

Members present: Robin Kespohl (UMC), Chair, George Rickerson (LSO), Janet Jackson (LSO), Helen Spalding (UMKC), Nancy Stancel (UMKC-Law), Bob Heyer-Gray (UMR), Amy Arnott (UMSL), John Huang (SLU-Pius), Linda Hulbert (SLU-HSC), Richard Amelung (SLU-Law), Vianne Sha (UMC-Law), recorder.

I. LSO Update.

1. Barcode validation and the Reserve Module:

III has turned off the barcode validation in the Reserve Module until the problem is fixed. Problem status is unknown.

Barcode validation is working in other modules. Hyphen and slash were taken out when the barcode got validated. It does not have any effect on processing. But libraries prefer to have the punctuation stored. George will find out if it is possible from III.

2. Sort by volume number problems:

The program has run through the database twice already. Volume numbers in existing item records should be sorted. Libraries have to move new volume manually to the proper location if the volume number is not the last volume of the set. Problems should be reported to LSO.

3. OCLC upload:

LSO is ready to pull the test records. Currently, MU, SLU-Law, and UMKC-Law are using ICODE1. Richard raises the problem of the bound with records that pulling item records for upload will not include all bound with bibliographic records. Therefore, it is suggested that bound with records should not use the upload method. They should be produced online instead.

4. MeSH see refs problem:

LSO had reported the problem to III on 2/26. Problem was claimed to be fixed on 3/4, but the problem continued. Betty Berryman will follow up on this.

5. Loads:

Highest priority will be to get everything out of LUMIN. Therefore, LSO will load GOVDOC records from LUMIN first. 930 phase II load is in process. MU Recon records and 010 loads will follow. Auto-Graphics records will delay till June. GOVDOC preprocessor used for LUMIN's conversion will be the same as the one for the new tapes.

ILL software has not yet been used. It has some problems associated with the ILL locations we bought. All other contract-related issues with III are resolved.

Janet asks whether LSO should use the Main Menu screen of MERLIN for communicating rush messages. It is decided that rush messages should be placed on the Main Menu screen and sent through e-mail. Coordinators also suggest not to put ordinary messages such as OCLC record load status on the Main Menu screen. This will be decided by MQCC.

II. Label for Circulation Receipts.

The label for circulation receipts is actually used in many other places such as bindery slips, serial spine labels, top and bottom of menu screens, etc. A more general label should be used. It is proposed to pick one of the following labels in the specified order:

1. MERLIN Library System
2. MERLIN Libraries
3. MERLIN

Janet will forward this to Gary for modification.

III. IUG Enhancement Vote.

The top five votes for all modules are as follows. LSO will send in the votes.

Acquisitions enhancement: #5, #4, #13, #7, #2
Cataloging & Authorities enhancement: CA2, CA13, CA31, CA41, CA58
Circulation Checkout/Checkin/etc. enhancement: CR16, CR233, CR41, CR126, CR104
Circulation Holds & Recalls/etc. enhancement: CR46, CR58, CR60, CR68, CR243
Circulation Notices/etc. enhancement: CR147, CR169, CR180, CR198, CR207
Circulation Financial Functions enhancement: CF3, CF6, CF16, CF17, CF29
General enhancement: GE11, GE23, GE26/31/59, GE57, GE58
Interlibrary Loan enhancement: #1, #2, #3, #4, #5
Management Information enhancement: MA6, MA7, MA12/25, MA31/48, MA43/66/67
Materials Booking enhancement: #2, #3, #4, #5, #9
OPAC enhancement: #2, #4, #5, #7, #15
Serials enhancement: #13, #2, #3, #4, #15
System Administration enhancement: #1, #3, #4, #5, #7
Web PAC enhancement: WB05, WB16, WB17, WB52

Suggestions for possible MERLIN enhancement requests for 1998 should be proposed by each committee to the Coordinators before the Coordinators' September meeting.

IV. Access Electronic Resources through MERLIN Library Catalog.

More and more government documents will be converted to electronic format. GPO are cataloging these titles and has placed URLs in the records. It is expected to have 17,000 document titles with URLs. UM library directors had decided not to include materials not owned by one of the UM libraries in the local catalog a while back. Therefore, the policy needs to be reviewed and decision needs to be made by the directors. Coordinators recommend that electronic resources owned, licensed, and accessed through public domain by UM libraries can be included in MERLIN library catalog.

Issues such as collection development, display formats, URL maintenance, new location codes, scoping, access points, password access, etc. have been addressed briefly. Collection development policy of the electronic resources will be left to the local libraries. MQCC is charged to recommend the cataloging standards and the access control methods (URL maintenance). MRSC is charged to recommend the display formats and scoping options of the electronic resources in MERLIN WebPAC and OPAC.

V. Meeting Dates.

6/18, 8/20, 9/17, 10/15, 11/19, 12/17. Agenda items for the 6/18 meeting should be sent to Robin no later than 6/11.

VI. Items from the Floor.

Coordinators recommend using PIN rather than SSN for the Patron initiated request function to both Directors and Circulation committees. PIN will protect users' privacy better and it can be changed locally.