

MOBIUS Catalog Design Advisory Committee

July 9, 2004, Columbia, Mo.

Present: Joy Dodson, Chair (QUEST); Carol Bennett, Debbie Woolverton (Archway); Nason Throgmorton (Arthur); Denise Pakala, Kathleen Nystrom (Bridges); Stephen Wynn (LANCE); Sherry Mahnken, Maggie Trish (MERLIN); Marian Davis (QUEST); Phyllis Holzenberg, Renee Brumett (SWAN); Andrew McGarrell (Towers); Pat Logsdon, Mark Scharff (WashU); Cheryl Couch-Thomas (WILO); Jim Dutton, Gary Harris (MOBIUS Consortium Office)

Election of chair

Carol Bennett (Archway) was elected chair

Minutes

Last meeting's minutes were approved

Newly Elected Cluster Representatives Introduced

Arthur, Bridges, Quest, SWAN, WashU and WILO elected new representatives in July.

Arthur: Nason Throgmorton, Columbia College; no alternate

Bridges: Denise Pakala, Covenant Seminary; alternate: Kathy Nystrom, Webster University

Quest: Marian Davis, Central Missouri State University; alternate: Pam Reeder, Missouri Valley College

SWAN: Phyllis Holzenberg, Drury University; alternate, Renee Brumett, Baptist Bible College

WashU: Patricia Logsdon; alternate: Mark Scharff

WILO: Cheryl Couch-Thomas, William Jewell University; no alternate

Webpage Maintenance

Hardy Pottinger is very busy on digitization projects. He is still available as a consultant on web design, but Lynne Edgar has taken over the Webpage maintenance design. Jenny Bossaller will be trained to also help in this area.

Millennium Silver update

Millennium Silver was released 7/6/04. MCO is watching the III list for any major problems. Barring any such problems, MCO will load Silver on the training server in a couple of weeks. They will conduct their usual testing and expect to implement Millennium Silver before the fall semester.

MCO training staff is very busy right now. They will put out information on Millennium Silver as it is implemented, but they do not plan to have training sessions on Silver this summer.

Gary Harris pointed out particular enhancements that will be of particular interest. We will probably want to discuss a number of these at the November meeting.

WebOPAC Enhancements of particular interest

1. More options are available for INNReach sites to determine when and how the holdings summary displays.
2. New staff mode requesting feature on INNReach central machines.
3. Improved handling of year display to check the 008 field for the date before falling back to the current method if no date is found in that field. This would involve reindexing; associated fees would apply. MCO's budget is very tight and has no room for incurring additional charges at this time.
4. Patrons can receive suggested Related Searches, based on authority record information, in WebOPAC browse results screens. This enhancement requires that authority records be indexed; associated setup fees apply. WashU suggests that this might be worth the extra cost. This is, however, a WebOPAC enhancement. It might work in the INNReach catalog, now that we have authority records, but it would need to be tested.
5. The top of WebOPAC browse results screens is better organized.
6. Prelimit search to available items (NOTE: during lunch, Gary Harris checked; this is not available in the INNReach system)
7. Request button only visible for available items (NOTE: during lunch, Gary Harris checked; this is not available in the INNReach system)

Millennium General Enhancements of particular interest

1. Millennium template maintenance. We will be able to add, change, and delete new record templates in MilCat. We will also have the ability to store variable-length fields values in templates, copy templates, etc.
2. A new option, asking users to choose a template for each record they create, has been added.

New Products of particular interest

1. Patron online registration. This will be a cluster decision.

Cataloging Enhancement of particular interest

1. Authority reports will be only in electronic format, but they will be linked to the actual records. This should make them easier to process.

MOBIUS Update - Jim Dutton

Baptist Bible College has gone live and is beginning to request locally. They will be live on INNReach by the fall.

Kansas City Art Institute's training database has been loaded. They will be live on WILO by the beginning of the fall semester, and live on INNReach in the Sept./Oct. timeframe.

Pat Seavey is leaving MCO as of July 23. She has accepted a position at Stephens College. A trainer will soon be hired to replace her.

856/956 Enhancement Request

Our INNReach enhancement request regarding the 856/956 did not receive many votes. This doesn't appear to be an issue of much concern in the other INNReach systems. Jim Dutton suggested that this might be better tackled as an INNOPAC enhancement request. The committee agreed to submit an INNOPAC enhancement request. We are requesting that the 956 be hot linked. The 956 field will hold subscription-based URL's while the 856 field will continue to hold freely-available URL's.

Jim Dutton reminded the committee that any III user can submit an enhancement request at anytime during the year to enhance@iii.com.

Pick Up Anywhere

There isn't anything that MCDAC needs to consider regarding PUA. The help desk is creating all the new location codes which are required for PUA to work. There is a 4-digit PUA Key which will display in popup messages in Circulation. This key has an associated location code which is y plus the same 4-digit number (e.g. y1000). There is some setup for site coordinators to do.

MCO training staff will spend the next month training clusters on PUA. MCO will set up test runs for each library, using real samples. We will all have another book band; PUA bands are salmon colored. A minor display issue has come up. On the request page, the patron has to select the pickup cluster before choosing the pickup library. This will be a slight obstacle for the patrons, but it can't be changed.

Deduping Project

The deduping project resolved 200,000 duplicates immediately, so it has been helpful in reducing the number of duplicate records in the central catalogue.

Problem with GovDocs

Pat (WashU) pointed out that there is a serious problem with some ambitious matches in the dedup project. For example, OCLC #2344661, has 60 items attached. Only 2 of them belong on this record. Here is another example: if you search under the title, Estimates of the

population of Alaska census divisions and metropolitan areas : July 1, 1974 and 1975, in Swan's catalog and then click Search MOBIUS, you retrieve a record for the title, Estimates of the population of Wyoming counties and metropolitan areas : July 1, 1974 and 1975. This has 106 items attached. Apparently, this Wyoming record has attached items for all of the other states as well, which were wrongly matched to this record and deduped.

Gary responded that rather than fixing these records ourselves, OCLC ought to fix them. He will pull the affected GovDocs and talk with OCLC about correcting the problem. There appears to be a similar problem affecting some of the Early English books microfilm series. If you have any such collection of records that seem to have been wrongly deduped, contact Jim Dutton.

MOBIUS FAQ's

These have not yet been loaded. They should be loaded soon and we can look at them and discuss, if necessary, at the November meeting.

New MARC Tag for Item Records

Some clusters have wanted a field that will facilitate collection of cataloguing statistics. Item records have very few opportunities for coding locally since there are no unused ICodes. Jim Dutton suggests adding a new field group 'd' and MARC tag 912. This has been set up on each cluster server and is ready to use. Subfields 'a-z' and '0-9' are available and can be defined anyway you want. Each cluster needs to decide whether or not to define subfield values across the cluster, or to leave it up to each individual library.

Authority Name/Title Display

There was a serious display problem when searching by author. Now, the display appears to be working correctly. For example, search by author under 'Copland, Aaron.' If there are any further problems, let MCO know.

Future Meetings

This next year's meetings will be on Nov. 5, 2004, Mar. 11, 2005, and July 8, 2005.