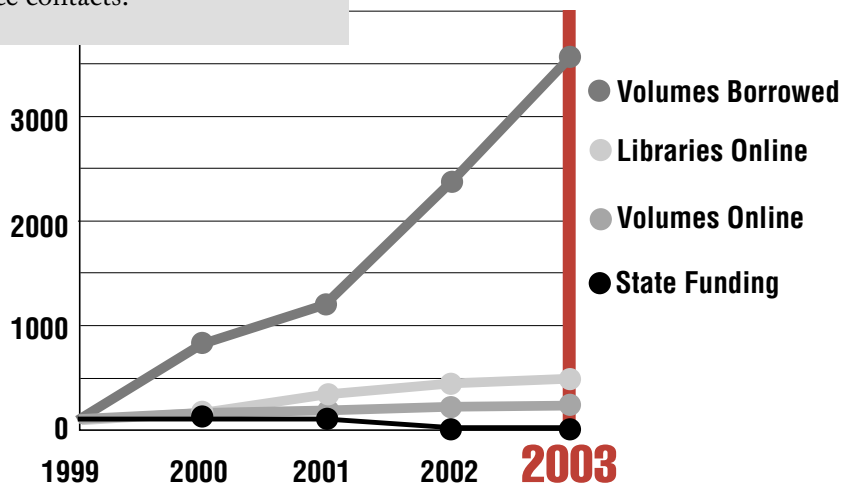


HIGHLIGHT: E-RESOURCES

The MOBIUS Electronic Resources Committee (MERAC) has created a subcommittee to study Open URL resolvers and a subcommittee to explore Digital Reference. These fact-finding groups were established based on responses to an Interest Survey sent to all MOBIUS electronic resource contacts.

KEY INDICATORS

Values indexed to 1999
 1999 = 100



Share.

HIGHLIGHT: CLP

We continue to work with MOBIUS member institutions to move the Common Library Platform project forward. All, or nearly all, of the add-on libraries are now up and running on Millennium and have begun, or soon will begin, borrowing and lending through INN-Reach.

Judy Maseles

Part-time Engineering Librarian, Head of Science Branches Division and Special Projects Facilitator for Ellis Library

Judy Maseles has been using the MOBIUS CLP since it went online. As a part-time engineering librarian, the head of the science branches division and special projects facilitator for Ellis Library at the University of Missouri-Columbia, she uses the service to see what resources other institution libraries have available.

“Because we have no funds or desire to buy basic computer science books, we borrow them from other institutions,” said Maseles.

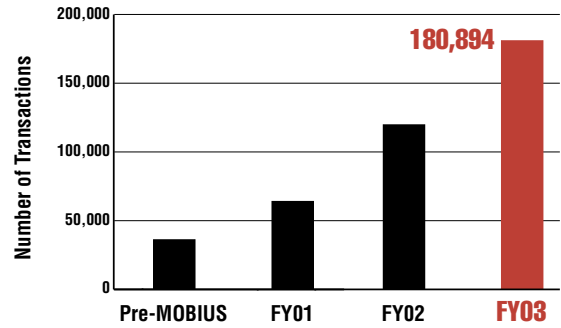
In addition, Maseles helps the library patrons use MOBIUS to enlarge their searches. She has found that most students and faculty need very little instruction on how to use MOBIUS.

“I am mostly directing them to the service. I let people know that if they do a MERLIN search and a book doesn’t come up, they can go to MOBIUS,” said Maseles.

The MU Engineering Library has nearly 2100 users, including 1600 undergraduate students, 350 graduate students, 80 faculty and 60 staff. The library receives about six to eight books a day that have been requested through MOBIUS.

“The seamlessness of getting books is great,” commented Maseles.

DIRECT PATRON BORROWING



Tiffany Patterson

National Register Coordinator, State Historic Preservation Office, Missouri Department of Natural Resources

Research is an integral part of Tiffany Patterson’s work as national register coordinator for the State Historic Preservation Office at the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Using the MOBIUS CLP has enhanced the quantity and quality of the secondary research she has uncovered.

In addition to assisting people across the state to get their properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Patterson is researching the federal relief work done in Missouri during the 1920s and 1930s.

