

Memorandum

TO: MOBIUS Catalog Design Advisory Committee

FROM: Holdings Display Task Force
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RE: Report

After discussing issues and displays via Email, the Task Force met together in St. Louis to look at the items in our charge.

We came up with a list of items and have categorized them into 4 areas:

- ♦ Questions for MCO to answer [possibly with recommendations or decisions to follow;]
- ♦ Recommendations for MCDAC to consider implementing;
- ♦ Enhancement suggestions for MCDAC to discuss and consider submitting via the III enhancement process; and
- ♦ Notes—things to consider, but not necessarily important enough to be classed as recommendations at this point.

Explanatory notes have been added in a smaller font, hopefully to make the document more readable.

Any questions can be answered by any of the members of the task force. But this document represents a consensus of our discussions and recommendations.

Questions for MCO to answer

- For electronic resources: Since the status display is based on a combination of the item type and the item status, can a new status code be added which would display something like “e-resource” [or whatever we choose] in the cluster catalog, and then display “See local catalog” [or again, whatever we choose] in the MOBIUS catalog?
--This would require all libraries to use the same item type—15—for their electronic resources (e-books, web links, online serials, etc.) But it would make it immediately obvious at the MOBIUS, display holdings level, which items are electronic resources. It could also point the user back to their local catalog for access, eliminating the need for 856's to feed up to the MOBIUS level for subscription-based materials.
- Can a list of all bib records that have more than a certain number of items attached be created for each library?--this would help us identify the records that are causing display problems, so they can be fixed.
- In MOBIUS, after a list of items & check in records from a cluster are displayed, then it says “Click for additional items”??? Can that # of records displayed before the notice be changed?—If so, we could limit the # of item records from a cluster to a certain number (possibly smaller than is currently being used.)
- If there are no items that are requestable on the MOBIUS display holdings list, can the “Request” button be taken off that page?
- Has there been any further information about the Silver Release enhancement on central holdings display—that was sent back to development?
- There seems to be something wrong with the |z display since the last release. It seems that the 856 |z of the master record is repeated for all records in the MOBIUS catalog. [if you unsuppress the item record, that fixes the problem for that item, but all that follow how display the |z for the unsuppressed item.] Has III commented on this, or issued a fix?—Stephen was checking with Gary about this, but to date, nothing has been communicated back to the Task Force.

Recommendations for MCDAC

- For serials, only the check-in records (Lib. Has) should display in MOBIUS.—we realize this will be an imposition on all libraries at the initial stage, but would greatly help the display in MOBIUS. Hopefully much of coding to make this happen can be accomplished through Create Lists and Rapid Update.
- All libraries should create a check-in record (and suppress item records in central) for all bibs with more than 5 items, that are non-circulating to MOBIUS patrons—This would apply to ANY bibliographic record with more than 5 items, i.e., encyclopedia sets, serials, etc. It would clean up the long lists of items at MOBIUS.
- Libraries with subscription-based E-resources should identify their campus in the |z field (so they can be easily identified in the list in MOBIUS.)—Many schools already do this, but we think it should be a MOBIUS-wide recommendation from MCDAC to standardize the practice.
- Any E-resource that's freely available (not subscription-based) should have a |z that says “Freely Available Online”—Again, many schools already do this, but we think it should be a MOBIUS-wide recommendation from MCDAC to standardize the practice.
- Missouri State Documents, should have at least 1 of the links (the one we looked at had a link to the state website and a link to the OCLC digital archive) state “Freely

Available Online.” If there is a text and PDF link, a suggestion would be to say “Text: Freely Available Online” and “PDF: Freely Available Online.”

Enhancement ideas

- Allow the check-in record display (in MOBIUS) to link back to the local catalog.— This would allow us to use check-in records to show what a library owns, but direct patrons back to the local catalog for specific holdings
- Allow the item records in MOBIUS to display in the order they display in the local catalog.—Clusters can customize how their holdings display in MOBIUS, making it consistent with the cluster catalog.
- Make the 956 field hot linkable--Freely available web links will be cataloged in the 856 field and displayed in the bib record, at the MOBIUS catalog level; and the subscription-based web links will be cataloged in the 956 field and displayed in the item records.

Notes

- What if libraries suppress their item records for serials? That way only the check in record (with Lib. Has) would show.
- In OhioLink, the “Lib. Has” is highlighted in yellow and points back to the left. Is this better than leaving that field blank like we do?