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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

A Time of Growth



Welcome to the 2006-2007 Annual Report for the MOBIUS Consortium. These past twelve months have been a time of growth and excitement for MOBIUS.

As 2006 marked my first year with the organization I found it critical to make visits to all 62 of our MOBIUS member institutions and meet directly with those library staff and directors who comprise MOBIUS' libraries. This experience was invaluable to me as it gave me tremendous insight into the opportunities and obstacles faced by MOBIUS institutions and users.

Inside this edition you'll find stories highlighting our 2007 MOBIUS Annual Conference, server upgrades and new software, a new certificate program and numerous other stories I think you'll find of great interest.

Thank you for taking the time to review this report. We hope you share our optimism and excitement for the coming year.

Beth Fisher, Executive Director
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	FY99 ACTUALS	FY00 ACTUALS	FY01 ACTUALS	FY02 ACTUALS	FY03 ACTUALS	FY04 ACTUALS	FY05 ACTUALS	FY06 ACTUALS	FY07 ACTUALS
State Appropriation	\$3,400,000	\$3,400,000	\$3,400,000	\$649,539	\$649,539	\$649,539	\$590,679	\$0	\$0
Member Payments	\$240,000	\$491,727	\$775,946	\$1,067,605	\$1,925,339	\$2,127,649	\$2,474,439	\$3,012,110	\$3,226,664
TOTAL REVENUE	\$3,640,000	\$3,891,727	\$4,175,946	\$1,717,144	\$2,574,878	\$2,777,188	\$3,065,118	\$3,012,110	\$3,226,664
Expenses	\$210,986	\$3,694,806	\$4,614,769	\$4,543,315	\$2,546,092	\$2,655,631	\$2,970,733	\$2,760,921	\$3,192,374
Indirect Cost	\$0	\$60,163	\$77,322	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$210,986	\$3,754,969	\$4,692,091	\$4,543,315	\$2,546,092	\$2,655,631	\$2,970,733	\$2,760,921	\$3,192,374

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Traveling Around Missouri in One Year

MOBIUS
Executive Director
Meets with Members
Institutions



Counter-Clockwise from top: Moberly Area Community College library staff with Fisher and Detwiler, Culver-Stockton College, and Hannibal-LaGrange College.

Over the course of a year MOBIUS executive director, Beth Fisher, made library visits to all 62 MOBIUS member institutions. Logging many miles from September 2006 to September 2007, Fisher felt it was critical to meet with those library directors and staff who comprise MOBIUS' libraries.

"Beth's visit to our campus was beneficial because all of our off-campus resource staff got to meet her and I think it made MOBIUS more real to them," said Valerie Darst, director of library services for Moberly Area Community

College. "I think it was good for my staff to hear about MOBIUS from someone other than myself. I am hearing my staff consistently say to students now, "Do you know about MOBIUS? After 10 years MOBIUS was old news to the staff but not to our ever-changing student population."

Culver-Stockton College library director Sharon Upchurch also found the trip to be advantageous to her institution.

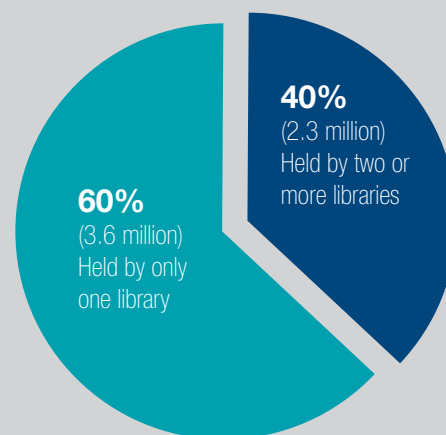
"I think driving to each MOBIUS institution in the state must have given

Beth a sense of the geographic issues facing some MOBIUS libraries. It is difficult, for example, for the LANCE Cluster to meet face-to-face often," cited Upchurch. "During her visit, Beth was able to talk to some of the faculty who are the heaviest users of MOBIUS."

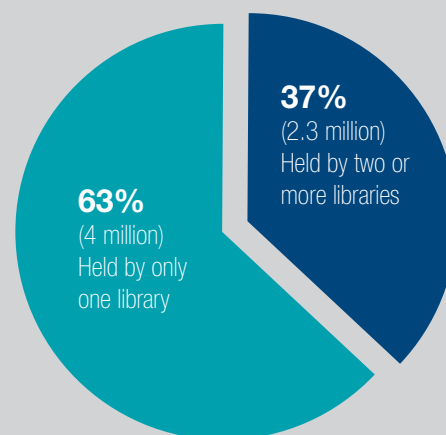
Fisher felt the trips were overall a success. "It allowed me a chance to meet personally with our member institutions and gave me great insight into many of the opportunities and obstacles that face MOBIUS institutions and users."

