



## **NOBLE New Member Policy**

NOBLE membership is open to Massachusetts academic, public, school and special libraries.

- A startup fee to cover vendor costs to migrate data to Evergreen will be assessed. All other vendor costs will be covered by the network.
- All participating libraries must receive delivery of library materials through the Massachusetts Library System.
- Annual fees will be assessed based on a formula approved by NOBLE membership unless otherwise noted below.
- Public school systems may join as a system for the standard membership fee.
  - One school would be entitled to NOBLE services for the initial membership fee.
  - Each additional school would be charged a branch fee set annually by the NOBLE Executive Board.

### **Associate Libraries**

Associate library membership is open to libraries with a maximum collection size of 20,000 physical items. NOBLE will provide three years to libraries growing out of the associate member level to gradually move to the higher assessment rate.

Associate members:

- Will have access to the same NOBLE services that are available to full members.
- Will not have a vote at Members Meeting, but may attend as a non-voting member.
- May participate as a voting member of NOBLE committees and working groups.
- Will not be required to participate in the EBSCO group package subscription.
- Will be assessed a flat fee determined annually by the NOBLE Executive Board.

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*Approved by Meeting of the Members: 3/19/2026*