

Arthur Coordinator meeting, 17 July 2007

Present: Corinne Caputo, Inas El-Sayed, Corrie Hutchinson, Susan Morrisroe, Tom Leimkuehler, Tom Schultz.

Absent: Nason Throgmorton.

The Arthur site coordinators met at the MCO office in Columbia, and the following agenda items were discussed:

1. There was some discussion about the desirability of moving some 856 (electronic access) fields from bibliographic records to the individual library's item records. This decision had been approved by the coordinators via e-mail last June. Jim Dutton from MCO showed some examples, as well as showing how links to online subscriptions can be placed in the check in record, and thus a direct link made from the catalog interface. The general consensus was that, while interesting, this required more information, and discussion with the staff at our individual libraries. No recommendation was made.
2. At the request of Westminster College, we revisited the topic of Millennium Offline Circulation. This product is directly available for download from CS Direct, at no additional cost. It may be downloaded to each individual workstation where circulation transactions are made, and is used to record circulation transactions when Millennium connectivity is down. The transactions are stored in a file which is later uploaded to the Millennium server when the connection has been reestablished. It had been at least two years since this was last discussed, and there were fears at that time that there might be difficulties coordinating the upload of transaction files from all the different libraries in the cluster. Jim Dutton and Mark Wahrenbrock demonstrated how this might be overcome by merging and sorting all the separate transactions by the time they occurred, then setting the file to upload to the Arthur server in the middle of the night when we are all closed. Handouts describing policy and procedure were given out by Jim. We decided to take this back to our libraries and discuss it before making a decision; however, Jim noted that use of this product is a decision of the individual library, not a cluster decision.
3. At a previous meeting, Corinne had broached the idea of using part of our meeting time as a sort of mini-training session. A coordinator would demonstrate some feature of the software that they have found particularly useful, and the training could be posted on the MCO website for future reference. Corinne had prepared a handout on using the *modify group* functionality of Millennium cataloging, and shared it with us.
4. In response to an e-mail request, Mark and Fran Stumpf demonstrated the gleaning of statistics in Millennium Cataloging with the use of queries run against an existing review file. These findings may then be exported to a spreadsheet for easier manipulation and distribution.

5. Corinne had received a request from the serials person at Westminster about the possibility of renaming and retasking the order record field which is designated CODE 3. Tom Schultz noted that the field in question was already apparently in use by Lincoln University, and that Inas El-Sayed should be consulted as to whether or not they were still using this field, before any possible changes could be made. Inas said that terms used in the field were a Pre-Arthur carryover, and no longer in use. However, it was noted that the field was originally intended to be used by individual libraries in the cluster for whatever they felt was necessary. The coordinators decided to let the field CODE 3 stand as it is, without any changes.
6. There was some confusion over the future implementation of *Agency software*. Some coordinators were unaware of what the software was for, and how its implementation might affect our libraries. Jim explained that the software would have an impact on the requesting of materials through the MOBIUS catalog. Each library would be assigned a particular code, and the requestor would no longer have to indicate their cluster, but only their home library. The downside is that if your library is far down the alphabet, as is the case with William Woods, you have a long list to scroll through. The Mobius office will apprise us of future developments as they occur.

Some announcements of interest were made:

On August 28th, there be training on Centra about the future of cataloging standards. Interested parties should sign up very soon.

Corrie Hutchinson is currently acting as interim director at Stephens College.

Tentatively, the Arthur Tech Services Committee will meet on Friday, Oct. 12th. The Arthur Coordinators will meet in November before Thanksgiving, but no date was finalized.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Tom R. Schultz, Chair,  
Arthur Site Coordinators