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Deduping the MOBIUS Union Catalog Project Description and Timeline

Purpose: The purpose of this project is to reduce the number of duplicate bibliographic records in the MOBIUS Union Catalog. A result of this project is that individuals who search the MOBIUS Union Catalog will obtain better results. An ancillary benefit of the project will be that the number of records in the OCLC WorldCat that have holdings for Missouri libraries will increase.

Description: The MOBIUS Union Catalog uses the OCLC number and/or the ISBN number as the match points to identify and eliminate duplicate bibliographic records from the cluster catalogs. Historically not all the MOBIUS members used OCLC for cataloging and retro-conversion of their records, the consequence being that some or all of these members' records lack OCLC numbers. As a result, there are many duplicate bibliographic records in the cluster catalogs and, therefore, in the MOBIUS Union Catalog.

In this project, the 941,516 records that lack OCLC numbers will be sent to OCLC for processing. OCLC will search the records in the WorldCat database and, for matches, will insert an OCLC number into the MOBIUS record. In addition, the holding library symbol of the contributing library would be set on OCLC for ILL purposes. The modified records will then be returned to the MOBIUS Consortium Office (MCO) which will reload the records into the eleven cluster catalogs. The Millennium software will then use the newly provided OCLC numbers to identify duplicate bibliographic records, which will be resolved by library staff. The Millennium software will then automatically resolve duplicates in the MOBIUS Union Catalog.

The total cost of the project will be \$179,175.

Timeline:

- July 15, 2003: records gathered and sent to OCLC
- July 15-August 29: records processed at OCLC
- September 1: processed records returned to MCO
- September 1-15: processed records reloaded into cluster catalogs
- September 20: project results analyzed and reported

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