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Introduction from Kurt Kopp

In this issue, we report on analysis recently completed by Terry Austin and Abbie Brown to determine which electronic resource subscriptions are held by one or more University of Missouri campus or library. This is in preparation for an upcoming discussion by the MCDRSC committee to determine potential cost savings. Additional discounts might be possible if LSO negotiates with vendors for discounts that may be available if multiple UM Libraries are subscribing to the same resource. Terry also provides a summary of the ICOLC international meeting she attended in Stockholm, Sweden.

LSO and MCO recently worked out an agreement whereby LSO will assume maintenance of some aspects of the MERLIN webPAC, and Hardy describes how this will work. Linda Vorce details the work done by the digitizing area of LSO this past month. New this month is a list of the items that have been added to the UM Libraries Digital Library website.

Enjoy and we hope that all of you have a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

eResources: Facts and Figures

Comparison of Sept FY07 to Sept FY08 FT:

- Nature: 1379 (FY07) to 1859 (FY08)
- Nature Research & Reviews: 1879 (FY07) to 2063 (FY08)
- PsycARTICLES: 3504 (FY07) to 8548 (FY08)
- JSTOR General Sciences: 910 (FY07) to 1303 (FY08)

Upcoming Meetings: Next MCDRSC Meeting: November 29

Digitizing Status Report

As of November, Digitizing Services has 5 projects in various stages of completion. The largest of these projects is the Missouri County Histories. This project consists of 107 books to be digitized, OCR'ed and corrected into full text searchable format. To date, work has progressed on schedule, with 38 books digitized. As this is a statewide cooperative effort, we would like to say thank you to a few of those institutions who have graciously loaned us their material:

- Ellis Library Special Collections & Rare Books
- The State Historical Society of Missouri
- Miller Nichols Library at UMKC
- Thomas Jefferson Library at UMSL
- St. Louis Mercantile Library
- Missouri State Library
- Pickler Memorial Library at Truman State University

A project of great uniqueness is the digitization of documents provided by the family of Lloyd Lionel Gaines. The University of Missouri School of Law denied Mr. Gaines admittance in 1935. Gaines sought legal assistance from the NAACP, and together they challenged the admission policies of UMC all the way to the United States Supreme Court. The contents of the collection include photographs of and letters written by Mr. Gaines, as well as the legal correspondence with the NAACP. This collection, which portrays such a fascinating chapter of Missouri and United States history, will be available online for viewing in late January.

Stephens College and Digitizing Services have joined efforts to digitize the *Stephensophia*, the yearbook of Stephens College. This project consists of 31 yearbooks ranging from 1900 to 1940. When completed, visitors will be able to view the yearbooks in both image and text format with the collection being fully searchable. We have nine finished, 11 in the correction phase, and 11 left to scan.

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eResources: ICOLC International Meeting Report

Terry Austin recently attended the ICOLC international meeting in Stockholm, Sweden. Various presentations from participants as well as a few vendor "grill" sessions were included. Everyone is still concerned about licensing/ negotiations, open access, scholarly communications/publications, and, of course, pricing. One of the highlights was a report from the Norwegian University Libraries who were successful in getting Blackwell to come back to the negotiation table after saying no to Blackwell's inflexible offer. A presentation was also given on support of the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) from Lund University. NELLCO (New England Law Library Consortium) announced funding from IMLS to develop an open source federated search engine.

On the vendor grille side, it was interesting to hear that the American Chemical Society (ACS) will roll out a new pricing model for the international markets based on its often less than successful attempt to change their domestic pricing model. Their domestic model is a value-based model consisting of a Carnegie-like classification scheme, impact factor and usage. This model was unsuccessful for many US academic libraries, including the UM System. This model caused exorbitant increases for us and was not used. Instead, we returned to the old model based on caps for increases for a multi-year deal and a switch to electronic-only from print. Also included in the vendor sessions were Cengage (Gale), Wiley-Blackwell, and Credo Reference.

LSO Begins Maintenance of MERLIN WebPAC

As announced to the UM ILS Coordinators mail list in mid-October, LSO will be taking over maintenance of the MERLIN WebPAC. Here are some details on what that means.

Hardy has sorted through the list of open WebPAC tickets for MERLIN, and has asked the Coordinators for input on that sorting process.

The guiding philosophy of what tickets LSO will take over will be: if the problem is a result of, or can be influenced by, a WebPAC file (either .html or wwwoptions), we'll take it.

MCO will remain the primary point of contact for all issues regarding the MERLIN WebPAC. That doesn't mean that LSO can't be CC'd on incoming ticket notices, but MCO will continue in their help desk role. There are many kinds of problems that will manifest symptoms on the WebPAC. Not all of those problems are due to html or wwwoptions errors. Having a single point of contact will hopefully make things simpler for those reporting problems, and be the most efficient use of all of our resources.

Based on his review of open tickets, Hardy believes his time will be most efficiently spent in organizing how the WebPAC files are manipulated. He plans to use the Perl Template Toolkit (http://template-toolkit.org/) to consolidate duplicate code, keeping everything consistent. Template Toolkit is an open source project, has been around since 1996, and has an active development community. It also has an O'Reilly book, *Perl Template Toolkit*, ISBN 0596004761.

We will utilize LSO's version tracking system, Subversion, to track changes to the WebPAC over time. This will allow us to back out of changes, to a known working state, if necessary.

