SOUTRON

PRODUCT FACT SHEET

FlexShare

Consortium discovery and resource sharing that preserves each library's autonomy.

PURPOSE

Lets libraries form a bottom-up or ad hoc consortium with their chosen partners.

Local Independence

Participating libraries retain circulation rules, material and patron types, configuration, option choices, direct Soutron support, and individual billing.

Cross-Library Rules

Libraries can set lending rules for FlexShare patrons separately from their own patrons. A patron blocked at one participating library can be blocked across the participating libraries.

Borrowing

Patrons can check out items at participating libraries using their home library card, with one account per patron across all participating libraries.

Technical and Fulfillment Support

Fulfillment management, transit optimization, and tools for cross-library lending and reserving.

Personal Information

Control when patron information is shared, all of the time or only during circulation; options govern what details are shared.

Discovery

Patrons choose which partner collections to search. Discovery works with Apollo or Z39.50-enabled libraries and can be used without a sharing arrangement.

PARTICIPATION

Every Apollo customer can participate, with no additional participation, entry, or exit charge.

Libraries can join or leave without changing their data.