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UNIQUE HOLDINGS




2006: (6 million titles)



2007 (6.4 million titles)

Julie Andresen, library director at Hannibal-LaGrange College, said, “MOBIUS is a great organization! It provides access to vast resources with quick delivery to students all over the state. Beth’s visit was beneficial as it allowed us to get to know one another. It helped to get a clearer understanding of Beth’s vision for MOBIUS, and I think it helped her understand some of the conditions under which the various institutions operate.”



2007 MOBIUS Annual Conference Opened its Doors for the First Time to Those Outside State

More than 335 attendees from 59 MOBIUS institutions gathered at Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach from June 5-7 to participate in educational forums, share information and expertise, hear a nationally recognized speaker and meet with exhibitors.

Now in its eighth year, the conference opened to individuals outside the state for the first time in 2007.

The MOBIUS Annual Conference Planning Advisory Committee (MAC-PAC) said it aimed at achieving three goals by making the event available to non-MOBIUS members. First, they hoped to make the conference a richer experience for MOBIUS attendees by giving them the opportunity to

meet people from other libraries in the state. Second, they wanted to be able to share their stories and experiences with others. And lastly, the group wished to promote MOBIUS and extend its leadership role in what it does.

Felicity Dykas of University of Missouri–Columbia libraries served as chair for the event and said while the numbers were lower than anticipated for out-of-state registrants, they hoped to build numbers in the future.

“This conference is great. Our participants get a lot out of this smaller, focused conference with practical

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– Felicity Dykas



Listening to keynote speaker.

sessions and the opportunity to meet others in the state. Our goal is to offer a variety of sessions so that everyone will find something of value,” said Dykas.

The annual conference offers practical, forward thinking, and visionary sessions, but Dykas is quick to point out sessions are not the event’s main focus. “We also want to focus on how to get conversations going”, she said. “We want people to learn *and* to share.”



Conference presentation.

And with support from the State Library, MOBIUS has been fortunate to offer the opportunity to attend the conference to those smaller libraries or those with limited traveling budgets. Support from the State Library has enabled MOBIUS to offer lodging, breakfast, lunch and no registration fee at the event.

Plans for the 2008 conference are already underway and will be held June 3-5 at Tan-Tar-A Resort.

Server Upgrades and New Software



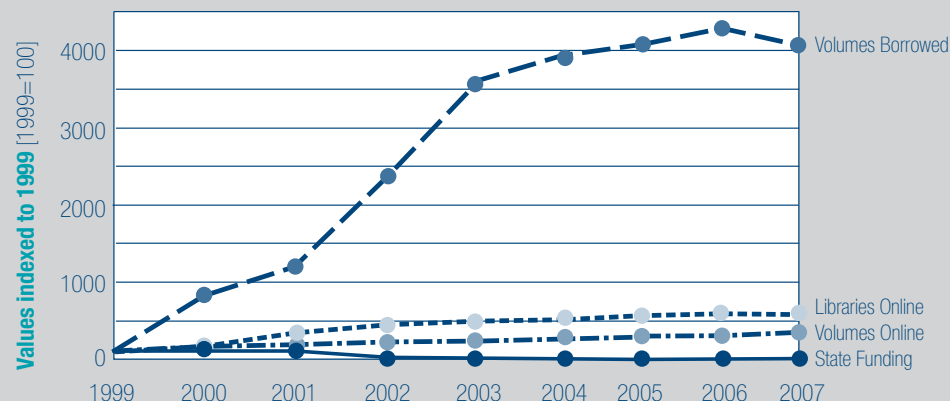
The past few years have been an exciting time for MOBIUS server upgrades and software. The following Millennium cluster servers were upgraded from Compaq servers to Sun servers:

MOBIUS (INN-Reach server).....	12/04-1/05
MCOTrain.....	late FY05
SWAN.....	8/05
Arthur.....	10/05
Archway.....	10/05
MERLIN.....	8/06
WILO.....	9/06
LANCE.....	10/06
Bridges.....	10/06
Galahad.....	11/06
Quest.....	11/06
Towers.....	11/06
Wintermute (new Web site purchased).....	not live yet