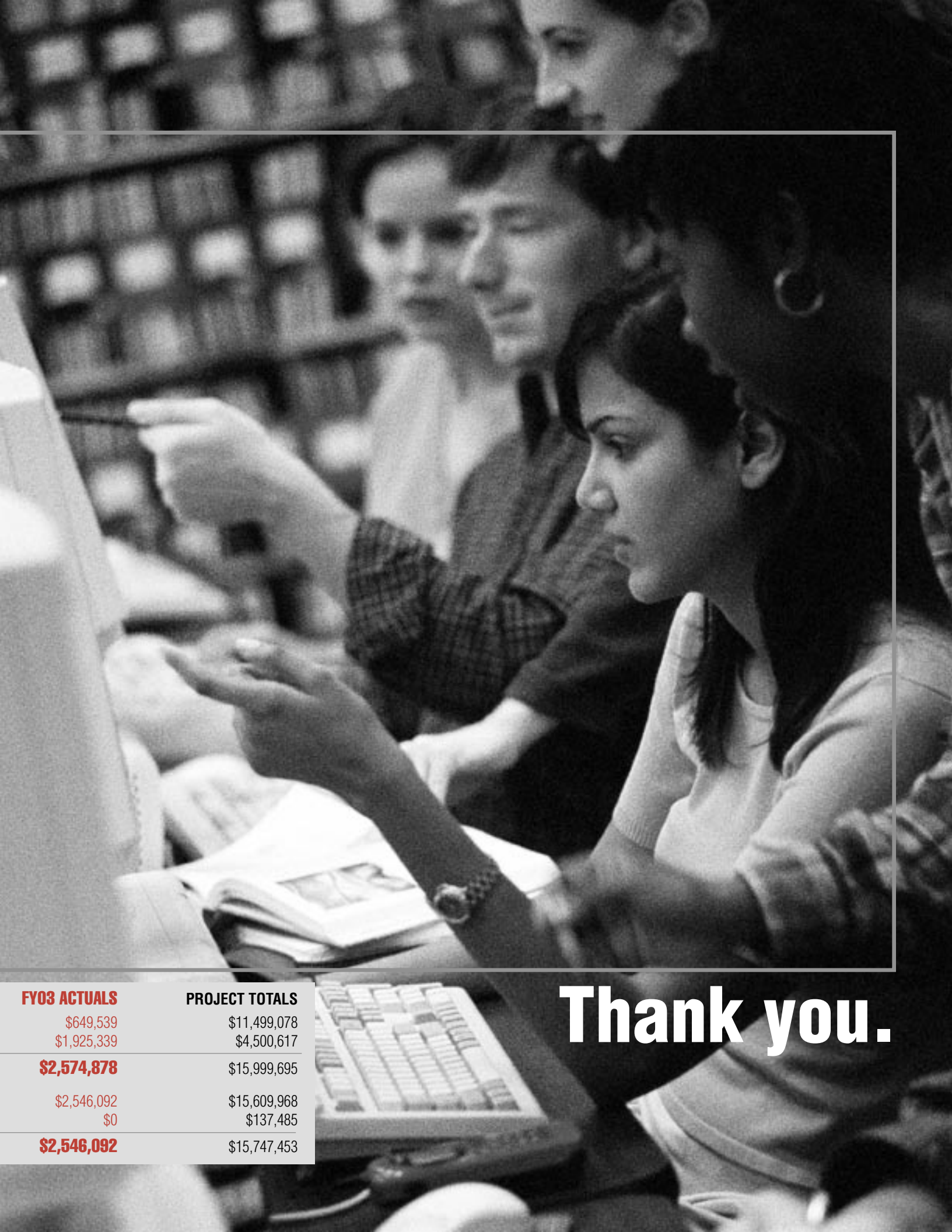
Patterson’s work includes researching information generated by many now-defunct commissions of the New Deal era. “By using MOBIUS, I have found some fairly obscure reports that I didn’t know existed,” said Patterson. “The information I find on MOBIUS often leads me to other sources of information.”

Although she has only used the service for the past eight months, she receives four to eight books a month through the CLP. She appreciates the convenience, speed and cost-effectiveness of getting books and reports that are important to her project.

“I have access to books I wouldn’t have if I had just gone to Columbia. Through MOBIUS, I use libraries at colleges and universities around the state,” said Patterson.

The culmination of Patterson’s research will help individuals and groups to get their properties listed on the National Register with less effort. It will also introduce Missouri citizens to a more complete documentation of the physical and social results of New Deal federal relief to Missouri.

