Amigos began in 1974 in Dallas, TX, as AMIGOS Bibliographic Council, when 22 libraries united to bring OCLC access to the southwestern United States. Currently, the Amigos Membership consists of over 750 libraries and cultural heritage institutions, located primarily in the southwestern United States.

The mission of Amigos is to:

- Provide innovative services to libraries
- Promote library cooperation and resource sharing
- Strengthen libraries as leaders in their communities
- Support libraries as education and information providers

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