

Archway Public Services Committee

Meeting Minutes

9:00 am, Oct. 10, 2003

Present: Jennifer Dodillet, Sue Morgan, Ying Li, Patricia Williams, Genie Klein, Barbara Pope, Celia Bouchard, Janice Hovis

1. Recorder

Janice Hovis (Recorder rotates alphabetically by first name).

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition of a discussion of Phase III implementation, and with the agreement that additional items could be discussed under "other."

3. Approval of minutes

The minutes of the April 4, 2003 meeting were approved.

4. Selection of new co-chair

Genie Klein was selected to replace Ying Li as co-chair with Sue Morgan.

5. FAQs at MOBIUS level (Sue, referred from Archway Steering Committee)

We agreed that a FAQ page at the MOBIUS level would be helpful to our users, and recommend moving ahead to create one. The Archway FAQ page, which was originally based on a Towers FAQ page, could be used as a basis for creating the MOBIUS FAQ pages. The Archway FAQ page is also in need of updating. Janice agreed to work on a draft MOBIUS FAQ page with help from Sue, who will work on updating the Archway page. The draft will be circulated for comments and revisions and submitted to the Archway Steering Committee. We think a link to the FAQ page could be placed at the bottom of the main MOBIUS search screen, along with the links to "Members" and "About MOBIUS."

6a. E-book display link for Archway OPACs (Ying)

The link to netLibrary e-books in the OPAC is currently very long:

Bibliographic record display St. Charles: An electronic book accessible through the World Wide Web; click for information

This is repeated for each library in the cluster. Our users find this confusing and usually click on the call number information instead, which reads "NetLibrary Electronic Book," getting them into a call number search. In the Merlin catalog, the link is much easier to identify. See for example the Merlin record for the title *Careers in Real Estate*. We are recommending to the Steering Committee two changes that would follow Merlin's example:

1) Change the wording from "Bibliographic record display..." to "[name of library] electronic book, click to access." SLCC would like to use our abbreviated name, (i.e.

SLCC electronic book, click to access), East Central, St. Charles, and Jefferson would like to use their names spelled out, St. Louis College of Pharmacy has yet to decide.
2) Suppress the item records for netLibrary e-books. Again, see Merlin's OPAC for example.

6b. General discussion of netLibrary

Jefferson College librarians will give a brief presentation to their board on netLibrary. Many of us have not yet promoted netLibrary to our students or staff, we are still learning about it. St. Louis College of Pharmacy's netLibrary collection is not yet functioning. St. Louis Community College librarians will give a presentation on netLibrary during a staff development day. Resources for libraries to use in promoting the netLibrary collection, including presentation slides, are available on the netLibrary web site. Some of the e-books simply display in HTML, some require Adobe Acrobat Reader, and some require another plug-in, DjVu 3.2.

7. Phase III Implementation

No problems with the implementation have been reported. Since it was just the day before the meeting, most of us have not had time to look at the changes in depth. A couple of changes in the display have been noted--navigation to pages in a result list are represented by "Result page: [1](#) [2](#) [3](#) [4](#) [5](#) [Next](#)" instead of the "Next page" and "Previous page" buttons, and the "Saved Marked Records" button is more prominent, with an added feature "Save All on Page."

We should all look at the document "Information on Release 2003 Phase III" and explore the OPAC to see what changes have occurred and/or what features and settings are available in Phase III that we might want to implement. It was suggested that we invite Bonnie Sanguinet to the next meeting to discuss new features and settings.

8. Other

Archway level holds -- Jennifer Dodillet mentioned that sometimes a request will not generate a paging slip. This was a problem that was thought to be resolved, but it has happened at least once recently. We need to be aware and report if this happens again.

Limit by Location follow-up -- the Limit by Location feature has been turned off because it caused massive scoping problems for SLCC. It's not clear whether there were any scoping problems at the other cluster libraries. This feature is currently on hold. We may have to make changes in the way it will be implemented, or we may not be able to use this feature.

Suppressing link to call number search -- Jennifer also brought up a question of whether we could suppress the hyperlink on call numbers in the OPAC. Clicking on the call number link currently brings up a call number browse screen in the same way that clicking on a subject heading or author's name will bring up a subject or author browse screen. However, many of us feel that the call number link is confusing to our users, and its location in the holding information makes it prominent in the display. We decided to

investigate whether it is possible to suppress this link (Celia will ask Bonnie), then discuss this issue at our libraries and put this on the agenda for our next meeting.

General announcements --

St. Charles will hold a workshop on copyright on Dec. 10.

The Greater St. Louis Library Club is planning an event at the new Emerson Library at Webster University on Oct. 23.

A marketing manual from ACRL (Association of College and Research Libraries) is available on the ACRL section of the ALA website. Ann Riley (SLCC-Meramec) is a trainer for this.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 5, 9:00 am at Meramec. Celia volunteered to bring refreshments.