

MOBIUS Collection Management Advisory Committee (MCMAC)

March 4, 2004

Members present:

Anne Barker from University of Missouri (MERLIN)

Gary Harris from MCO

Tesuk Im from Linn State Technical College (LANCE)

Gordon Johnston from Three Rivers Community College (Galahad)

Liz MacDonald from Lindenwood (Bridges)

Joyce Meldrem from Northwest Missouri State University (Towers)

Pat Gregory from Saint Louis University Pius (MERLIN)

Ann Riley from St. Louis Community College - Meramec (Archway)

Tom Schultz from William Woods University (Arthur)

Bill Wibbing from Washington University (Washington University)

and Terry Austin (guest) from MCO.

Set time for our next meeting

We agreed to meet on Thursday, June 3 at 3:00 p.m. in conjunction with the MOBIUS meeting.

We'll discuss the vendor sessions.

Liz will check on a room for the meeting.

We discussed Quest membership

Bill noted that no one is on the MCO web site from Quest. Since Linda Medaris was at our last meeting, Liz will check with her to see if she is going to be the rep regularly at our meetings.

Off-site storage group

Pat is a member of the UM group (MIRCL) that is made up of the 4 UM campuses and Washington University. They've been talking about the difficulty of sharing storage facilities. They've visited the UM system depository. UM Directors visited the storage caves in Springfield. We discussed perhaps having our off-site storage group piggyback with MIRCL - at least for ideas.

The group recommended that George proceed with the survey to MOBIUS libraries about an off-site storage initiative and about a cooperative buying agreement.

Shared storage ideas / concerns

- ♦ Check on the overlap of older journals - especially on long runs
- ♦ Check on JSTOR titles - do we need to keep just one paper copy in the state? Could the cost of subscribing to JSTOR offset the cost of storage? Could different schools hold the one copy?
- ♦ Concern was expressed about the effect of the Tasini decision on article availability, but it probably won't be a problem for the JSTOR titles.

This group would like to recommend that MERAC get consortial pricing for JSTOR. Bill will e-mail our recommendation to the MERAC chair.

We invited Terry Austin to join us. We wanted a list of JSTOR subscribers so we could determine how much money Missouri is currently spending on JSTOR. Their prices are online. She provided a list from the 37 out of 56 possible respondents to a request for the information from MOBIUS libraries. There are about 16 institutions with a subscription to at least one JSTOR database. Bill will determine how much those institutions are spending. Anne Barker will gather information on the print holdings of JSTOR titles at MOBIUS libraries.

LSTA funding for assessment group

Wanda Dole joined us after lunch to provide an overview of what the OCLC software can do for a statewide analysis of collections. In addition, Sarah Parker from the State Library, Tracy Byerly from MLNC, and George Rickerson from MCO joined us.

Approval Program group

There is going to be a session at MOBIUS presented by the YBP and Blackwell representatives about approval programs. Bill suggested that we reach out to acquisitions personnel, collection development librarians and library directors throughout the state about an approval program. Members of the committee felt that the session at the users conference will generate interest. Ann Riley noted that a shared approval plan vendor would enable libraries to share collection information while still allowing for separate profiling for each institution. The shared vendor would also enable participants to see what other institutions are purchasing. We also discussed looking into publicity for a shared approval plan vendor. Anne Barker mentioned that we could have road shows around the state to increase knowledge. It was also mentioned that perhaps we could use the State Library's teleconferencing capability. We discussed what advantages would be for smaller libraries to join a shared approval plan vendor. Ideas included an effective use of time, the discount, slips noting possible books that could be selected in specified areas, and the reports that are available including gap analysis and consortial overlap. We're all to publicize the approval program to our clusters. Ann has an outline of what was presented to the Council in January that she will share with the group to use when talking to our clusters.

Council Meeting held January 30

Ann Riley and Anne Barker talked about the final activities of the Collection Development Task Force. Liz MacDonald made general comments about MCMAC, mentioned the off-site storage and LSTA initiatives. Bill Wibbing talked about the statewide approval program initiative.

Ann Riley suggested that a future agenda item could be how to discuss serials cuts on a statewide basis.