

Notes from Coordinators meeting, June 15, 2000

Present: Joni Blake, Inas El-Sayed, Brenda Ragan, Georgia Baskett, Marcia Stockham, Robin Kespohl.

1. Scope dropping in the WebPAC is a problem that is scheduled to be patched with the next upgrade (possibly August). In the meantime, the help desk has found that doing a search in the desired scope as soon as the pac is logged on will help minimize the problem.

2. Default yes button follow-up - When asked to change the status of an item at checkout the default is yes. Jim has talked to III about the possibility of changing to no, and it is pending.

3. Campus use only status The catalog design advisory group felt the wording was not in the spirit of MOBIUS lending. Robin shared the plan that Archway and SWAN had used and ARTHUR decided to do the same. Robin changed the status codes to reflect the following displays: c = SC users only; e = CC users only; l = LU users only; v = WWU users only; 2 = WC users only. The group felt this would be less confusing to patrons.

4. Paging slips Everyones INN-Reach slips are still creeping. Mark had asked for feedback at the last meeting, so Marcia will let him know of the problem. Inas also reported that Lincoln is sometimes not getting cluster page slips at all . She will let us know the tracking number so we can forward examples to the help desk as we find them. Stephens has also had occasional problems with no page slips for items on hold. Inas asked about the deny if locally available setting. It works for the IPs that are recognized as being the local institution. People requesting from home are not recognized that way, so they can request items from the shelf.

5. INN-Reach loan rules Robin will send us a copy of the loan rules. [NOTE: The loan rules can be found in Arthur, #230 - 232 ] There is one 38-day renewal allowed in the circulating rule.

6. Brenda has found the printer settings for GUICAT labels. She will e-mail them to the group.

7. Mil Acquisitions The trainer for Archway and SWAN has recommended not using this product until at least fall of 2000. There are apparently quite a few bugs to be fixed.

8. Report from Catalog Design Advisory Group (Inas) The MOBIUS logo will have a new look. The words will be MOBIUS Linking Missouri Academic Libraries. The individual clusters at the bottom of the page will disappear and there will be one link to another page listing all member libraries. Clicking on the member library will link to that catalog. Gary is working on a mock-up to possibly be approved at the September meeting. The group has a policy that liaisons from specific groups will need to be formally requested and approved as a permanent liaison (e.g. a representative from the statewide government documents group). Such representatives will have no voting rights. Anyone can attend the meetings, to observe. Each cluster can name an alternate who would be included on the listserv. ARTHUR decided because we are so small, that alternates to any of the groups could be obtained on an as needed basis if the representative can not attend a meeting. There was much discussion about the 856 field. For the time being, it remains in the bib

record. The advisory group is asking for the option to suppress individual 856 fields. We can now use subfield z to indicate ownership. Brenda will look into changing Westminster records because they are the only ones with JSTOR. The format standards are in Merlin committee notes. (MOBIUS homepage, MERLIN cluster, standards and guidelines, 8.0 Marc formats, electronic resources (8.2.5.13)

9. Advanced searching The cluster requested January, 2001 as first choice for implementation, with early May being second choice. III will remove the keyword index and re-do it as advanced searching. It will include everything that we currently have indexed in keyword. There will be an option to limit before searching by title, author, subjects, or notes. Decisions to be made by September are: a) Is there any reindexing that we want done, and if so, what. The only request currently is to de-index subfield v in the 440. b) How do we want to present the options on the screen. Robin suggested we look at the Colorado State Catalog as a good example. (<http://sage.colostate.edu/>)

10. Public Services Committee for ARTHUR - Because of new options for the webpac with advanced searching and other wwwoptions, it is time to activate this committee. Each coordinator will ask for a volunteer from her library. Once the volunteers are in place, Marcia will circulate the list of names so the committee can start to communicate and set up meetings.

11. Pickup location Marcia read the minutes of the directors meeting that she received from Lorna concerning pickup location.

The directors discussed the possibility of allowing our patrons a choice of pickup location within ARTHUR other than the patron's home library. Liz Wilson said that there probably are more non-affiliated patrons living within 20 miles of Lincoln than there are living close to the other libraries. The Mobius Council had made a decision earlier that morning about the Visiting Patron option "recommending that libraries try the option, but [saying] that no member should feel under any obligation to use the option if/when it is implemented." In the wake of that decision, Liz asked that the directors give Lincoln more than six months to work with the present system and gather more accurate MOBIUS statistics. We will be using the Visiting Patron option allowing non-affiliated patrons to borrow in person. Liz asked that we re-visit the issue about choice of pick-up location within Arthur in mid- or late January after a full semester's experience using Arthur and INN-Reach. The group agreed.

The directors discussed the requirement that Visiting Patrons present photo ID's or ID's with separate photos (as from a driver's license) in order to borrow materials in person. Erlene asked if the ARTHUR database could be used to verify that a person was a legitimate borrower rather than an ID. The directors discussed whether the patron files are truly up-to-date in terms of inactivating students who have graduated; adjuncts who are no longer on staff, etc. The directors also discussed the possibility that some persons have IDs when they are no longer affiliated with an institution.

After discussion, the coordinators decided to recommend to the directors that we use institutional IDs (including the unique identifier) in conjunction with the database in determining eligibility for borrowing. Expiration dates are in patrons records, so if the patron is using an invalid ID, his or her record would indicate an expired date. Since the home libraries require an ID, it seems reasonable to expect walk-in patrons

from other institutions to also use an ID. Whatever the directors decide should be included in their written policy about cluster borrowing. (In January, it was decided to defer writing the policy until the system had been up and running for a while).

12. MilSerials problems Marcia reported that when deleting random records from the claims file, the whole file will disappear after about 3 deletions. This does not happen if adjacent records are deleted. This is a bug that III now knows about. Joni reported that when creating item records for standing orders, they are attaching to the wrong bib. She has reported it to MCO. Inas reported freezing at checkin. The workaround is to go to telnet, create a new checkin record, return to MilSer to checkin, then delete the old checkin record. The problem also happens when the system has not been rebooted for a while. Inas is putting a statement in Lincolns summary holdings that the title is also available in EBSCOhost. They want to do this for titles they no longer carry in print. Joni reported that Dawson Faxon will reimburse the cost of inputting title barcodes in the records for electronic claiming.

13. Enhancement requests Anyone can request an enhancement to IUG or III. If one of the ARTHUR coordinators makes a request, she should notify the others in order to avoid duplicates. Any INN-Reach enhancements need to go through Inas to the Catalog Design Advisory Group.

14. WWWoptions The extended display for title and keyword searches is still not displaying the call number. Lynne has put in a call with III to get this fixed. We also would like to have the option to export records to the screen. Robin will try to change this for us.

15. Order codes Defined Code 1 as Format and added codes to be used. Robin enabled codes 2 and 3 so that each library can use them as they see fit.

16. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 9, 9:00 am.