BRIDGES CLUSTER NEWS FOR MOBIUS COUNCIL - 27 JANUARY 2006

LIZ: Our primary news is that Bridges Cluster is redesigning its webpac. We have an ongoing task force working on this, and we have submitted a list of changes to MCO's work queue. The cluster is excited about this redesign.

JIM: Since the completion of MOBIUS implementation the Bridges directors have met annually in May or June, but we met again Dec 9 to discuss the lending of videocassettes and the like. We decided not to proceed with that, but we benefited from the discussion. Bridges catalogers meet five times a year, site coordinators meet as issues require, and our other committees either handle their work by e-mail or rarely need to function.

LIZ: We reviewed our loaders governing bibliographic record field protection during overlays—when records are imported. We revised some settings. For example, we now protect the Table of Contents fields because some of us are adding contents to the records, and this will protect our work from being overwritten.

JIM: We have just added a new reverse suppression code which will suppress an item in the local catalog but display it in the MOBIUS catalog. This gives us more flexibility, which is useful in streamlining complex displays of holdings that are problematic in the central catalog.

LIZ: Webster University's Wendy Schlegel did "oh-oh-seven" (007) field clean-up for our sound recordings and visual materials, and she's now tackling a similar project for electronic resources. Her effort opened the way to having drop-down boxes for limiting searches to specific types of visual and sound media.

JIM: In November the cataloguers from Archway and Bridges clusters joined together for authority retraining conducted by MCO.

LIZ: For some local library news, we'll note that Harris-Stowe is cataloguing a huge old collection of LP records. See Marty Knorr for details.

JIM: Lindenwood is using OCLC's PromptCat service to much advantage in handling rapid growth of their book collection. On the other hand, Maryville did a study and found that with most of their orders comprising 1 to 20 titles at a time from a vendor, PromptCat and vendor shelf-ready service would add to the cost but not save time. However, for ordering 100 or more titles at one time from a vendor, the cost could be justified by saving time.

LIZ: And that concludes our cluster report!