

MOBIUS Catalog Design Advisory Committee
Friday, March 10, 2000

Minutes taken by Raleigh Muns (MERLIN - UM-St. Louis)

Meeting Chaired by Patricia Teter (NE Cluster - Truman State U.)

Attendees were:

Robin Kespohl	MOBIUS	
Raleigh Muns	UM-St. Louis	MERLIN Cluster
Jim Dutton	Westminster College	Arthur Cluster
Mary Ann Mercante	Maryville	Bridges (St. Louis Teal Cluster)
Ted Ostaszewski	Metro Community Colleges	Western Cluster
Richard Amelung	St. Louis U. Law Library	MERLIN Cluster
Pat Logsdon	Washington U.	Washington University Cluster
Cathy Palmer	NWMSU	Northwest Cluster
Fran Stumpf	SCCCC	Archway (St. Louis Red Cluster)
Carol Bennett	SLCC	Archway (St. Louis Red Cluster)
Pat Teter	Truman State U.	Northeast Cluster
Joy Dodson	Central Methodist College	Central West Cluster
Karl Suhr	SEMSU	Southeast Cluster

1. Introduction of guests:

Richard Amelung of St. Louis University Law Library and chair of the MERLIN Coordinators Committee, and George Rickerson, MOBIUS Executive Director.

George reported that Geoff Swindells, UMC Documents Librarian and coordinator of the Missouri Federal Depository Libraries, has requested a liaison role with the MOBIUS Committees.

Pat appointed Mary Ann Mercante to research the role of associated groups who will provide information and insight to the MOBIUS Catalog Design Advisory Committee.

2. MOBIUS Update:

Robin Kespohl reported on discussion at the March 3 MOBIUS Council meeting centering around the visiting patron option in INN-Reach. The decision was tabled, leaving the visiting patron option on for the MERLIN, Wash U., and Arthur clusters.

George announced that the MOBIUS office will be moving sometime after June to the LeMone Industrial Park across the street from MOREnet's overflow parking.

The Arthur cluster is doing very well and has completed all training except that for INN-Reach. A Journal, Magazine and Newspaper Titles index has been created for the new cluster, with additional "Varying Form of Titles" (246) MARC fields made searchable.

Archway cluster report from Fran Stumpf: staff are now filling out Circ

Options sheets.

SWAN (South West Academic Network) is the database name chosen by the Southwest cluster. Teal cluster's new database name is "Bridges."
Central West is considering the name "Avalon."

The MOBIUS Executive Committee has decided that the MOBIUS-L list will not shadow the Access Advisory discussion list or the Catalog Design Advisory list.

3. Union Catalog Master Record:

Since there is not a master record, as such, in the cluster database, Robin clarified that the cluster does decide whose records are loaded first and then selects from the following options for incoming records:

1. Overlay a matched record
2. Match and attach holdings
3. Overlay but protect certain fields in the matched record

The union catalog, however, does require a master record which has top priority when an incoming record matches it. Discussion centered around the fact that the current master record (MERLIN's) has no children's subject headings, while other MOBIUS libraries need children's headings indexed for their Education majors. It was pointed out that the MERLIN libraries have three NACO participants and enhance their records, particularly adding LC subjects where there are none. MERLIN also does authority work on their Medical Subject Headings (MeSH). Wash. U. used to strip off MeSH headings; its staff do not maintain MeSH headings.

Arthur is indexing MeSH headings in its keyword index only. Other clusters will likely adhere to this policy if they have no libraries requiring medical subject indexes. Only two clusters have indicated the need for MeSH headings in a subject index.

There will also be resident children's headings in future MOBIUS loads. It was stated that there are already 3 million records in the MOBIUS database and that there is no way to retrospectively add children's headings to any records where they have already been stripped out.

A motion was made and passed, with one abstention, that all subject headings be retained from all sources in all MOBIUS cluster databases.

A motion was made and passed unanimously that all MOBIUS cluster libraries not yet implemented be encouraged to begin retaining all subject headings from all sources in their records. Cluster catalogs will retain LC children's headings, and the clusters will determine whether or not they want children's headings displayed in a subject or a keyword index.

Voting was unanimous on the motion that the MOBIUS Union Catalog include a searchable LC Children's Subject index.

