

# NExpress Shared Catalog

**NExpress is a Product:** A shared union catalog

- View the holdings and patrons of all participating libraries
- Almost everything, everywhere is available for Hold
  - Materials flow back and forth among libraries constantly
- Certain policies, preferences and features are determined globally
  - Everyone agrees to abide by some shared rules
- Others rules are determined, and only apply, locally
  - Circulation and fine policies of the local library always apply
  - Items coming to your library follow your local policies
- Extension and expansion of ILL
  - Agent ILL may decrease, but will continue
  - State Library replacement policies and procedures apply to NExpress libraries for lost/damaged materials
  - State Library statistics count ILL loans and borrows among NExpress libraries

**NExpress is a Resource:** A collaboration among participating libraries

- Koha Integrated Library System and the statewide courier system
  - Lend and borrow materials freely
  - Quick, easy, efficient
- Policy Committee, Cataloging Committee, Collection Development Committee
  - Meet to discuss and recommend global rules and policies
- Users Group
  - Periodic meetings held to discuss issues and find resolutions to shared problems
  - Ratify recommendations from the NExpress committees
- Vision and Values
  - “NExpress is a shared system, with a shared patron database, collaborative regional collection development and shared responsibility for maintaining and expanding the system in a professional manner.”

**NExpress is a NEKLS Service**

- NEKLS contracts with a vendor to host the database off-site, assist with data migration, and provide support and development for new initiatives
- NExpress Team administers the database
- NEKLS underwrites the funding of the catalog and courier
- NEKLS staff supports local staff with Technical Services and Development consultation
- NEKLS maintains a leased collection of best-selling adult fiction titles

**NExpress is an Opportunity**

- Collaborative collection development
- A chance to highlight and promote the library’s collection to the community

Global	Local
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Item types</li> <li>• Collection Codes</li> <li>• Shelving Locations</li> <li>• Renewal policies</li> <li>• OPAC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Circulation policies</li> <li>• Fine policies</li> <li>• Patron categories</li> <li>• Overdue notices</li> <li>• Hold restrictions</li> </ul>