

Arthur Public Services Committee Meeting
Minutes

June 13, 2003

The Public Services Committee met at MCO headquarters in Columbia on June 12th from 2-4 to discuss changes to the Arthur Cluster web page with Hardy Pottinger. Attending this meeting were Nina Stawski –Stephens, Lois Marshall – Lincoln, Angela Gerling – Westminster College, Tena Barratt – William Woods, Lucia D’Agostino – Columbia College, and Cindy Wyatt - Missouri State Library. Nina gave a background of the committee and its history as we waited for all to arrive. She spoke of the aims of the committee in the beginning, particularly of Bibliographic Instruction and Marketing plans for the cluster. Cindy announced that Jason Stirnaman is resigning from the committee and Cindy will take his place. As the next person in the rotation, Cindy will act as the Secretary for the group and Lois Marshall will take over as chair of the Committee.

The Goal for the meeting was to work with Hardy to re-design the Arthur Cluster Page. We have four main pages to re-design (thanks to Hardy for correct design terminology): Main Menu page, Opac Menu page, Srch Help page, and the Results page. We started with the main menu page and decided that there will not be a MOBIUS logo on this page, but that the Arthur logo will be prominently featured as it is with the other clusters. There will be a quick search box, the libraries will be listed in two columns alphabetically, and there will be some navigation tools at the bottom for FAQ’s, Search all of Arthur, and Search Mobius. Fonts would be a combination of Georgia and Times New Roman.

The Opac Menu is where all the search possibilities are listed. The MOBIUS Logo will be at top left with a link to “Search all MOBIUS” under it. Logos will also be hot linked. The Arthur logo will be at the top right with the FAQ link and the “Search all Arthur” under that. The Quick Search will still appear on this page with other searches listed under it. An “Other Options” bar will appear at the bottom with a “View your own record” link, but it was decided not to add a link to Course Reserves because this is the Arthur cluster page rather than a page for an individual library.

Hardy encouraged us to keep logos for MOBIUS and Arthur small so that they don’t take up as much room at the top and the box can be minimized and all will still show. For creating logos, Hardy suggested Macromedia Fireworks (there is a 30 day free trial) or Photoshop. Discussion ensued about the logo and ideas for it. It was agreed that the pink/purple needed to be changed and the logo updated. Angela volunteered to talk to someone at Westminster about creating a new logo.

The Srch Help screen would look very much like the Opac menu page. It was decided to keep navigation menus the same whenever possible. Logos would appear as before, and blue, dividing bars would make the search into an open sided table. The search (for example Title) would be listed and there would be a search box with a “Search” button right next to the box. An example of a title search would be below that and then a link to “New Search.” would allow users to start over. It was decided that we

need to make sure to separate these two features so that users do not type in a search and accidentally click on “New Search” and be forced to begin again. It was decided to add a link from here to the keyword search page in case of an unsuccessful search. Another blue bar would complete the table at the bottom. Buttons would be graduated in color. Navigation at the bottom of the page would be consistent.

Results Page would be much like it is now with some minor changes. The logos and navigation at the top and bottom would be consistent. First, the committee would like a media logo in the results page for a Keyword Search. Secondly, the buttons would be white and blue and would be graduated in color with Blue writing, much like WILO's. No color would be added to the results table and text would be in black. It is important not to have the text be too small in the results table.

The next meeting of this committee is on the July 10th at 2pm at Westminster College. This committee wants to have the changes made in time for the fall semester to start. Lucia will have a practicum student, Clara, rough out our ideas so that the committee can approve them and pass them on to Coordinators and the Directors for approval. Hardy says that MCO may need up to a month to create a mock up for final approval and then it can go live almost immediately. We felt we should have it up no later than mid August in order to give other librarians time to become familiar with it before the students come back. Hardy asked to be included in email correspondence within the committee. His email address is pottingerhj@umsystem.edu.

Thanks to Tena, who drew clear diagrams of the pages as we spoke and shared with all.

Respectfully Submitted,
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