

Arthur Coordinators

Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2004

Attendees: Corrine Caputoc, Inas El-Sayed, Tom Schultz, Jason Stirnaman, Nason Throgmorton; Stephens was not represented.

The group affirmed the customary 9:00 meeting time, MCO as its meeting location, and the quarterly meeting schedule. Meetings will be held on Tuesdays. The Chairperson will be responsible for scheduling or ensuring adequate technology (i.e. laptop, projector, networking, etc.) is available and ready for the meeting.

To be respectful to MCO staff, if a coordinator(s) desires an MCO staff person to attend the meeting, that coordinator will notify the Chairperson in advance of the meeting and the Chairperson will be responsible for contacting the MCO staff person.

OpenURL resolvers

Jason announced that Missouri State Library is subscribing to Serials Solutions' Article Linker resolver service (<http://www.serialssolutions.com/articlelinker.asp>) and described typical library applications of link resolvers.

Nason reported that Columbia College is currently evaluating link resolvers. Inas reported that Lincoln is beginning to evaluate A-Z journal title reporting services (eg. Ebsco's A-Z service, <http://www.ebsco.com/atoz/default.asp>).

Jason suggested that the cluster may want to consider purchasing Innovative's WebBridge resolver product (<http://www.iii.com/mill/webopac.shtml#webbridge>) for FY06, particularly if the other libraries are considering purchasing a resolver service. He also noted that Innovative will not provide an OpenURL compliant WebPac without purchasing WebBridge.

There was general agreement that a shared purchase would be worth considering.

Decisions:

Jason will confirm an earlier price quoted by Innovative and deliver the quote to the cluster.

Jason will forward information and presentations on WebBridge to ARTHUR-L.

Coordinators will review WebBridge and report recommendations by the next meeting.

List of videos and DVDs in the public catalog

Westminster wants a way to query the WebPac and retrieve records that match both a subject and particular format.

Corrine reported that several bibliographic notes fields, such as 500, 538, and 245\$h, are not indexed in the Arthur WebPac. These fields are largely indexed in other cluster catalogs. The Arthur Directors will be considering the cost and need for re-indexing the catalog.

Westminster has devised a solution using additional subject headings to focus WebPac searches:

"The 690 subject heading was added for several AV types and students/faculty will be trained in how to search effectively for getting that information in accurate list format if they want it. The other field is the 533 which is a reproduction field (e.g. DVD, VHS, are reproductions of actual motion pictures that were not originally done in DVD and VHS format.)

The faculty that have been shown how to get accurate search results for our AV collection are thrilled with the results of our efforts. They need to be able to search the collection via what they are teaching. Prior to this time they would just browse but browsing the collections is not something we'd like the students and others to be doing nor is it effective when our VHS collection is so huge.

Our DVD collection is growing at a tremendous rate. We are concerned about theft issues as our AV collection is in the technical service area (staff) and behind the desk area where patrons generally are not expected to be are not encouraged to go."

An alternative or supplementary solution, might be the Featured Lists function of the WebPac. Featured Lists enables the library to present a predetermined set of review files to users via the WebPac.

By Nason's request, Featured Lists has been activated in the test port of the Arthur catalog (<http://arthur.missouri.edu:2082/ftlist>). Nason created two lists for testing and demonstration purposes. Nason suggested that the cluster reserve a small range of Review Files that are to be used as Featured Lists since MCO must assign the File numbers within the WWWoptions file. This would prevent a library having to contact MCO whenever a new list should be added to Featured Lists and should ease the burden of maintaining the WWWoptions.

The group discussed what presentation and display options might be available. The group also looked at other libraries that are using Featured Lists, e.g. Washington University (<http://catalog.wustl.edu/ftlist>) and Fort Collins PL (<http://dalva.fcgov.com/screens/lists.html>).

Decisions:

Jason will designate a range of Review Files (preferably files that are not currently in use), notify Coordinators, and notify MCO staff.

Corrine will present her temporary search solution to the Coordinators via ARTHUR-L or MOBCE-L.