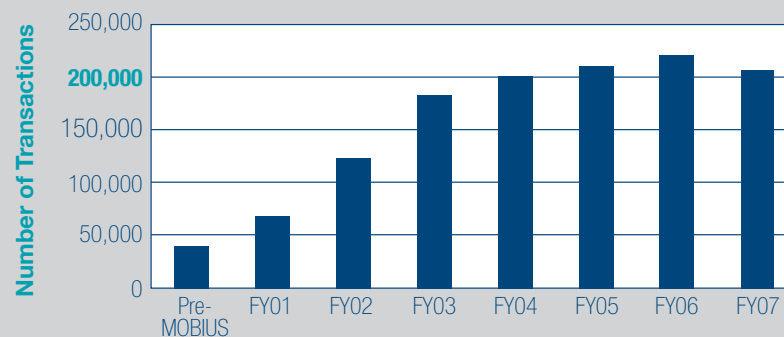
MOBIUS Software Support Analyst-Expert, Janine Gordon, said advantages to the new SUN servers are many. "The SUN servers are faster, have more memory, and are definitely higher performance machines," said Gordon.

Overall the response has been positive with these new changes.

KEY INDICATORS



DIRECT PATRON BORROWING



MOBIUS Vendors Help Ensure Initiatives Run Smoothly

First Choice

Member institutions often cite quick delivery and access to vast resources as a key advantage to belonging to MOBIUS. MOBIUS' courier behind this effectiveness is Winnipeg-based First Choice, which has been with MOBIUS since July of 2006. Patrons generally receive materials within three days of the request. Through this courier system, MOBIUS members are also able to send their materials to members of the Kansas City Metropolitan Library & Information Network (KCMLIN).

YBP

In June 2003, the MOBIUS Collection Management Advisory Committee (MCMAC) recognized a need and put forth the idea of investigating a state-wide approval purchasing plan for MOBIUS members. The potential vendor would need to provide MOBIUS users with numerous advantages. These benefits included an effective use of time, discounts, slips noting possible books that could be selected in specific areas, and available reports including gap analysis and consortial overlap.

Though several book vendors participated in a six-month trial run, YBP Library Services emerged the successful offerer during the Request for Proposal (RFP) process. During the program's first year, vendor representatives, Jean Eaglesfield and Mike Walmsley toured the state giving orientations to the program and YBP's ordering Web site, GOBI. Reports regarding the program continue to be submitted to MCMAC on a regular basis and YBP representatives are in constant contact with MOBIUS staff. Now in its second year, the program appears to be largely a success.

"MOBIUS has a productive working relationship with Innovative." – Christopher Gould

Innovative

Innovative Interfaces, Inc. (III), based out of Emeryville, Calif., provides and develops the Millennium Integrated Library Systems (ILS) software used by MOBIUS libraries. Millennium contains applications within circulation, cataloging, acquisi-

tions, serials, and the online public catalog (OPAC). Innovative also provides and develops the INN-Reach system software, which allows different Millennium systems to interact.

MOBIUS Operations/Help Desk Manager Christopher Gould is pleased with the relationship.

"MOBIUS has a productive working relationship with Innovative," said Gould. "Communication occurs on a regular basis: from the day-to-day consultation regarding open tickets, to monthly conference calls with our sales representative, Tim Whisenant, to biannual meetings between the MOBIUS executive director and executive committee representatives and Jerry Kline, chairman and CEO of Innovative."

"The MOBIUS Consortium Office strives to keep the lines of communication open and, when problems are identified, to resolve them as expeditiously as possible," held Gould.



New Certificate Program Hopes to Encourage Individuals to Participate in Training Program

In hopes of encouraging individuals to participate in training program workshops, MOBIUS recently enacted a certificate program, which seeks to recognize those who have completed instructional courses. The program was introduced in August with the fall training schedule and has many optimistic it will increase participation.

“It is our hope that someday this certificate program will grow into a ‘Functional Expert’ program,” said Fran Stumpf, Technical Trainer-Expert for MOBIUS.

The training catalog is organized by tracks based upon the different modules used by Innovative, MOBIUS’s provider of the Millennium Integrated Library System (ILS). In order to appeal to the various MOBIUS users, track workshops vary from basic to advanced levels.

