

Present: Joe Weber, Dave Scott, Rick Bearden, Paul Kammerdiner, Yuri Konovalov, Ann Breitenwischer, Ray Dickinson, Maureen Watson, Fran Rosen, Julia Buryk, Leah Monger.

Rick made some announcements:

We have set up a trial for Refworks. Julia will send out a link. Rick expects that everything will work fine.

EBSCO sent out a mailing announcing that they will be the sole source for CINAHL. We hope to continue to get CINAHL through a group purchase with MLC. There are some guides that will need to be updated because they use screen shots from the version that we currently have.

The new version of SFX is working pretty well. PubMed links are going through much better. However, some proxy boxes probably are still unchecked. If something is working on-campus & not working off-campus that is probably the problem. Send the info to Tammy and she will fix it.

Joe announced that the Reference & Instruction Librarian posting has been posted. May 15th is the deadline for first review. Rick will call the faculty together to pick a search committee.

We had a long discussion about the memo that Leah has written detailing Kriss Tessin's role & responsibility at FLITE. Leah is not sure who it should be addressed to. There has been a suggestion that it should be signed by all the librarians to have a greater impact. Leah wants comments about accuracy & is it too provocative. Most people thought it was fine and that it is important to get the attention of the IT people. Leah wants them to understand that this is specialized work. She says they are confusing desktop support with what we are doing, so we need to make it clear that we aren't talking about desktop support.

There was some discussion about whether we need an abstract, or a summary paragraph. Some people think we do, some don't. Some people worried that only the abstract would be read, or that it would imply that some points are more important than others. We discussed the role of the catalogue. Some of us thought that the document should have more detail about the role of the catalogue & what it would mean if it wasn't accessible, or were screwed up. Ann B. said we need to make people see that the library isn't just a place, but that we provide access to resources through our catalogue.

Fran wanted bullet points but Rick said that they wouldn't pay attention to bullet points. There was some agreement that there should be a first paragraph to summarize & introduce the memo.

Rick pointed out that there are some functions in Millennium that only he & Kriss have access to and that access can't be given to anybody else. Kriss is really the only person who does certain tasks. We talked about describing the mess that could be created if an untrained person tries to work on the database. Rick said that we need to better document what Kriss does & how he spends his time, this is something that management could do.

There was some feeling that we needed to stress what the catalogue means for the students, and what problems with it would mean for them. Also, the catalogue & our ILS is visible from all over the world, and we affect others through MelCAT and ILL.

If people have other ideas they should contact Leah.

Several librarians think that all of us should sign this memo, and Rick & Julia, along with Leah, think it should be addressed to John Urbanik.

At the end of the meeting we had a brief discussion about the question of cataloguing databases. Some databases have bib. records & some don't. Some also have suppressed bib records because we need an Order record. Databases in the catalogue have links and these links aren't necessarily consistent with our other database links. An example is ERIC. Julia also pointed out that when you click on a database link in the catalogue, you don't get a new window but instead you search the database within the catalogue.

Rick suggested that Yuri & Julia look at the new version of SFX, some of the ERIC issues have been fixed.