AMICO
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Art Museum Image Consortium:
creating a collaborative cultural resource
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What is AMICO?
• independent, non-profit, consortium of institutions with collections of art
• Mission: enable educational use of museum multimedia

Why AMICO?
• encourage broad use of museum collections
• create common library for consistency and ease of use
• administer educational licenses efficiently
• facilitate interchange of experience and ideas
• build links among museum and user communities

Creating and Delivering The AMICO Library
Members
Distributors
Users
Subscriber
Subscriber
Users

AMICO Members
• established Consortium (1997)
• govern programs
• work on committees
• pay dues (equal to subscription costs)
• contribute to The AMICO Library annually
• use The AMICO Library™
• see participation as further pursuit of their educational mission

AMICO Works
Works in The AMICO Library are documented by a catalog record, and image and an image metadata record. Other multimedia may also be included.
AMICO

- assists members’ participation
- develops specifications, best practices
- manages agreements
- compiles The AMICO Library
  - validates structure and links
  - enhances indexing and authority control
- transfers The AMICO Library to distributors
- facilitates collaboration and communication

AMICO Distributors

- AMICO Thumbnail Catalog
  - on Web for public access
- Research Libraries Group (RLG)
  - university access
- OhioLINK library consortia
  - statewide college access (others under development)
- Other Distributors coming soon
  - Primary & Secondary Schools, Public Libraries and international users
- Different access for distinct communities

AMICO Public Web Site

- www.amico.org

AMICO at RLG

- Research Libraries Group (RLG)
  - not-for-profit library information network
- Offer many resources
  - abstracting and indexing, archival records, bibliographic records
  - The AMICO Library part of their Eureka Service
- Limited learning curve for existing users
- 24/7 support and service

AMICO Web Thumbnail Catalog

- search.amico.org

- search of the week
  - 11/21/2000
  - Creation Date
  - German (Creator Nationality)

AMICO @ RLG Subscription Service

- Complete an online request for a free trial at
  - http://www.amico.org/trial.html
AMICO Subscribers & Users

**Subscribers**
- educational institutions
- annual subscription fee for unlimited access to growing resource
- over 1,000,000 students at 130+ schools in North America have access
- available to over 1.4 million students at 170+ schools in the UK
- K-12 Testbed underway

**Users**
- integrate image content throughout teaching and research
- use it in local and networked systems
- need help imagining how to use new resources and support in adapting to them

institutional license specifies users and uses

The AMICO Library in Practice

- Art History
- Cultural History
- Technical Studies
- Art Studio
- Library

In-depth study
- compare and analyze

Online review
- student assignments
- printing and imaging
AMICO as example

• building multimedia digital libraries requires new methods and strategies
• social, economic, legal and technological challenges
  - integration of people, institutions and systems
• technology is an enabler not an end in itself
  - image databases only one small part of the picture
• collaboration key to scalable, sustainable solutions that support shared missions

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