

## Boston Library Consortium

The Boston Library Consortium - cooperative association of nineteen academic and research libraries: Boston College <sup>\*R</sup>, Boston Public Library<sup>R</sup>, Boston University<sup>\*</sup>, Brandeis University<sup>R</sup>, Brown University<sup>\*</sup>, MBL/WHOI<sup>R</sup>, MIT<sup>\*</sup>, Northeastern University<sup>\*R</sup>, State Library of Massachusetts<sup>R</sup>, Tufts University<sup>\*R</sup>, University of Massachusetts-Amherst<sup>\*R</sup>, University of Massachusetts-Boston<sup>R</sup>, University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth<sup>R</sup>, University of Massachusetts-Lowell<sup>R</sup>, University of Massachusetts-Worcester<sup>R</sup>, University of Connecticut<sup>\*</sup>, University of New Hampshire<sup>\*</sup>, Wellesley College<sup>\*R</sup>, Williams College<sup>\*R</sup>

Sharing human and information resources so that the collective strengths of the group advance the research and learning of the members' constituents.

Supporting resource sharing and enhancement of services to users through programs in cooperative collecting, access to electronic resources, access to physical collections, and enhanced interlibrary loan and document delivery.

- interlibrary loan utilizing a dedicated daily delivery service and Internet transmission
- computerized information services with access to members online catalogs, 24/7 reference service, and other information resources
- on-site use of member libraries and borrowing privileges for qualified researchers

The Consortium represents collectively:

- 32 million volumes
- 250,000 currently received serials
- 262,767 items lent through ILL
- 60% of items lent within the BLC represent article requests

And serves

- 10,000 faculty
- 200,000 students
- and members of the Commonwealth through the provision of articles<sup>\*\*</sup>

<sup>\*</sup>One of the top 20 NELINET ILL Lenders in 2002.

<sup>R</sup>Member of a Massachusetts Regional Library System.

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