How to Use MOBIUS and/or Prospector to find Interlibrary Loan Titles

MOBIUS is our new Interlibrary Loan system, for borrowing books from other libraries. It is integrated into our Encore catalog, and is easy to use!

Open your browser to our catalog:

[encore.wdm.iowa.gov](http://encore.wdm.iowa.gov)

Perform a search for the item you are looking for as you normally would. Notice that MOBIUS shows up in two places. See image below.

Click on either of the MOBIUS links to see the same search in the MOBIUS catalog:
Notice in this one there are different titles and electronic resources also listed. **We can borrow print and A/V materials (DVDs, Audiobooks), but not eBooks or eAudiobooks.** Check our website for options for borrowing eBooks! [http://www.wdmlibrary.org/using-the-library/ebooks-and-eaudiobooks/](http://www.wdmlibrary.org/using-the-library/ebooks-and-eaudiobooks/)

Notice that there is a link to check **Other Sources**. In this case the Other Sources is **Prospector**, another catalog in the loan system. If you don’t find the item you are looking for in the WDM Library Encore catalog, or in MOBIUS’ Encore, you can also search Prospectors Encore. Each catalog opens a new browser but they all work virtually the same, are all connected together, and if you place a request in any of them, it will work very similarly and follow the same holds process – just as if you borrowed it from us!

Click the **Request It** button - a pop-up opens. Choose **MOBIUS West Des Moines Public Library** from the drop down menu (see image below) then click **Submit above Information** button.
Fill out Your Name and Barcode (your WDM Library card number), then click Submit.

Usually you do not need to pick a specific copy or location, but occasionally you do. If so, just pick any of the options that state they are AVAILABLE. When you have chosen your item, click on Request Selected Item and this will tell the lending library to send it to the WDM Library.

When the item comes in via courier, the items will go on the Holds shelf and you will get notified in the usual way through email, phone call or text depending on your existing preferences. A due date will be noted on the item.

Enjoy!

West Des Moines Public Library

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