

## **Development of the MIRACL/MOBIUS Union Catalog**

1991 Saint Louis University begins a planning process to identify a library management system; the process involves workshops, RFP preparation, vendor demonstrations, and site visits

1993 University of Missouri System begins looking at library management systems to replace its home grown system; goes through two RFPs

Feb. 1995 The possibility of developing a library resource sharing consortium of the UM System and Saint Louis University based on a single vendor platform surfaces

April 1995 UM System signs a contract with Innovative Interfaces

Sept. 1995 St. Louis University decides to join the UM system to create a consortium called MERLIN

1996 Washington University considers options for replacing its NOTIS system

June 1996 University of Missouri system brings its Innopac (server) online

*Late 1996 MPALA directors invite independent academics to join them in pursuing a common library platform with patron-generated borrowing*

Jan. 1997 Saint Louis University comes online sharing the MERLIN Innopac with UM; Washington University signs contract with Innovative; will join UM System and SLU to create MIRACL

*Feb. 1997 MPALA sends out RFI to obtain feedback from vendors on CLP software and likely costs*

July 1997 Washington University comes online with its own Innopac

*Nov. 1997 Report of Consultant Joe Ford in support of budget requests in 1998*

Late 1997 Beginning of profiling for the INN-Reach server, which will become the union catalog of the MIRACL consortium

*May 1998 Memorandum of Understanding goes out to college/university CEOs for signatures*

*June 1998 Governor signs legislation authorizing funds for MOBIUS*

*July 1998 CBHE sends out letter soliciting interest in serving as host site*

1998 Continuing work on profiling for the MIRACL union catalog; date to go online is delayed several times; decision made to go online on January 4, 1999, between semesters.

*Sept. 1998 MOBIUS Council approves Innovative Interfaces as software for CLP*

*Dec. 1998 Host Site Agreement with UM System signed after lengthy negotiations*

**Jan. 4, 1999 MIRACL union catalog brought online under the name MOBIUS**