

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN AT OCT. 12th MOBIUS CATALOG DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING:

While not a MCDAC action, Robin did make an announcement which might be of interest regarding a possible Pick-Up-Anywhere enhancement. Robin reported that MCO and OhioLink had received a draft of an III design proposal for a "Pick-Up Anywhere" feature and were submitting comments. III has given no time frame for work on this project; MCO thinks that another year is a conservative good guess.

Clickable Location Codes:

This is a project which will allow a patron in the MOBIUS Union Catalog to click on a location code in the holdings display and see the full name and geographic location for a code. (For example: a patron could click on location: WC Reeves Juvenile Lit and get a pop-up box which would say: Westminster College Reeves Juvenile Lit – Fulton) The problem is how to handle duplicate location codes (where the same code has been used by libraries in different clusters)

There are currently 86 duplicate codes across MOBIUS. If a code stood for more than one library location, both locations could be displayed in the pop-up box, but it might be that only one of the two actually held the item. (The pointer to the definitions of the codes cannot determine which of the two libraries are holders or whether both are) MCDAC has recommended that text be added to the pop-up box advising the patron to ask for assistance if multiple locations are shown in the box. Hardy Pottinger will work on this project as he has time (Quest and Galahad implementation have first priority)

856 Display:

MCDAC voted the following:

--to display 856 information for clusters with the cluster holdings and to continue to display the 856(s) from the master bib record on the bib record. This is the way the 856s have been displaying since R2001 was implemented on the Union Catalog. Cluster level URLs are currently displaying only if the cluster's record was loaded post-R2001 or was touched since R2001. To fully implement the cluster level displays, all records will need be to reloaded. MCO will not do this until the 3 current bugs with the cluster level 856 displays are resolved (#1: only the first URL from a cluster is displaying; #2 sometimes, if there is no cluster level URL, the bib URL is displaying; #3 not all updates are being displayed)

--to turn off display of the subfield u (the actual URL) and to display the subfield z (the public note) hotlinked. If there is no subfield z, then subfield u will display. To see an example, search JAMA, select the first title (the one with 4 entries) and then select the 2nd record (the 1960- record) Archway uses only subfield u, so it displays; Bridges is an example of the display at the cluster level with subfield z displaying rather than u

--to have Robin check with MARCIVE to see if MARCIVE can insert a subfield z of "Freely Available" for all government documents records that they supply to MOBIUS members. MARCIVE has since agreed to do this as of the November shipment. Robin committed MCO to update existing govdoc records to include this subfield z as well for clusters which have MilCataloging. As this is completed, the cluster will be notified to add the subfield z for any government document with an 856 that is not supplied by MARCIVE. (Note: there is some discussion going on about whether MCDAC will implement this immediately with MARCIVE or not – Further information will follow)

Authority Load Proposal:

MCDAC voted that there was sufficient interest to have Robin gather more information from III.

Labels for the Limit By Bibliographic Level:

MCDAC voted to remove this from the Union Catalog. (Note: MCDAC has already received a request to reconsider this decision, since this decision makes it no longer possible to search a subject and limit the results to periodicals, thus making it difficult for a patron who wishes to find history journals)

Export Display:

Prior to the MCDAC meeting, only the Full Export Display was available in the Union Catalog. This display gives the call #, but also includes all the holdings information, which on some records (particularly serial titles) can be quite lengthy. MCDAC voted to add the Brief Export Display (which does not include the call #) as an option for evaluation. (Note: we could decide ultimately to keep only one of the two displays or to keep both)

Subfield 7

MCDAC voted to suppress this subfield in all its occurrences (533 and 7XX fields)
Subfield 7 consists of fixed-length data elements of reproduction. These are fifteen fixed-position character positions that provide coded information. The codes used are counterparts to those used in the Fixed Fields and are unintelligible to human beings without having the code definitions in front of them.