Public Services Committee will make recommendations on the presentation of Featured Lists, including:

the addition of a link to <http://arthur.missouri.edu/ftlist> from <http://arthur.missouri.edu/search~>, or other useful navigation, and

the formatting and appearance of <http://arthur.missouri.edu/ftlist>

Missouri Government Publications

Jason reported that the State Library is restructuring the depository program. They also plan to migrate records from a ProCite database into the Arthur catalog to improve management of the collection and eliminate duplication of work. The ProCite data is necessary for maintaining an authoritative list of MODOC classifications.

The State Library has also added the new bib location MOM which is mapped to item locations for Missouri government publications. Users can now limit Keyword searches to Missouri government publications by choosing MO Government Pubs from the Specific Library Location menu in the Advanced Search screen.

Inas asked what fields should be protected in the event a Lincoln record overlays a minimal State Library record. The group agreed those questions could first be addressed in the Technical Services group.

Decisions:

Jason will distribute the ProCite-to-Arthur conversion plan to ARTHUR-L.

Susan Morrisroe will present the plan to the Arthur Technical Services group.

New Format Code in Acquisitions

Corrine expressed the need to add a new code in the Order record, Format field. The new code would be used to designate non-musical audio CDs. The field is only used for statistical purposes in Order records. The group agreed and added “f – CD (AUDIO)”. The group changed the description of “d” to “CD (MUSIC)”.

Bursar Out

Columbia College wishes to use the Bursar Out feature for preparing a digital file of fines owed by CC patrons. The list could then be used by the CC accounting office to associate the fines with the student and faculty accounts. Nason reported that CC has taken all possible steps to ensure the security of the process and protect patrons.

Westminster and Lincoln expressed concerns about privacy since all patrons owing fines, not just CC patrons, would appear in the report exported file. They suggested trying to use Create Lists and various codes to achieve a solution.

There are currently two libraries using Bursar Out.

Decisions:

Nason will continue evaluating Create Lists to determine if a more agreeable solution can be found. If not, the Coordinators may recommend that the Directors review and evaluate the current privacy agreement and decide whether or not Arthur libraries should use Bursar Out.

Expiration Date

Nason reported that CC will stop using patron Expiration Date as a due date. He noted that using the Exp. Date has caused additional burdens on staff processing and patrons. This only affects CC patrons.

Drop-down Menus in WebPac

Jason reported that users and staff have experienced problems with the drop-down menus on the Request screen. After selecting a pickup location from the menu, if the menu remains selected, the user may unknowingly scroll to another location. This often happens while attempting to type in the following field.

One suggestion is to change the type of form input used for this menu, from a drop-down menu to individual radio buttons. An alternative solution is to make the pickup location the last object on the screen. The group was unaware whether or not either of these solutions is possible.

Decision:

The group requests the Public Services Committee to further investigate the problem and determine a solution.

Change “Campus ID” in WebPac

Jason requested that the phrase “Campus ID” in the Request and PatronInfo screens be changed. “Campus” does not accurately reflect Missouri State Library, nor does it accurately describe the field.

Decision:

The group recommends to the Public Services Committee that “Campus ID” be changed to “Patron ID”.

Library Contacts Lists

Nason requested that each library provide a list of contacts responsible for various library operations.

Past lists could not be found on the MCO web site

Decisions:

The group will send lists to Jason via Arthur-L. Jason will be responsible for posting them to the MCO site.

Committee Reports

MCDAC: Nason had nothing to report. The meeting was very brief.

MCMAC: Tom reported that the committee is exploring the idea of state-wide approval plans from Yankee Book Peddler and Blackwell. They have also looked at off-site storage solutions.

MCAG (Jason): The committee got a clearer sense of its role within the consortium. They are drafting guidelines and a revised charter.

MCO presented the Agency Software and Output Voucher software to the committee. Jason needs recommendations from the cluster by September 1.

The committee considered what role Cooperating Partners should have in MCAG and to what degree CPs may be held to cataloging/authority standards for the Union Catalog.

The committee recommended to the Executive Committee that Table of Contents enrichment be purchased again for the consortium.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for late October (TBA)