A motion was made and passed unanimously that all 6xx fields be retained in the MOBIUS database.

Agreement was reached unanimously on a motion that LC, LC Children's, and MeSH headings be indexed separately in subject indexes and that all 6xx subjects be included in the MOBIUS keyword index.

Voting was unanimous to retain the MERLIN record as master in the MOBIUS database, with Washington University given second load priority. In discussing the second priority load, factors which most influenced the load decision were the MeSH headings available from the MERLIN cluster and the high quality of successive entry serials cataloging available in the MERLIN and Washington University clusters. Priority loads for the MOBIUS central database will be:

- Records from the MERLIN cluster
- Records from the Washington University cluster
- Records from the Arthur cluster

When the next two clusters are ready for loading to MOBIUS, the committee will look at the results of the Arthur load to see what changes, if any, might need to be considered for the load priority.

Other items of discussion:

Raleigh Muns proposed that a separate action items list, as practiced by all MERLIN committees for items needing resolution, be posted to the CDAC web page. Action item guidelines appear at http://merlin.missouri.edu/lso/standard/mqcc_standards.htm under "Coordinator's Standards." After discussion, the chair requested that the proposal be tabled.

When queried about help using the online III documentation, Robin indicated that the MOBIUS staff would like to customize the existing documentation for training. INN-Reach documentation will be modified for the Arthur cluster's training.

4. Advanced Keyword Search Task Force Report:

Richard Amelung, head of Technical Services at St. Louis University Law Library and chair of the MERLIN Coordinators Committee, reported on III's new Advanced Keyword Search Product. Since implementation decisions will affect the OPAC display across the consortium, a task force has been reviewing the features and kinds of searches provided in the product: Simple Boolean searching, Advanced Boolean searching, and Alta Vista style searching. MERLIN libraries prefer the Advanced Boolean which has pre-search limits such as language and material type, and the option to sort search results by date, alphabetically, or by relevance.

Since the MERLIN database has a general keyword index and a separate table-of-contents keyword index, it was noted that information from III's product catalog states that "any existing keyword index" is replaced by Advanced Keyword searching. This would mean that the two current indexes would be melded into one.

Pat Logsdon discussed the current MOBIUS index rules and noted that not all MARC fields are in the tables. Since the Advanced Keyword Search product includes re-indexing, now is the opportune time to add or change the

keyword index settings.

A question asked by the task force is whether a cluster can not implement one of the three search methods, if it so desires. The Advanced Keyword product is still in Beta test at Kent State University at <http://kentlink.kent.edu/screens/betaword.html> and will require further examination.

856 MARC Field:

The 856 "Electronic Location and Access" MARC field in MOBIUS continues as a discussion item.

When the MERLIN record (which is the master record) goes up to MOBIUS, it displays individual institution holdings only for MERLIN libraries where each library's catalogers add public notes fields to indicate their ownership of an electronic title. Other libraries' holdings do not display in the union catalog.

Questions arose about suppressing the 856 field from the MOBIUS database, but most committee members do not want to lose government document URL's from the central catalog. The display of "local" URL's is another concern where access is limited to those libraries that subscribe to a particular title.

According to the MERLIN Quality Control Committee, two options appear to be available to MOBIUS:

1. Display the 856, which may result in misleading information about electronic access for central catalog users.
2. Suppress the 856 in MOBIUS and educate users that information about electronic access is available only in local/cluster catalogs.

An e-mail from Gary Harris of the Library Systems Office indicates that III is considering a future enhancement that would allow some other MARC tag to contain the clickable URL.

Another point made is the labor-intensive upkeep of the 856 field. Even with URL checking software, will libraries' authority units need to be expanded just to keep up?

The committee will continue this discussion via e-mail.

Assistive Technology in MOBIUS Libraries:

A question posed by a staff member at Missouri Southern College regarding statewide standards for a library's provision of assistive technology was referred to George Rickerson with the recommendation that it be reviewed by the MOBIUS library directors rather than the Catalog Design Advisory Committee, because of ADA and local campus requirements. Consensus was that recommending specific technology falls outside the bounds of the Catalog Design Advisory Committee's charge.

The next meeting will be June 9 at 10:00 a.m. at the MOBIUS Office.