

Minutes: MCRC/MILL Meeting
March 15, 2000

The MERLIN/MOBIUS Circulation Reserve and MERLIN/MOBIUS ILL committees met on March 15, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. in the LSO office.

Chair Amy Arnott presided.

Present: Mary Anderson (UMKC MNL-MCRC), Amy Arnott (UMSL-MCRC,MILL), Mary Jo Barbush-Weiss (UMR-MCRC), Minnie Breuer (UMR-MILL), Doris Beeson (SLU Pius-MCRC/MILL), June Deweese (UMC-MCRC/MILL), Alice Edwards (UMC-MILL), Judy Fox (WashU-MCRC/MILL), Carol Green (UMC Ellis-MCRC), Gary Harris (LSO), Mary Hutchinson (SLU Health Sciences MCRC/MILL), Barbara Hufker (UMSL-MCRC), Resa Kerns (UMC Law-MCRC/MILL), John Meyer (UMC Ellis-MCRC), Scott Peterson (UMR-MCRC), Larry Ruzich (UMKC MNL-MCRC), Mary Ann Samson (SLU Law-MCRC/MILL), David Shocklee (SLU Pius-MILL), Marilyn Voegele (UMC-MILL), Mary Zettwoch (UMSL-MILL).

I. Mobius Update

Gary Harris said that the next two clusters, St. Louis Red (Archway) and Southwest (Swan) will be coming up. The Pac will be tested next month, with iii loading the data in California before shipping. The Arthur cluster is currently using the g-function for intra-cluster borrowing, and will begin training for Inn-Reach as soon as the data is ready near the end of March. LSO will be holding off on upgrading to Release 2000 at the request of Ann Rakes due to known bugs in the system.

II. LSO Update

Gary said that LSO was currently recruiting for a new position, and that Betty Sandbothe will be retiring Aug. 31. A new web page for the help desk was set up on March 6. LSO was currently negotiating with iii for a new MERLIN machine, which hopefully will be installed in mid-summer, at which time the system will be upgraded to the Millennium release. Gary said the character interface could still be used, as most Inn-Reach functions are still available only in telnet.

III. Future joint meetings of MCRC and MILL

Members brought up concerns future joint meetings would be needed, such as a cross-over of statistics for Circulation and ILL, and having ILL input for the Access Advisory Committee, and how often the committees would need to meet. Options were discussed such as joint meetings every other time or twice a year. Mary Anderson proposed that Amy and Resa should determine if a joint meeting is required, and Mary Ann Samson seconded the motion.

IV. Collection of Mobius Statistics

Members discussed the purpose and method to collect Mobius statistics. Several issues were raised regarding the number of different forms, the need to keep statistics, and whether or not statistics could be retrieved as needed from the system. Several members requested one current form to be posted to the MCRC list. Judy Fox and Amy Arnott agreed to bring the issue up at the April Access Committee meeting on whether or not to keep quarterly or annual statistics, but until the issue was decided monthly forms should be kept. Amy Arnott agreed to collect the sheets from each library and compile for each institution and then forward to Judy Fox. Members agreed to send in forms for each month by the 15th of the next month, which can be faxed to 314-516-5853.

V. Visiting Patron Option

Judy Fox said that at the most recent Mobius Council meeting the option was discussed but there were 2-3 concerns. These included patrons checking out items from another institution and the home library being billed for the items without knowing about it, another was the possibility of some institutions being overloaded with extra patrons. Some concerns were believed a result of new institutions to MOBIUS who were unfamiliar with Visiting Patron and how it worked. Members agreed they wanted to leave Visiting Patron on for all libraries.

Members brought up concerns that the "time before renew" be extended to work better with visiting patrons. Amy Arnott requested Gary Harris to make the change, and Gary updated rule #406, Institutional Loan Rule, so that the "Time Remaining B4 renew" was changed to 24 days.

