

Arthur Public Services Meeting

January 10, 2008

The Arthur Public Service Committee met January 10, 2008 at Columbia College in Columbia, Mo. Those attending were: Nina Stawski, Tena Edwards, Lucia D'Agostino, Sarah Irwin, Kathy Renner and Lois Marshall.

Lucia said Mike Huckabee, candidate for US President, would be giving a book talk at Columbia College soon. She also said the campus was getting log-in authorization for computer use, but had experienced some difficulty with the software.

Kathy Renner represented Westminster today. She works in serials and with databases and expressed her desire to make serials more user friendly online and in print format and be able to link backwards to catalog journals.

Tena said William Woods uses Serials Solution. Tena also said as of yesterday, William Woods has a new website which offers new ways to present information. Tena reported that William Woods did a SAILS testing project for Information Literacy with incoming freshmen. A gap was discovered. They hope to test them again as seniors before they leave.

Nina said Stephens College's Library wanted to try log-in authentication but that it would not work with their printing account software. Stephens Library has an interim Director, Corrie Hutchinson. Nina also stated that the Vice President for Academic Affairs at Stephens is retiring and that a new Library Director may be hired after the new VP for Academic Affairs assumes that office. Stephens College passed its NCA accreditation with flying colors and the College is making a strong come back reflecting a proactive President and emphasizing its mission to support its traditional areas of strength including its equestrian, theater, dance, and fashion programs.

Sarah told us the State Library is without a director in the reference service area. She also said that their EZ-Proxy service is now working and making remote access possible. She told about a January 22nd outreach event planned for legislators and state employees and the online application for a library card that is now available.

Under old business it was announced that a patch should have fixed all problems with WebPac Pro in the results/suppressed records area. Lucia said it was working well for Columbia College. She also said changes could now be made in WebBridge if we had administration rights. Discussion about how to get administration rights followed. It was suggested that perhaps Nason could make all the Arthur changes for WebBridge, and that Tom could set up administration rights.

Nason came in and gave us a WebBridge demonstration. He said only the Arthur cluster has WebBridge. He also said only a password and authorization number were needed to edit WebBridge and that all functionality is web based (online).

A suggestion was made that two coordinators (perhaps on a rotating basis) maintain the Arthur WebBridge.

Under new business, there was discussion of a marketing plan for Arthur and MOBIUS. Bookmarks and flyers were considered. We would like to increase awareness that libraries can be used for pleasure reading-not just research and that materials may be obtained from all over Missouri. We would like to promote library use to online students via the web. One committee member stated that during finals week her library provided coffee and water for their students.

The minutes for 2006-07-26 were suggested for reference to see "layout" decisions if we wanted to look at that information for all Arthur- 2 databases per library, etc.

The decision to postpone the implementation of "Agency" until Spring/Summer 2008 was again mentioned.

The next APS meeting was set for April 10, 2008 at Lincoln University's Page Library in room 217 from 2:00 pm-4:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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