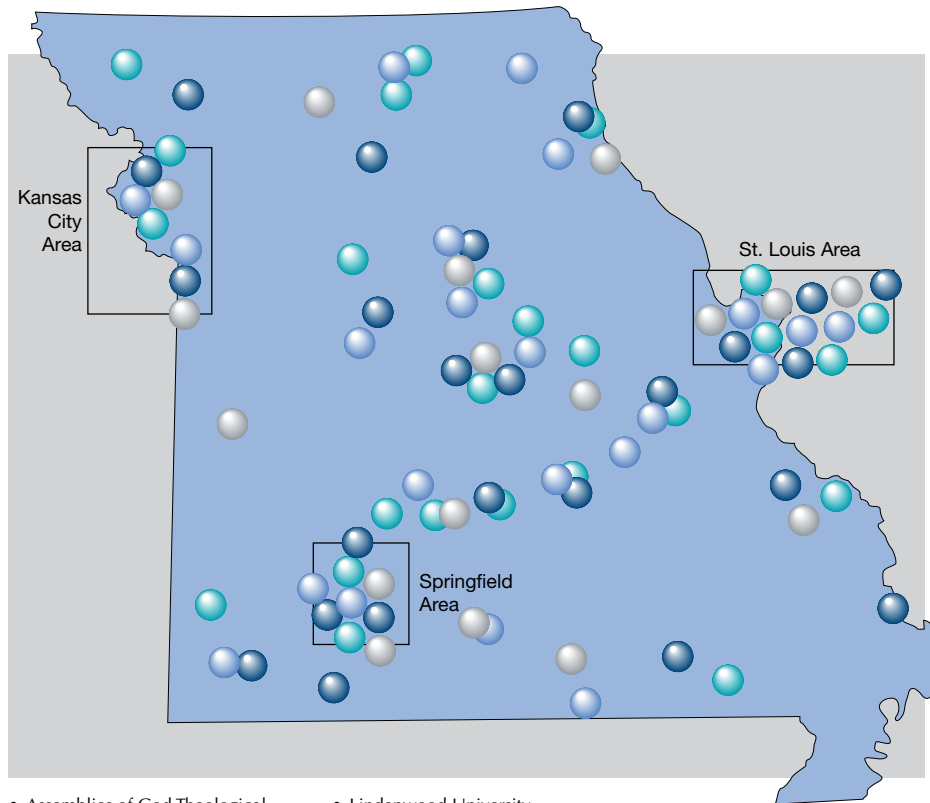
A member who has completed all of the courses in a track may apply for the prestigious designation of Functional Expert after completion of all courses in the track of interest. Another requirement states the expert must have worked in their field of interest for a period of at least three years and receive approval from their director.

Stumpf said some of the possible tasks of the MOBIUS Track Expert would involve vetting new software release and writing documentation.

“As a full-time user of the software, the expert would be in an excellent position to write tips and tricks for their colleagues,” said Stumpf.

Courses in the training catalog are scheduled to span a year for completion. Certificate awardees will be announced next year.

MOBIUS Member Institutions



- Assemblies of God Theological Seminary
- Avila University
- Baptist Bible College
- Central Methodist University
- Columbia College
- Conception Abbey and Seminary College
- Cottey College
- Covenant Theological Seminary
- Crowder College
- Culver-Stockton College
- Drury University
- East Central College
- Fontbonne University
- Forest Institute of Professional Psychology
- Hannibal-LaGrange College
- Harris-Stowe State University
- Jefferson College
- Kansas City Art Institute
- Kenrick-Glennon Seminary
- Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Lincoln University
- Lindenwood University
- Linn State Technical College
- Logan College of Chiropractic
- Maryville University
- Metropolitan Community Colleges
- Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Mineral Area College
- Missouri Baptist University
- Missouri River Regional Library
- Missouri Southern State University
- Missouri State Library
- Missouri State University
- Missouri University of Science & Technology
- Missouri Valley College
- Missouri Western State University
- Moberly Area Community College
- North Central Missouri College
- Northwest Missouri State University
- Ozarks Technical Community College
- Rockhurst University
- Saint Louis University
- Saint Paul School of Theology
- Southeast Missouri State University
- Southwest Baptist University
- Springfield Greene County Public Library
- State Fair Community College
- St. Charles Community College
- Stephens College
- St. Louis College of Pharmacy
- St. Louis Community College
- Three Rivers Community College
- Truman State University
- University of Central Missouri
- University of Missouri - Columbia
- University of Missouri - Kansas City
- University of Missouri - St. Louis
- Washington University
- Webster University / Eden Theological Seminary
- Westminster College
- William Jewell College
- William Woods University

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