# ICT in Library Services

Unit 3 Consortia: Definition, Meaning

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### **CONSORTIA**

Consortium is a Latin word, meaning 'partnership, association or society' and derives from 'partner', itself from con 'together' and sors 'fate', meaning owner of means or comrade.

#### DEFINITION

"Consortia essentially consists of group of libraries of various strengths, power collection, staff experience and specialization can cooperate to share expertise developed in the services of the member libraries"

#### FEATURES OF LIBRARY CONSORTIA

- It provides each organizations and institutions with the capacity to share their resources without sacrificing the individuality of each member library.
- Support scholarly research for its users
- Cooperative research and development
- Staff development
- Inter library searching at less cost

## **THANKS**