Will the MOBIUS libraries request all of our popular items?

Quite the contrary—borrowing and lending is reciprocal and fairly balanced among Prospector libraries. This was a fear when we began Prospector back in 1999, but it never materialized. We think the same will be true when we expand our network to MOBIUS. We are discouraging local libraries to put a link in their local catalog to the peer INN-Reach system. The only exception is Colorado Christian University—they are the only seminary library in Prospector, while MOBIUS has several seminary libraries. So, it makes sense for CCU to add a link to MOBIUS from their local catalog. The two INN-Reach systems will have links to transfer searches between the two catalogs. This way, patrons will only “get” to the peer system if they can’t find the item in their local union catalog. Some savvy patrons may check the second INN-Reach system first, but most will only request an item if they don’t find it in Prospector first.

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