

Library Management Team

Notes from the April 26, 2001 Meeting

Attending: Ross Atkinson, Lee Cartmill, David Corson, Janet McCue, Jean Poland, Edward Weissman, Jim LeBlanc, Philip Herold, Nan Hyland, Bob Kibbee, Tim Lynch.

1. **Announcements:**

Ross announced that the newly appointed Staff Web Task Force would soon hold its first meeting. Members are Jim LeBlanc (chair), Leah Solla, Sarah Young, Natalie Wall, Michael Engle and Will Sayers.

Earlier this year, Ralph Janis, the Director of Cornell Adult University (CAU), demonstrated CyberTower to members of LMT. Ralph told LMT that copyright clearance was and will continue to be a major problem. He asked the Library for assistance in dealing with copyright issues. Liz Rambeau has been hired on a temporary basis (with CAU funding) to try to get copyright clearance for a range of images being used in CyberTower. Ross hopes to get a sense of how difficult clearing copyright for digital images is going to be based on Liz's experience.

Ross reported on several problems relating to Voyager:

1. the re-carding of students that the University recently initiated to remove social security numbers from the front of the cards is resulting in the issuance of new ID numbers containing check-digits other than '1'. The new check digit prevents these card holders from successfully logging in to Voyager. Over 4,000 students have been re-carded. Ross has notified the Registrar of this problem, and Bill Kehoe, who created the log-in work-around last fall, is looking for ways to deal with this problem;
 2. the causes of Annex downtime over the past few weeks have been resolved so that similar problems are not expected in the future.
 3. Endeavor is close to solving a problem with the e-reserves system we uncovered-- the inability to input information into the system simultaneously. Another problem, which allows users to bypass the authentication system has been reported to Endeavor but has not been resolved. These problems must be fixed if the e-reserve system is to be made available to all Library units in the fall;
 4. Problems with the Voyager bulk loader have prevented us from loading the LC resource bibliographic file and the LC authority files. The bibliographic file is now being loaded in small chunks. CTS is considering alternatives for loading the authority records.
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LMT resumed its discussion of the recommendations of the Working Group on Networked Resources Access Before the ENCompass Era. In January, in response to growing concerns about the efficacy of Library Gateway's networked resources catalog,

the Library Gateway Committee charged a working group (the Working Group on Networked Resources Access Before the ENCompass Era) to consider the strengths and weaknesses from both the user and staff support perspectives of CUL's current environment for discovering and providing access to digital resources through the Gateway's Networked Resources function and the Library Catalog. The Group was asked to recommend how CUL could best make networked resources available until Endeavor's ENCompass product becomes fully operational. The Group's recommendations, (see the report's executive summary and recommendations attached to this message), were endorsed by the Gateway Committee. After discussing with the Working Group the implications of following their recommendations and also of maintaining the status quo, LMT endorsed the recommendations with one minor change. A group will be formed to implement the recommendations, as modified:

1. Redefine the scope of the Networked Resources catalog to give more prominence to resources of significant reference or research value by excluding certain genres of material, most notably e-journals and e-books, from the public view of Networked Resources.
2. Undertake a user study to determine current needs and behavior patterns of Networked Resources users before any significant redesign or redefinition is undertaken
3. Determine whether there is a need to provide a list of e-journals either from the Library Gateway home page or from some intermediate "Networked Resources" index page and the resources that would be required to create and maintain such a list.
4. Re-examine the Networked Resources public interface to provide better visual cues to distinguish between those types of resources that will remain in the Networked Resources catalog;
5. Re-examine the Networked Resources browsable subject captions to provide more balanced access across disciplines to those types of resources remaining in the Networked Resources catalog.

The Implementation Group will be asked to complete its work by mid July to allow time for the changes to be implemented, for documentation to be revised, and for training to be accomplished by the start of the fall semester.

3. **Internal Grants:**

Janet reported on the process by which the internal grant proposals were reviewed and on the content of the notification letters which will be sent out shortly. Members of the Internal Grants Committee will be available to provide feedback to submitters as to the strengths and weaknesses of their proposals. Janet will ask the Committee to put the proposal abstracts on the Staff web and copies of the proposals will be kept in 201 Olin Library.