



**Agenda/Minutes of the  
ARTHUR Public Services Committee  
January 4, 2011 at 10:00 am**

**Members Present:**

Member Institutions

Columbia College  
Lincoln University  
Missouri State Library  
Stephens College  
Westminster College  
William Woods University

Lucia D'Agostino  
Sarah Irwin  
Jill Mahoney  
Lois Marshall  
Nina Stawski, Chair

Columbia College  
Missouri State Library  
William Woods University  
Lincoln University  
Stephens College

**Guests or Proxies Present:**

none

- I. The meeting was called to order by chair Nina Stawski.
- II. Old Business – Nina asked if any changes should be made to the previous meeting's minutes. No changes were suggested.
- III. New Business
  - A. Item: New catalog interface options to be reviewed. Nina provided printouts of the old catalog screens and the Arthur testing site. We also utilized the computer and projector system in the conference room to perform live searches in the Arthur test catalog and those of the two clusters who had already suggested changes to their testing site – WILO and Archway. Jessica Hammond with MCO provided answers to feasibility questions throughout.
    1. Item: Main page. The committee preferred the clean look and functionality of the WILO's test catalog over Archway's catalog design. However, the footer of the Archway catalog was preferred. The following design elements are recommended:
      - a. Search box design implemented exactly as WILO's design demonstrates. See attachment for illustration, page 1.
      - b. In the blue bar separating the header and the body of the page, include the following links: New Search, My Library Account, Help, and FAQ. The Public Services Committee recommends that these options be displayed consistently throughout the catalog. See attachment, page 1.
      - c. Implement the Search Options box on the right side of the screen. Include the following search options, in the following order and exact phrasing: (1) Advanced Search, (2) Author, (3) Title, (4) Journals, Magazines, Newspapers, (5) Numbers, (6) Subject (LC), (7) Children's Subject, (8) Author and Title. The Public Services Committee recommends that the Search Options box be added in



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the same position consistently throughout the catalog wherever possible. See attachment, pages 1 and 2.

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- d. Include a footer much like Archway requested, with Arthur's information included. Space the page so that the footer is visible without having to scroll down the page. Implement footer consistently throughout the catalog. See attachment, pages 1 and 2.

2. Item: Results page. It is recommended that the elements in the header, footer, blue bar, and search options box described for the main page are carried through to the results page. The following design elements specific to the results page are recommended, and are illustrated on page 3 of the attachment unless otherwise noted.
  - a. Keep graphic item icons for search options under header. Archway requested identical rounded rectangular buttons instead (see attachment, page 8). Public Services recommends keeping the graphic icons, as they will catch attention and both graphically illustrate, and textually explain, the search options.
  - b. If possible, suppress *More information* button, which links to Amazon.com. Suppress throughout the catalog.
  - c. Keep search history box activated.
  - d. Keep default gray-and-white alternating background, and yellow highlighting, of individual records in results lists.
  - e. Add a *Text call number* button under the call number listing of each result – illustrated on attachment page 11. This option appears within the record of each item record in the Arthur Testing page, and Jessica Hammond explained that this could be added under the call numbers in the results page as well. Also, the button is currently phrased *Text item location*, but to make it consistent with the copy description in the results page it is recommended that this be changed to *Text call number*.
3. Item: Bib record. It is recommended that design elements for the blue bar, header and footer, and search options box be carried throughout. Suppression of the *More information* button and placement of the *Text call number* option under the call number listing is also recommended for continuation. The following design elements specific to the Bib record page are recommended, and are illustrated on page 4 of the attachment.



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- a. Modify the *Request* button. The check mark icon is reminiscent of the boxes used to check or mark individual items in the results page. The Public Services Committee recommends a more suitable icon, perhaps a target. Jessica Hammond let us know that if a change of icon is recommended, MCO can check the images that come with the new WEBPAC package or can get one for us from Creative Commons. It is also recommended that the font size, color and weight of the *Request* button change to distinguish it from the rest of the icons. Jessica produced some changes to the *Request* button in the Arthur testing site to illustrate possible changes to the font of the buttons. Jessica was also asked about moving the Request icon- unfortunately, that is not a possibility.
  - b. Change text of *Return to browse* button to *Return to Results*. Changes of text for the buttons is easily done, according to Jessica.
4. Item: Advanced Search page, and all subsequent search pages in the Search Options box. It is recommended that the aforementioned continuous design elements carry throughout, and no changes be implemented to this page specifically. See attachment, page 5.
5. Item: Log-in page. It is recommended that the aforementioned continuous design elements carry throughout, and no changes be implemented to this page specifically. See attachment, page 6.
6. Item: Request verification page. It is recommended that the aforementioned continuous design elements carry throughout, and no changes be implemented to this page specifically. See attachment, page 7.
7. Item: Saved records page, accessed through *View bag* button. It is recommended that the aforementioned continuous design elements carry throughout, and no changes be implemented to this page specifically. WILO's testing page for saved records included what we believe to be a glitch in formatting – the records appear to be right justified on the screen. All design elements of WILO's page are still recommended, such as the graphic icons, but the list of saved records should appear directly in the center of the page with the search options to the right, as illustrated in Archway's testing example on page 8 of the attachment.
8. Item: *Browse nearby* function. Neither WILO nor Archway chose to enable the *Browse nearby* function near the call number listing of the results list page. Arthur Public Services recommends enabling, as illustrated on attachment pages 9 and 10.



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9. Item: Resources box. In the Arthur testing site, a resources box appears on the right side of the screen – see attachment page 11. A version of the Resources box was suppressed by WILCO and Archway, and appears in its current form in the Arthur testing site due, in part, to Arthur's WebBridge subscription. Suspension or discontinuation of WebBridge will affect some of the Resources box options, and as the fate of WebBridge is an Arthur Director's decision item, the Resources box implementation or suppression is also respectfully passed to the directors for decision.

- IV. The next Arthur Public Services meeting will be held on February 18, 2011 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at William Woods.
- V. Meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Irwin, January 5, 2011.