

## Arthur Public Services Meeting

February 26, 2010

The Arthur Public Services Committee met February 26, 2010, at Stephens College Library in Columbia. Those attending were: Lucia D'Agostino, Sarah Irwin, Lois Marshall, Jill Mahoney and Nina Stawski.

The committee members welcome a new member to the Arthur Public Services Committee; Jill Mahoney serves as the new Reference Librarian at William Woods University.

Concluding old business, the members were asked if they had any changes to the posted Arthur FAQ. No one had changes to make and it was decided that if any errors or needed changes were discovered that those could be changed individually.

The committee members were asked if they liked the new changes to the MOBIUS catalog. No one raised any objections to the changes they had seen when previewing the revamped catalog. The revised catalog had not gone live yet for the group to scrutinize it more closely at the time of this meeting. The appearance of the new catalog raises an issue that the committee has discussed in the past--when changes occur to the MOBIUS catalog would we change the all-Arthur catalog to more closely resemble the MOBIUS catalog? The committee would like to wait and see what happens with the new MOBIUS catalog when it goes live and people use it for a while. Will there be issues or problems and what might they be? At that point then the committee will decide whether or not to adopt the new formatting and changes so that Arthur might more closely resemble the MOBIUS catalog.

There are issues in regard to libraries changing their own individual Library's Arthur web pages. A couple of the libraries had beta-tested and are now using the Encore product as their front end to their catalog. Encore has the single search box. For those two libraries the Arthur catalog becomes somewhat obsolete. Both libraries were not sure how long they will have the Encore product. There are both pros and cons to the Encore product that were discussed.

Several libraries mentioned events going on at their institutions:

Liz Wilson, the Library Director at Lincoln University is retiring. Lincoln has been celebrating their 21<sup>st</sup> annual African American reading, and there has also been a Smithsonian Institution display.

Stephens College has been actively involved in the True/False film festival hosting three venues for films.

Mr. Stan Stafford, passed away in mid-February. He served on the board of Columbia College's Board of Trustee for 23 years and was also a charitable benefactor. The Library at Columbia College is named for the Staffords, as the J.W. and Lois Stafford Library. There was an extensive obituary for him in The Columbia Daily Tribune on Sunday, February 14, 2010.

Jill Mahoney, who is new to the Arthur Public Services committee and to William Woods has been learning the ropes there.

The Missouri State Library has wondered whether budget cuts may affect their operations. They are offering, as always, the best possible service to all of their patrons/constituents.

The Arthur Public Services meeting set for April 16, 2010 has been cancelled.

For the 2010/2011 academic year the new committee Chair on the rotation is Nina Stawski, and the new Secretary is Kat Barden. Westminster College will host the next Arthur Public Services meeting scheduled for Friday, September 17, 2010. Also, a second meeting for the academic year has been tentatively set for Friday, February 18, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

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