VI. Update on Best Practices Progress

June Deweese reported that UMC was testing DRSS software (Distributed Resource Sharing software) a product of OCLC, and the project is to test that software for OCLC with several other members of the Big Twelve Plus consortium. It is patron-initiated interlibrary loan. The patron either checks the holdings of the participating BTP Libraries or WorldCat and selects the item wanted or fills out an online ILL form and requests an item and the request is then checked against the home library catalog and if not found is sent to the BTP Libraries and if not found, then on to WorldCat. If a match is found, the first time that the home library of the patron knows about the request is when the book or article arrives for the patron. June also reported that the Best Practices Report was due at the May 3 Director's meeting in Rolla. Since it is unclear what input will be required at the meeting, Amy Arnott mentioned all members should check with their Directors for anything they need to do.

Judy Fox reported that ILL at WashU had requested iii to make several changes in a meeting with Sandy Westall. The changes were as follows:

1. Be able to send files from iii review to OCLC review.
2. To purge iii records once the files are sent.
3. A commitment to testing programming by April 1.

She also reported that four members of WashU went to a demonstration in Carbondale, IL. The library there was using Passport Macros and Perl scripts to take incoming ILL requests and then print a call number.

VII. Approval of January 11 MCRC minutes

June DeWeese asked to approve minutes after a minor spelling correction, and the motion was seconded.

VIII. Discussion of "Not Wanted After" option in holds

Members discussed use and purpose of this option. Gary Harris demonstrated the option and clarified it would not show a date unless it was specified by the patron. The hold should be cleared automatically after the date. Amy Arnott will submit an action item and Gary Harris will look further into the matter and report his findings at the next meeting.

IX. Discussion of "Campus Use Only" Status.

Members discussed possibility of using this option for frail or brittle materials that will circulate locally but not through the G function. Robin Kespohl showed how checking items in or out requires answering "No" to a change in status request. Testing a book showed that checking out and placing a hold could still be done with this option. To allow the status to prevent holds would require contacting iii. Mary Anderson and Mary Jo Barbush-Weiss proposed contacting iii. MCRC would like to add this status option and Amy Arnott will check with Raleigh Muns to see if the Mobius Catalog Design Advisory Committee agrees.

X. Review of MERLIN/MOBIUS limits

Judy Fox suggested keeping current hold limit (20 faculty/staff/graduate, 10 undergraduate) until there is be a vote to accept the ILL proposal.

XI. Impact of Arthur coming on-board-what issues to discuss if we have them to a meeting

Amy Arnott solicited topics to talk about. Judy Fox was in favor of inviting and she will talk to the Arthur representative and will communicate after April 25 if there is a need to meet.

XII. Docutek Demo April 5

June DeWeese mentioned there is a demonstration of Docutek's Electronic Reserves software from 1:00-3:00 at the LSO offices on April 5, to which all are invited.

XIII. Communication between MAAC and MCRC

Amy Arnott will forward all communications from MAAC to MCRC and MILC.

XIV. \$120 lost book fee.

Members discussed whether the price needed to be lower, or if there was a need to standardize negotiation for lower prices, or to take replacement books. Members agreed to let the \$120 stand but would be willing to negotiate a replacement copy.

Action Items

1. Change the text of the hold cancellation notice in the Mobius loan rule from 207 to 205. Locate where text 207 belongs in the loan rule.
2. Delete patron records according to the algorithm developed by the MCRC committee. Members did ask to exclude the 0 patron type for ILL.
3. Find out how the not wanted after option functions and report to MCRC.

Gary Harris mentioned that action items need to be sent to the help desk via the committee chair, and that LSO help calls can have multiple e-mail addresses.

Gary also asked members to look at the iii enhancements available in the Release 2000 user manual under "What's New" and "Circulation." He gave user names and passwords to access these manuals and the CSDirect web site.

The members agreed to have the next meeting on June 14, 2000. The move was made to adjourn and the meeting adjourned.

Scott Peterson, Recorder