



## Use of consortium for E resources

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**Abstract:** The creation and utilization of inter-library cooperation known as consortium, has the ability to improve communication and relationships across academic circles and can encourage cross-disciplinary research cooperation and collaborations. This is a growing in these days of informational revolution. India is presently undergoing vast impact of information & communication shift & the consortium can benefit to coordinate activities share resources & combine expertise among various user groups. The sharing of resources, and collaboration on shared study goals often enable libraries to deliver higher quality services than they would be able to deliver on their own.

**Key words:** consortium, inter library resources, resources sharing, benefits, challenges

**Introduction:** Inter-library loan is a system that allows for libraries to borrow and share materials across a wide variety of topics as well as vast geographic locations. This is called as consortium. A library consortium is a group of libraries who partner to coordinate activities, share resources, and combine expertise. Library consortia offer significant advantages to increasingly impoverished libraries. The sharing of resources, and collaboration on shared goals

often enable libraries to deliver higher quality services than they would be able to deliver on their own Inter-library loan is a system that allows for libraries to borrow and share materials across a wide variety of topics as well as vast geographic locations. ( Patil Yalagouda . M - Consortium approach to resource sharing in an e-environment. Jodhpur, India: Scientific Publishers, 2014. xxiv).It is the most common use of cooperation between libraries as well as within specific consortia (



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**Benefits of consortium** -The consortium can benefit to coordinate activities share resources & combine expertise among various user groups .It is the most common use of cooperation between libraries as well as within specific consortia. Consortia can grow into something that covers much larger ground than a simple inter-library loan agreement

1. The consortium for e resources is easy to handle ,
2. The consortium for e resources saves physical storage space ,

3. The consortium for e resources saves on physical maintaining ,

4. The consortium for e resources supports digital preservation

5. The sharing of resources, and collaboration on shared study goals often enable libraries to deliver higher quality services than they would be able to deliver on their own. The consortium for e resources helps the study goals

### **Other benefits**

There are many benefits for libraries that wish to create or join consortia. Though many have fees for entry, in the end the library finds itself saving a great deal on funding by sharing resources with other members of the consortia.

1. A single library's collection will greatly increase much faster than staying solitary. Hence The consortium for e -resources will enhance chances of library collections.
2. The consortium for e resources promotes creation and



utilization of inter-library cooperation has the ability to greatly improve communication and relationships across vast fields and can encourage cross-discipline cooperation as well as collaborations. (Suresh K Chatham - The library consortia in India IIL review December Vol. 45 issues 3-4 2013).

**UGC INFO-NET** - UGC Info-net is the most popular library consortia in India. Thousands of students & scholars from various colleges & universities across India are benefitted through UGC Info-net. They are utilizing both archival & current content through this. The scholars who are using UGC Info - Net are increasing every year as such the cost of down loading article is decreasing every year. (Suresh K Chauhan - The library consortia in India IIL review December Vol. 45 issues 3-4 2013) .

### **Consideration for consortium management**

1. The current state of resource sharing through

consortium for e resources has to be reviewed at regular intervals across globe uniformly.

2. The licensing of e journals towards consortium for e resources has to be simplified (Thompson, T. L. (2004). Library consortia in the 21st century: Beyond the buying club. Trends in Law Library Management & Technology, 15(2).

3. The need for consortia is increasing with multi disciplinary study hence it has to be channelized properly

4. As consortia opens up many business linkages along with consortium for e resources needs the economic & fiscal monitoring

5. As consortium for e resources involves various organizations, the digital preservation is becoming more value added. Hence more care has to be given towards digital preservation

6. The purchasing & licensing digital materials is very important as consortium for e resources depends on good management



7. The expenditure by consortium for e resources based subscription to the commonly subscribed databases & journals have been strictly monitored. (Thompson, T. L. (2004). Library consortia in the 21st century: Beyond the buying club. Trends in Law Library Management & Technology, 15(2).

8. The subscription to sage online journal, Springer online journal Elsevier online is in demand. More optional E journal subscription priorities have to be planned.

9. The consortium for e resources is popular because it allows remote access can be used simultaneously by many users but the problem of remote access might create secluded mentality among user groups

10. The consortium for e resources provide timely access & provides support to searching capabilities as it is user friendly but the question of searching capabilities might become one way . Users might concentrate on e resources ,neglecting print resources

11. The consortium for e resources is easy to handle , saves physical storage space , but the issues related to e storage persists

12. The consortium for e - resources is becoming popular as it saves on physical maintaining, but the question of maintaining the e resources in time also needs great managerial skills with trained personnel.

13. The consortium for e - resources supports digital preservation & digital preservation itself is a very complicated topic. great technical care is needed in handling issues related to digital preservation. ( Dr. Chetan Sharma-Use and Impact of E-Resources A Case Study Vol 10 No 1 , Indraprastha University, Delhi, India , 2009).

**Conclusion** - Thus the consortium has been increasing in popularity among academic circles. It is the most common use of cooperation between libraries as well as within specific consortia. Consortia can grow into something that covers much larger ground than a simple inter-library loan agreement. As



the creation and utilization of inter-library cooperation has the ability to greatly improve communication and relationships across vast fields and can encourage cross-discipline cooperation as well as collaborations it is being recommended widely. It is challenged by many challenges as there are threat of journal copy rights , licensing , Legislations etc.

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