

MOBIUS Catalog Design Advisory Committee
November 5, 2004, Columbia, Mo.

Present: Carol Bennett, Chair (Archway); Nason Throgmorton (Arthur); Denise Pakala, Kathleen Nystrom (Bridges); Stephen Wynn (LANCE); Sherry Mahnken, Kathleen Schweitzberger (MERLIN); Marian Davis (QUEST); Andrew McGarrell (Towers); Pat Logsdon, Mark Scharff (WashU); Cheryl Couch-Thomas (WILO); Jim Dutton, Fran Stumpf (MOBIUS Consortium Office)

Minutes

Last meeting's minutes were approved

MOBIUS Update: News from our Institutions

Baptist Bible College went live in August on the Central Catalog.

Kansas City Art Institute is now live on WILO. They will go live in the Central Catalog in January.

Assemblies of God Theological Seminary is in the process of implementation. They are expected to go live in SWAN in January.

The Missouri Western State College (MWSC) library will provide online access and support for the library collection of the National Military Heritage Museum (NMHM) located in St. Joseph, Missouri, through the Towers catalog. OCLC is in the process of retroconverting this collection.

Missouri River Regional Library has joined MOBIUS as our second cooperating partner. They will be added to the Central Catalog approximately in mid-Spring.

Fran Stumpf is the latest addition to the MCO staff; she is filling Pat Seavey's position
training server replaced

MCO's training schedule is full for November and December. The nonfunctional training server has been replaced.

SWAN requested that MCO and MLNC conduct combined training of Connexion and MilCat in one day. MCO is applying for a grant to cover the MLNC costs so that this can be expanded to the other clusters. MCO estimates that there has been enough interest to host 17 of these sessions.

229 Indicator

The second indicator does not operate as a filing indicator in the Central Catalog although it does in some of the MOBIUS clusters. The decision was made to plan to turn on this second indicator as a filing indicator in the MOBIUS catalog.

856 Display

The 856 display is still pretty ugly in the Central Catalog. For an example, type in 'Netlibrary' as a keyword search to pull up a list of NetLibrary records. Short of getting votes for our perennial 856/956 enhancement request, we cannot entirely solve this problem. In some clusters (Archway and Merlin for example), this problem has been somewhat alleviated by displaying only the |z and |3, rather than the |u, |z and |3. This creates a cleaner, more intelligible display. MCDAC decided to change the display in the Central Catalog to display only the |z and |3.

There was a discussion concerning using suppression codes to further enhance the display of records for electronic materials. However, each suppression code has disadvantages. Our best hope is to keep pushing for our 856/956 enhancement request to be adopted.

Potential Enhancement Requests

There are a couple of options that are available to individual clusters but not in the Central Catalog. Right now, these have not been implemented in most clusters, but if the clusters begin to use these options, then it seems reasonable to want to add these capabilities to the Central Catalog also. The two options we discussed are:

1. The Request button can be automatically suppressed when the record is not Requestable.
2. Patrons can be given the option to pre-limit a Web OPAC search to those titles with available items (Limit To Available). Washington University has turned this on recently.

MCDAC decided to go back to our respective clusters and discuss these options. Are these important to us? Are more clusters going to implement them at the cluster level? They might be quite tricky to implement at the INN-Reach level. Particularly with no. 2, Jim Dutton isn't sure how this might work exactly.

Jim Dutton will send to the MCDAC list the dates we need to have enhancement requests made by.

Cataloging Standards as they relate to Cooperating Partners

MCDAC has questions about the current standards under which Cooperating Partners are brought into MOBIUS. The current standard mentions only circulation procedures. There are no standards relating to cataloguing. MCDAC believes this is a serious oversight that needs to be addressed as MOBIUS is contemplating adding possibly many more Cooperating Partners. In particular, we are concerned with authority control and to a lesser extent, complying with documents such as the MOBIUS Subject Cataloging Policy (approved 9/8/00).

MCDAC is going to prepare a memorandum to be sent to Linda Bigelow, the chair of the MOBIUS Executive Committee voicing our concerns.

MOBIUS Long Range Planning Retreat

Some items of interest to MCDAC that were discussed at the retreat:

1. Creating a cataloging unit in MCO for the smaller libraries. MCO would need to be careful not to duplicate MLNC services. Perhaps there are ways we can pool our cataloging expertise without competing with MLNC.
2. Make the catalog look more like Amazon and Google, with pictures of books, look-inside-the-book, etc.
3. More clearly define who can be in MOBIUS; i.e. Who do we want to be? Do we see ourselves as eventually wanting to include many libraries of all sorts, or would the Missouri library community be better served by dividing up into a public library MOBIUS, for example.
4. Promoting communication with other committees

Sale of MARS by OCLC

The new company (Backstage Library Works) has taken over MARS processing, and we should see no interruption in service. OCLC will be working with Backstage for six months to get them up to speed. They are again accepting new customers.

Adding New Members to Existing Clusters

It is too expensive to create new clusters, rather than adding new members to existing clusters. Each time a new library is added to a cluster catalog, there is a great deal of cleanup. When this happens multiple times to a cluster, it is very difficult on the member libraries, but MCO doesn't see a good alternative except to work harder to make the implementation go smoothly.

Practically speaking, we have only a small number of libraries to still come into MOBIUS, so this should be less of a problem as time goes on.

Future Meetings

The next meetings will be on Mar. 4, 2005, and July 8, 2005.