ABSTRACT: Patron Placed Holds (PPH) is a vital part of the University of Maryland and Affiliated Institutions (USMAI) Libraries Automated Library Information Management System. Not only have the USMAI Libraries executed two consortial buys of LIMS hardware and software from vendors but a unique consortial partnership emerged and has evolved. The key ideas behind the consortia were reduction of duplicate holdings and patron centered services.

This paper will show how each library retains its unique identity and parameters for circulation while allowing patrons (faculty, staff, students, special borrowers) not only circulation privileges but the ability to place holds/recalls without staff intervention for materials at any other site.