MOBIUS CATALOG DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REPORT TO THE MOBIUS COUNCIL -- *Sept. 21, 2001*

A primary focus of the Catalog Design Advisory Committee during the last year has been to finalize the list of changes to be made during the reindexing of the MOBIUS Union Catalog. This reindexing took place during early August, as did the installation of Advanced Keyword Searching on the Union Catalog. Major reindexing changes included the addition of a Children's Subject Heading Index and the removal of the separate Table of Contents and Note index, the elements of which have been moved to the Keyword and the Title indexes. Anyone interested in reviewing the entire list of indexing changes can access them through the MOBIUS Home Page, following the links to Clusters and Committees, to MOBIUS Catalog Design Advisory Committee and to MOBIUS Index Rules.

The last meeting of the Catalog Design Advisory Committee was held on July 13th.

Several initial decisions were made regarding displays for Advanced Keyword Searching, all of which can be changed at a later time as we gain more experience and feedback from users of Advanced Keyword Searching. These decisions include the use of generic help pages and a default sort order for results.

A suggestion was brought to the Committee to provide a link from the Union Catalog to a very well made tutorial created by one of the MOBIUS members. It was decided not to do so at this point because of individual cluster differences and because of imminent upgrades to the Union Catalog and cluster catalogs, but to look into forming a training subcommittee once the upgrades have been completed.

A suggestion was brought to the Committee for adoption of BNA's (Blackwell North America's) 520 enrichment service. The field tagged as 520 is the field which contains a Summary Note. These have historically been cataloger-supplied and historically have most often been found on records for Juvenile literature and videos. BNA has a service in which they would add to existing bib records for current English language monographs 520 summary notes. Since the 520 field is indexed in the Keyword index, these notes could be searched. Some concern was expressed about the source of many of these vendor-supplied summaries being the book jacket. BNA has advised that from this point on, the source will be indicated as "Book Jacket" at the end of the field, when a book jacket is indeed the source. After discussion, the Catalog Design Advisory Committee decided to leave the use of the 520 field enrichment service as a cluster-by-cluster decision.

The Catalog Design Advisory Committee reviewed the Material Type Labels for limiting and made some modifications. A complete listing can be found in the most recent Committee minutes found under the Clusters and Committees link on the MOBIUS Home Page.

Future meeting dates of the Catalog Design Advisory Committee have been set for:

Oct. 12, 2001, January 11, 2002, March 8, 2002 (may be changed depending upon the timing of the III enhancement request) and July 12, 2002

At our Oct. 12th meeting, major topics on our agenda will be clickable location codes, the display of URL's in the Union Catalog and whether to pursue an offer from III to load authority records into the Union Catalog.