It is our intention that LSO and MCO will use the same system to manage the WebPAC files. Specifically, both MCO and LSO will use the LSO Subversion code repository to track revisions to these files and Template Toolkit to generate them. This will ensure that changes made to the WebPAC files are made in a consistent, organized way.

Hardy will write Perl scripts to handle publishing the material resulting from the Template Toolkit. These scripts will be coded in such a way that they will work generically, from any of our computers.

Steps will be taken to ensure that changes to the WebPAC files from outside of LSO's system will be detected and either incorporated or discarded.

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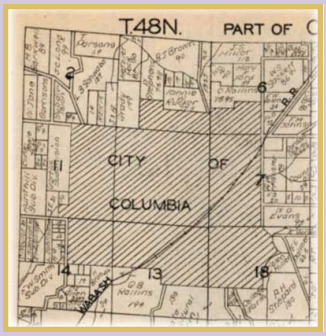

Featured Collection

The Plat Books of Missouri is a collection of 111 Missouri County plat books published by W.W. Hickson, and Co. in 1930 and held in the Special Collections Department of Ellis Library at the University of Missouri-Columbia. They are frequently consulted and in an effort to make them more accessible and also to preserve them, they were scanned and are now easily available for the public-at-large.

Take a look!

digital.library.umsystem.edu/image/platic

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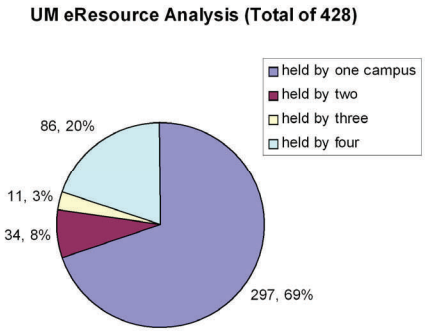
Electronic Resources Held by the UM Campuses

Each of the UM libraries recently sent LSO a list of their current electronic resources in order to help MCDRSC consider if we could achieve cost savings by purchasing collectively instead of through the individual campuses.

There are a total of 428 electronic resources held by UM libraries:

- 297/428 are held by only one UM campus
- 34/428 are held by two UM campuses
- 11/428 are held by three UM campuses
- 86/428 are held by all UM campuses (all are subscribed to through LSO or provided by MOREnet)

Information based on compilation of reports from each UM library.



Items Added to the Digital Library in October, 2007

MU College and Department Histories (I will change the name to reflect that it contains histories of departments and colleges for all UM campuses):

Hall. Entomology at the University of Missouri http://digital.library.umsystem.edu/cgi/t/text/text-idx?;c=sch;idno=sch000017

College of Business & Public Administration, University of Missouri-Columbia. B&PA report 75 years http://digital.library.umsystem.edu/cgi/t/text/text-idx?;c=sch;idno=sch000018

Herman. History of the Dairy Science Department http://digital.library.umsystem.edu/cgi/t/text/text-idx?;c=sch;idno=sch000028

Twenty-five years of Extension work in Missouri with the Annual Report for 1939 http://digital.library.umsystem.edu/cgi/t/text/text-idx?;c=sch;idno=sch000029

Woodruff. A History of the Department of Soils and Soil Science at the University of Missouri http://digital.library.umsystem.edu/cgi/t/text/text-idx?;c=sch;idno=sch000030

Smith. History of the School of Forestry, Fisheries and Wildlife http://digital.library.umsystem.edu/cgi/t/text/text-idx?;c=sch;idno=sch000031

Potter. Portrait of success, a history of Mizzou nursing, 1901-1989 http://digital.library.umsystem.edu/cgi/t/text/text-idx?;c=sch;idno=sch000032

Roberts. History of the University of Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy, 1871-1946 http://digital.library.umsystem.edu/cgi/t/text/text-idx?;c=sch;idno=sch000033

Fratcher. The law barn : a brief history of the School of Law, University of Missouri-Columbia http://digital.library.umsystem.edu/cgi/t/text/text-idx?;c=sch;idno=sch000037

Christensen. UM--Rolla : a history of MSM/UMR http://digital.library.umsystem.edu/cgi/t/text/text-idx?;c=sch;idno=sch000039

Ridley. Spanning the years : civil engineering the Rolla way http://digital.library.umsystem.edu/cgi/t/text/text-idx?;c=sch;idno=sch000041

Missouri Alumni Magazines (issues added):

August, 1939 http://digital.library.umsystem.edu/cgi/t/text/text-idx?;c=alum;idno=alum193908

September, 1944 http://digital.library.umsystem.edu/cgi/t/text/text-idx?;c=alum;idno=alum194409

November, 1970 Engineering Section http://digital.library.umsystem.edu/cgi/t/text/text-idx?;c=alum;idno=alum197011eng

March, 1982 http://digital.library.umsystem.edu/cgi/t/text/text-idx?;c=alum;idno=alum198203

Fall, 1993 http://digital.library.umsystem.edu/cgi/t/text/text-idx?;c=alum;idno=alum1993fall

Spring, 2003 http://digital.library.umsystem.edu/cgi/t/text/text-idx?;c=alum;idno=alum192003spring

Summer, 2003 http://digital.library.umsystem.edu/cgi/t/text/text-idx?;c=alum;idno=alum192003summer

Winter, 2003 http://digital.library.umsystem.edu/cgi/t/text/text-idx?;c=alum;idno=alum192003winter