(MCDAC) MOBIUS Catalog Design Advisory Committee Report
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- Deduping Project: The deduping project resulted in a significantly reduced number of duplicate records in the INN-Reach catalog. A side benefit was having holdings added to many OCLC records.

- New MARC tag for Item Records: An additional field of '912' (field group 'd') has been added to the item record. This is a miscellaneous field that can be individually customized. Some libraries are using it to record statistical data.

- 229 Filing Indicator: MCDAC requested that the MARC field 229 (journal title index) filing indicator be turned on for the MOBIUS Catalog. This will enable proper retrieval of journal titles that begin with an article.

- 856 Display: MCDAC requested that the MARC field 856 subfield |z (URL) be suppressed in MOBIUS if there is a |3or |z (notes). This will result in a shorter and less confusing 856 display in the MOBIUS Catalog. This has been implemented and does make the display more user friendly.

- 856/956 issues: There are still problems with the 856 display because there is no differentiation in the 856 field between freely available resources (which can be viewed by any patron) and resources available by subscription only (which can be viewed only by authorized patrons). MCDAC has been, and still is, in favor of an enhancement which would split these two types of electronic resources using two fields, an 856 and a 956. This would allow them to be treated differently. So far, this enhancement has not made it through the III enhancement process.

- Enhancements: MCDAC is considering submitting a couple of other enhancement requests for the INN-Reach catalog: 1) Automatically suppress the Request button when an item is not Requestable; 2) Give patrons the option to pre-limit a Web OPAC search to those titles with available items (Limit To Available). These options are new options that are available to the cluster catalogs but not in INN-Reach.

- MARS: MARS Authority Control was sold by OCLC to Backstage Library Works. OCLC assures us that we should see no interruption in service. OCLC will work closely with Backstage for six months to ensure a smooth transition.

- Cataloging Standards: MCDAC discussed cataloging standards as they relate to Cooperating Partners. MCO has no cataloging standards that the Cooperating Partners are required to agree to. We believe this is a significant oversight which needs to be addressed as more Cooperating Partners are being brought into MOBIUS.

- Assimilating New Libraries: MCDAC is also concerned about the process of adding new libraries to existing clusters. Can this transition be smoother? Each time a new library is added to a cluster catalog, there is a great deal of cleanup which creates a hardship on the original libraries. Anything that MCO can do to make this less difficult would be gratefully appreciated by the existing cluster libraries.

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