	FY99 ACTUALS	FY00 ACTUALS	FY01 ACTUALS	FY02 ACTUALS
State Appropriation	\$3,400,000	\$3,400,000	\$3,400,000	\$649,539
Member Payments	\$240,000	\$491,727	\$775,946	\$1,067,605
TOTAL REVENUE	\$3,640,000	\$3,891,727	\$4,175,946	\$1,717,144
Expenses	\$210,986	\$3,694,806	\$4,614,769	\$4,543,315
Indirect Cost	\$0	\$60,163	\$77,322	\$0
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$210,986	\$3,754,969	\$4,692,091	\$4,543,315



FY03 ACTUALS

\$649,539
\$1,925,339

\$2,574,878

\$2,546,092
\$0

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PROJECT TOTALS

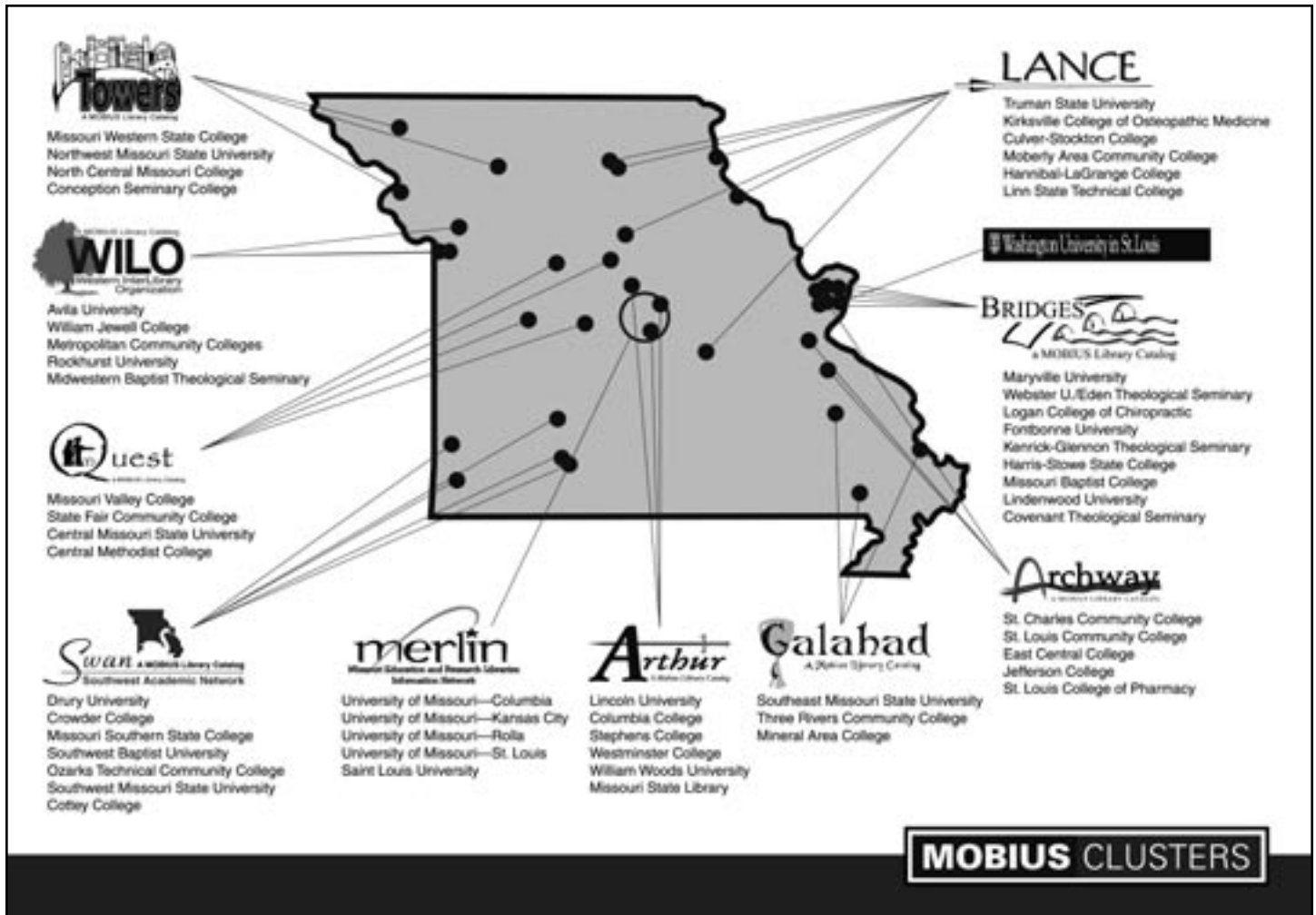
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\$137,485

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Thank you.



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