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**This annual report covers tasks and activities undertaken during the period July 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025.**

**August 15, 2024**

After welcoming new members, we established that the Hyku Open forums should continue. The idea of having monthly open forums is very beneficial.

* Major issues with Hyku and the migration
  + PDF searching
  + multi-page JPEGS
  + JPEGS issues in general
* Hyku has a community forum called ‘Watercooler’
  + Maybe a good place to discuss issues
* The theme template issue should be fixed
* The committee agreed to invite [Steve Jamieson](mailto:Steve.Jamieson@covenantseminary.edu) to the next open forum to do a presentation on how they are setting up their Hyku tenant.
* Each institution should be marking their Hyku, also include the IMLS logo on the page.

**September 19, 2024 - via Zoom, 10:00 am**

* We acknowledge that the IMLS logo was added to all of the Hyku tenants per the agreement that we made.
* During this meeting, there were a number of issues reported with the migration to Hyku. Problems with searching, themes template, muti-page jpegs.
* [Scientist.com](http://scientist.com) asked for a list of bug priorities for them to focus on.
* [Steve Jamieson](mailto:Steve.Jamieson@covenantseminary.edu) Offer assistance to help with changing the slide carousel and background colors within Hyku.
* We learned that many libraries were not using or promoting Hyku. After discussion, many felt that due to all the changes to Folio, many libraries have not had a chance to work with Hyku.

**Hyku Open Forums**

The committee held several successful open forums - via Zoom

* October 24, 2024
* November 19, 2024
* January 7, 2025
* February 4, 2025
* March 4, 2025
* April 1, 2025
* May 6, 2025

These meetings gave direct feedback to Hyku administrators and allowed us to voice our concerns. Due to meeting every month with an open forum, the committee did not officially meet due to in-depth conversations shared in the open forums.

After the January Hyku open forms, the committee agreed to have a representative from Scientist.com come to answer our questions directly. This proved to be extremely helpful in fixing issues and understanding the process. Adrienne created a spreadsheet for all of our needs and issues. They were numbered by importance and each month we would review the status of each request and add any more if needed.

**March 20, 2025 - via Zoom, 10:00 am**

Within this meeting, some of the issues of the Hyku were discussed

* The need for having Adobe Pro installed on the computer and coding your items for uploads
* Notch8 is working on Google Analytics for statistics
* Trouble with Google indexing
* We thought of different ways to get more institutions involved with the usages of Hyku
  + Recording the open forums
  + Send out a questionnaire
  + Maybe even create videos with a list of resources
  + Sending out a survey and presenting at the MOBIUS Conference was agreed on.
* Using Bilkrax for importing collection into Hyku - Adrienne sent more details that week on how to complete that process

**May 13, 2025 - via Zoom, 9:00 am**

This was the committee's last meeting for the year.

* Survey - Just like the lack of usage for Hyku, there was very little response for the survey.
  + It was asked to be sent out again
  + This data may help answer some questions
* Hyku issues resolved and concerns

With the help of the MOBIUS office and working with [Scientist.com](http://scientist.com) several issues were resolved and questions answered. Just this year the following issues have been addressed, Haiku crashing for the tenant, understanding and implicating privacy settings, dealing with slow response time, thumbnails not appearing after they are uploaded, understanding what ‘worktypes’ are and which one we should be using, and deleting works that where still displaying. The main issues that we are still working on include

Google - Analytics and indexing. A lot of our issues with searching within Hyku and logging in to the website are due to *Bad A. I bot* - [Scientist.com](http://scientist.com) is working on filtering out those bots and letting Good A. I bot in - Google, Binge, Internet Explorer, etc.

* Should the ***Hyku Open Forms*** continue monthly?
  + It is a valuable resource, but the lack of attendance is an issue.
    - If more attend in July, we may offer more.
* **Hyku Interest Group**
  + This is a group of Hyku users outside of MOBIUS
  + Some of our MOBIUS members attended - Christina Virden said she would glad attend the meeting and keep the MOBUIS members informed.
    - Grant funding has been terminated, BUT they are finding ways to complete and continue with the expansion of Hyku

**The survey data**

As of May 15th, only eight institutions were reposed to the survey.

**62%** stated that the institution currently uploading items to your Hyku site.

Those who have not, have it on their ‘to-do’ list but they have not had the time or staffing to work on it.

**87%** , of those who are using Hyku, have **NOT** been promoting the site. The reasons stated behind this were a combination of lack of time, and not being a priority. Some find Hyku difficult to navigate through and are waiting for future updates for the ‘search’ features.

**87%** were aware of the open forums, so they could seek out assistance if needed. Those who attended found them informative and helpful.

Our goals for the year were to inform and raise awareness of Hyku. Giving each institution a voice and an understanding while helping those who have migrated from Vita to Hyku.