

## Introduction from Kurt Kopp

Two events stand out in my mind for September and the first week in October. The first was the UM Libraries Directors' meeting held in St. Louis on September 25, and the other was the MLA Conference in Springfield the first week in October.

The major topic of conversation at the UM Library Directors' meeting was to discuss the problems encountered by the MERLIN libraries. These included issues with the webpac as well as overall system slowness. The directors also discussed how the UM Library Directors, the Library Systems Office, and the MOBIUS Consortium Office could best work together to provide the best possible service to the library users. Beth Fisher and Christopher Gould, both from the MOBIUS Consortium Office, went through the list of problems. They noted those problems that had been solved, those that were awaiting a fix from Innovative Interfaces, and those that were in progress. Further discussion of the roles of the three organizations was postponed to the next meeting on November 5.

Linda Vorce and I exhibited at the Missouri Library Association conference to let attendees know about the digitizing services that we offer. It was a very useful conference. We learned about several new and exciting projects, and we were successful in marketing our services to other libraries.

On the eResources front, several resources were identified as potential future MERLIN subscriptions as they are already subscribed to by three or more of the campuses, and Terry Austin and her team will be investigating possible cost savings through subscription consolidation. Terry Austin also only just returned from the fall meeting of the International Coalition of Library Consortia, held in Stockholm, Sweden, for those members in the eastern hemisphere. We will, unfortunately, have to wait until November's newsletter to get an account of her trip.

### eResources: Facts and Figures

#### Increase in Full Text Views from 8/06 to 8/07:

- ◆ PsycARTICLES: 2011 to 3949
- ◆ Oxford University Press Journals: 3381 to 3589
- ◆ Education Full Text: 2135 to 2525

#### Upcoming Meetings:

- ◆ Next MCDRSC Meeting: October 25

#### Current Trial:

- ◆ [Scopus](#)— through October 31

### eResources & ILL: Yes, No, Maybe

Electronic Resources and Interlibrary Loan has been and continues to be a complicated issue.

Unfortunately, each negotiation with publishers and vendors provide nearly as many different terms and conditions regarding ILL as there are

negotiations. Some allow electronic ILL while others allow only print ILL, and some allow none at all.

In order to help you through the maze, we have prepared a chart showing our best effort to interpret what is allowed and not allowed.

#### Access the ILL Chart:

<http://mco.mobius.missouri.edu/filemanager/fileview/1597/>

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This collection contains the principal publication of the MU Alumni Association, which has been represented by three different titles throughout its history. The publication was started in 1905, as the Missouri Alumni Quarterly. In 1912, the name was changed to Missouri Alumnus, and the magazine became a monthly publication. In 1916, publication was assumed by the University of Missouri Union and occurred on a twice monthly basis. By 1921, the Alumni Association was once again responsible for the Missouri Alumnus and started publishing the magazine ten months out to the year, later changing to five publications per year. In 1995, the name was changed to its current title: MIZZOU, and the magazine is now published on a quarterly basis.

[digital.library.umssystem.edu/text/alum](http://digital.library.umssystem.edu/text/alum)

## eResources: First Quarter Director's Report Summary, FY08

All existing electronic resources that renew through October have been processed. This includes forty-two electronic resources. License agreements were renegotiated and bids completed as necessary. Bids resulted in interface changes for ATLA Religion Database (OCLC First Search) and GeoRef (ProQuest) and cost savings for both resources. There were no electronic resource cuts for FY08 although there is a moratorium on updating Table of Contents while more refined criteria for inclusion can be determined by MCDRSC.

LSO met with MCDRSC on July 12 via videoconference. The new co-chairs are Diane Hunter and Kathy Hall of UMKC. The chairs requested that as a special initiative, the committee explore catalog overlay interfaces. The following webinars have been set up for AquaBrowser, Encore, Endeca, and WorldCat Local. This was suggested as an exercise to familiarize the reference and collection development librarians with these newer technologies. The first webinar was with Endeca and was well attended by the campuses.

This is the final year of a three-year subscription for Web of Science. Therefore, the committee is in the process of evaluating WoS and SCOPUS to find the best resource for the UM faculty, staff, and students. In January, LSO will negotiate a new contract with the vendor for the product selected by the committee.

In addition, the committee is exploring an offer from Elsevier for Science Direct. MU already has this collection and this is an offer that would make it accessible to the other three campuses. It is the best financial offer we have had from Elsevier and we hope to find a way for all the campuses to participate.

## LSO Project Updates

### Digitizing Activities:

In September, Ian Schoone and Elaine Huntsucker scanned 11,972 pages and the students corrected the OCR for 3,510 pages. All of the yearbooks for Lincoln University's LSTA grant have been scanned and had the ocr corrected. Fifteen additional county histories have been scanned for the County History Project. We have received the Stephens College yearbooks and have begun work on that project..

### Patron Processing:

Phil Redmon and DoIT are gradually fixing problems with the patron loads. The latest fix was to have vetmed students recognized as "professional" students thus giving them a longer checkout period. We are working with DoIT to have the proper home library and PCODE3 assigned to UMKC medical students. Another problem being worked on is to eliminate faculty/staff who have left the university and are vested but not actually retired from the University.

### New Digital Library Server

Hardy Pottinger has almost completed installing some necessary software on the new Digital Library server and we will, hopefully, soon move to the new server and begin work on the new Merlin gateway which will reside on that server.

### Merlin Server Upgrade

The extremely slow response time being experienced when accessing the Merlin server will soon be fixed (hopefully, within the next two weeks). According to Ill the slowness is due to a sub-optimal storage setup given the large number of updates done by Merlin users. LSO has agreed to pay for the enhanced storage (approximately \$6,400). The storage has been ordered and will be installed and configured soon.