"MILE" Design Team

Minutes
February 21, 2001
Westland William P. Faust Public Library

Meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m.

Present: Barbara Platts, Cindy McGee, Jeff Trzecink, Larry Neal, Lisa Hoenig

Mary Ann Sheble was not notified of the meeting due to an e-mail list error that has been corrected.

1. Other similar projects

Jeff demonstrated the OhioLINK system by both accessing it directly (http://www.ohiolink.edu) and via Wright State University's catalog (http://www.libraries.wright.edu) as a possible model for MILE. This project uses a union catalog approach, but has many of the features described in the MILE RFP.

Jeff also demonstrated the In Michigan site, a group of Innovative libraries. This appears to be an III-solution only (http://inmich.mlc.lib.mi.us).

Lisa reported that the OPLIN project has had its funding frozen and is on hold. She will contact Colorado Libraries SWIFT, (jmadsen@aclin.org) to find out about their statewide program.

Larry mentioned also Michigan Research Library Network, or MIRLYN (http://www.mirlyn.umich.edu).

2. General comments about project/RFP:

- We would prefer authentication at the request level rather than having users "sign in" up front.

- We are uncertain how ebooks and databases work.

- Is purpose of this project only to provide mechanism for ILL or to provide info about allowing patrons to pick items up themselves?

3. Specific comments/corrections about RFP:

p1, §1.1(2) – Add "and NCIP" to the end of the sentence.

p1, §1.1(4) – Change "their" home library to "a" home library

P1, §1.1(8) – Reword in such a way that it is scalable beyond the three consortia.

P2, §1.1(12) – Would like the ability to expand a search from a local catalog to MILE interface with a single click as in OhioLINK, i.e., user searches for a title and then is able to click on a button "Search other libraries", which transfers the title over to MILE automatically.

P16 §3.7.1 – Unregistered borrowers should be able to search without authentication. We need a way to refer people back to their local agency if they want to gain access. Also for support/help questions.

P17 §4 Add – The interface should be customizable and modifiable by the designated MILE technical staff.

 P17 §4.1 – Add ability to show search history

P18 §4.2 – Add "Limit by location, region, type of library, status, and truncation"

P18 §4.2 – Add ability to sort results by status, date, institution, location (in terms of nearest to furthest)

P18 §4.4, 4.6, 4.7 – We recommend these sections be deleted. They will force the creation of additional interfaces, which is undesirable. It would seem that policies set in place would override problems patrons could cause, i.e., placing holds on 20 items on the same subject.

P19 §4.16 - Add "System shall allow for saving and exporting records to lists."

P19 §4.17 – Add "i.e., way to direct patron via help to local institution." However, we want the maintenance to reside on the web page of the local institution. Perhaps the system could provide a URL.

P20 §4.21 Add ISSN

P20 §4.21 Remove LCCN

P20 §4.21 Add subject

P20 §4.21 Add edition

P20 §4.24 – The system should automatically show availability of all results displayed.

P22 §4.38 - Change "cross-county" to "statewide"

P23 §4.40 – If the goal is to allow for pickup from any location, delete second sentence, "It is anticipated that the delivery location will be affiliated with the system for which the patron is authenticated."

P24 §4.50 - Add "Web access to user account"

P31 §6.1 – Word "current" should be "currently"

P32 §6.2 – Sentence problem "Note nay known..."

P34 §6.21 – May wish to request no cookies, i.e. public stations where this has been turned off.

P36 §7.3 - Add Frequently requested titles

P36 §7.3 - Add Patron types (faculty, staff)

P36 §7.3 - Add Item/format types

4. Questions for vendor

We will post amongst our discussion group. A few that came up:

- Can they provide URLs of existing projects?

- Tell us about staffing level, current, past.

5. Please distribute final RFP to all.

6. Next meeting of design group to coincide with vendor demos (before or after), around May 1. It was agreed that Southfield was a good central location to meet; Mary Sheble indicated OCC would have lots of meeting places.

Meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.

8. Larry's blood pressure was 116/82, taken by fire department officer who took over our meeting room.

Larry Neal
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