MLNC Update for MOBIUS Council

The OCLC Board of Trustees has appointed a special **Governance Study** Committee to conduct a study of OCLC's governance structure. Chaired by Bill Crowe from the University of Kansas, the committee will draw on research and analysis to understand the environmental factors likely to have an impact on libraries, cultural heritage institutions and OCLC in the coming decade, review and evaluate the current and alternative governance forms for OCLC and recommend a governance structure appropriate to the roles that OCLC is expected to carry out in the next decade. Select member libraries will be surveyed as part of the study. Any adopted changes would take place on July 1, 2008.

"OCLC's Strategy Going Forward", by Lorcan Dempsey, and "The Future of OCLC Services for the WorldWide Collaborative", by Robin Murray, were two of the key presentations at the recent **Members Council meeting**. Both are available for download and podcast at http://www.oclc.org/memberscouncil/meetings/default.htm.

The next **MLNC Speakers Series** event will be on July 18, 2007 in St. Louis. This interactive day presented by Michael Stephens, author of the Tame the Web Blog and contributor to ALA's TechSource Blog, will offer insights for planning, projects, and detail the hot technologies libraries are grappling with today. Blogs, wikis, RSS, podcasts, and the next big thing are included in this dynamic session. Register soon!

Listen to **interviews** of pioneers in library cooperation at LIS radio, the webcasting site of the School of Information Science and Learning Technologies at the University of Missouri-Columbia. These interviews of MLNC's founding Board members, including Don Gaertner, Paul White, Woodie Moore and Karen Luebbert, will be presented on LIS Radio (http://lisradio.missouri.edu) as part of the LIS Limited Edition series. Each interview will be archived on the website.

WorldCat Collection Analysis can now evaluate a library's borrowing and lending activity to identify potential collection development opportunities. This enhancement crunches WorldCat Resource Sharing data, as well as ILLiad transactions that go through WorldCat Resource Sharing, to give you the ability to:

- Compare borrowing requests over time to identify acquisition priorities;
- Compare borrowing requests based on age, subject, serial, and non-serial items;
- Analyze what your library borrows—items that supplement your collection; and
- Analyze items your library is lending—which reveals how others are using your collection.

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MLNC understands the importance of keeping current with library science and information technology trends. As a benefit of MLNC membership, we are offering an ongoing **NetLibrary** shared collection of eBooks targeted towards library professionals. Titles from the preliminary title list will be purchased, and new content will be added as funds allow. Full members of MLNC pay only $150 for access to this collection; the cost to Associate members is $300.

ScholarlyStats was recently added to the MLNC list of discounted databases. ScholarlyStats was developed to provide information professionals with a single point of access to their vendor usage statistics. MLNC members receive anywhere from a 5% to 15% discount off the price for ScholarlyStats. Between April 1st and June 15th, MLNC is aggregating orders to receive the largest discount available for our members. Contact Asia Gross (ext. 814 or asia@mlnc.org), Electronic Resources Librarian for more information.

MLNC is pleased to offer **Playaway** titles and accessories at a 15% discount to members. Playaways are self-contained digital audio books that are smaller than a deck of cards and powered by a standard AAA battery. With Playaways, your patrons can listen to an audiobook with ease. There's no need for any special equipment, juggling cassettes or CDs, or lengthy downloads—the entire book is already loaded on the durable Playaway unit. At an average price of $40 (before the discount), they're the perfect way to introduce your patrons to the world of digital audiobooks without expensive subscriptions or yearly maintenance fees. With nearly 400 titles, and more added every month, Playaway titles include classics, popular fiction, language study, and popular nonfiction. For a complete list of titles, accessories, and ordering information, go to http://www.mlnc.org/Products/ElectRef/Playaway/Playaway.html. Contact Asia Gross (ext. 814 or asia@mlnc.org), Electronic Resources Librarian for more information.

Stop by the MLNC table at the exhibits for a complete list of upcoming **workshops** including Disaster Planning, Cataloging 101, Practical Library Assessment, Advanced WorldCat Resource Sharing, SCCTP Serials Holdings and many online database demonstrations!

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