

MOBIUS

Linking Missouri's Academic Libraries

News Link

Highlighting developments about MOBIUS and the Common Library Platform



MOBIUS makes the grade

Susan walks to the library to check out a book she needs for a research project. She checks the library's online catalog but finds her campus doesn't own the book she needs. She sees a poster hanging on the wall announcing MOBIUS and The Common Library Platform. She logs onto the Internet site listed on the poster and searches.

Quickly she discovers that the book she needs is available from one of the other colleges in her campus cluster. She hits a couple of keystrokes giving her permission to request the book. Two days later it arrives at her campus via Lanter Delivery, just in time for her to finish her paper.

Karen Horny, Dean of Library Services at Southwest Missouri State University, shares an example of the ways in which faculty are using the Common Library Platform. Horny tells the story "Recently one of SMSU's more senior faculty exclaimed that she had discovered our copy of a book on censorship issues that she wanted to consult for a lecture had been lost, but there was a copy at another Missouri library.

Almost as soon as she requested it, it arrived. As she said, 'How wonderful! This seems like a great improvement. Is this how it will be from now on?' I assured her that our consortium was doing everything we could to keep up the new standard of service. It was really satisfying to have someone notice and comment so favorably!"

Stories like these can be heard all over college campuses in Missouri. MOBIUS and The Common Library Platform have made a real difference in the learning experiences for students.

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News and Notes

After a very busy summer in the MOBIUS Consortium Office, we have lots of news to report about developments with the Common Library Platform implementation.

First, please check out the updated map of MOBIUS clusters, on the back page. You will note that the names of several MOBIUS clusters have changed. As the MOBIUS clusters have begun to organize themselves, they have been working on developing specific identities, including unique names and logos, and this revised map reflects the changes so far.

We have begun a new fiscal year, and I'm happy to report that the final installment of the capital funding for the Common Library Platform was in the budget signed by Governor Carnahan. This installment completes the funding of the implementation costs for the Common Library Platform. We are now working on putting in place the ongoing funding that is needed to sustain the operation and ongoing development of the Common Library Platform. As you will recall, the plan

for the ongoing funding calls for the state of Missouri and the MOBIUS members to share that funding burden equally.

With the Common Library Platform project well underway, the MOBIUS Council has appointed a Long-Range Planning Task Force to develop a plan for new cooperative endeavors that will benefit the faculty and students of MOBIUS member institutions. The Task Force will conduct a planning retreat on October 25 and 26 and will have a final report for the MOBIUS Council by January 2, 2001.

Finally, I need to report that the MOBIUS Consortium Office moved to new quarters on September 12. We have relocated to 3215 Lemone Boulevard, next to MOREnet headquarters. We are excited to have the opportunity to share office space with MOREnet, because we will be able to work more closely with MOREnet staff in some key areas. In addition, we will have access to outstanding conference and training facilities.

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We've Moved!

Our new address is:

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NOTE: In the last issue of NewsLink, the title for Rita Gulstad from Central Methodist College was listed incorrectly. Her correct title is Director of Libraries and User Services. We apologize for the error.

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Member Focus



Kenrick-Glennon Seminary **Saint Louis**

Kenrick School of Theology - named for the second Bishop/first Archbishop of St. Louis - is home to nearly 100 students from 16 dioceses and one religious community. It is a free standing theologate offering both Master of Divinity and Master of Arts degrees.

Kenrick Seminary was founded in 1893. However, it traces its earliest origins to 1818 when members of the Vincentian Community established the first Catholic seminary west of the Mississippi River.

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary (incorporated as St. Louis Roman Catholic Theological Seminary) is owned and operated by the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Dr. Andrew Sopko, Director of the Charles L. Souvay Library, offers his opinion about MOBIUS. "From the perspective of a small theological library with limited staff, MOBIUS truly comes as a 'godsend'. Since our retrospective conversion and automation are occurring only now, MOBIUS has certainly made us at Kenrick feel that we are 'in the right place at the right time'. Participating in the Common Library Platform has made our transition a lot easier, especially with the help of the MOBIUS staff."

Columbia College **Columbia**

Preparing to celebrate its sesquicentennial birthday in 2001, Columbia College has had a rich history since its founding in 1851 as Christian College.

Serving approximately 8,000 men and women students through its traditional day and evening programs on campus in Columbia and at 22 extended campuses throughout the country, the college offers different programs to meet the variety of educational needs of students.

In 1996, Columbia College began offering graduate degrees in business administration, teaching and criminal justice. The college is fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and holds accreditation in several specialty areas.

Carolyn M. Jones, Director of Stafford Library, comments about The Common Library Platform Project, "As a book person, I am excited about the easy access to millions of resource items. I personally have borrowed some very obscure books."

Harris-Stowe State College **Saint Louis**

Harris-Stowe State College traces its origin back to 1857 when it was founded by the St. Louis Public Schools and became the first public teacher education institution west of the Mississippi River and the twelfth such institution in the United States.

In 1979, the college became the newest member of the State system of public higher education. In 1993, John Ashcroft signed into law Senate Bill 153 which authorized the College to expand its mission in order to address unmet needs of Metropolitan St. Louis in various applied professional disciplines.

Approximately 1800 students in this historically Black college attend Harris-Stowe. In 1998, the Southwestern Bell Library & Technology Resource Center was opened.

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The Cluster Map—MOBIUS, also known as Missouri Bibliographic Information User System, is a consortium of academic libraries with fifty member colleges and universities in the state of Missouri. The largest single project is The Common Library Platform project. The CLP creates a virtual collection of the approximately 14 million items in the libraries of Missouri's colleges and universities and creates a single user interface that allows faculty and students to request library materials using any personal computer in any location with access to the Internet. Requested materials are delivered within one or two days of being requested by the MOBIUS Delivery System.

