RESOURCE SHARING SYSTEM
Pilot Project

Priority: High and Visible

Scope

Ameritech Resource Sharing System (RSS) designed for patron initiated requests for the borrowing and lending of all types of library materials installed and operational between University of Detroit Mercy, Sacred Heart Seminary, Madonna University, Marygrove College and St. Mary's College.

Project Origination

Project suggested by Lana Porter of Ameritech and endorsed by Margaret Auger, Dean of Libraries, University of Detroit.

Primary Objective

To demonstrate the RSS program, installed in a consortia environment, at the ACRL conference - Detroit, April 1999.

Secondary Objectives

To determine hardware and software requirements;

To better understand system integration with other ILL/DD systems that are currently in use, including OCLC;

To better understand user authentication functionality of the RSS;

To determine impact on users and staff prior to the installation at other DALNET libraries;

To provide feedback to Ameritech Library Services on the development of enhancements for RSS in a consortia environment.

Completion Date

Target date:	March 22, 1999
Absolute date:	March 29, 1999

Projected Costs

1 server- NT 4.0
RSS software for UDM
ILL Staff Workstations – UDM/ Madonna/ SHS/St. M/ MC
Site preparation for server (WSU)

Assumptions

Test environment available for all participants (UDM, Madonna, SHS, StM, MC)
Links to Madonna, SHS,StM and MC patron databases
ILL is free of charge between participating institutions

Constraints/ Concerns/ Risks

1. Cash flow must allow for this project to move up in the original timeline
2. Equipment purchase and installation timeline
3. RSS license and ILL workstations for SHS,Madonna, StM and MC
4. Time constraint
5. Training requirements
6. Technical staff availability for setup, configuration, etc.
7. Clarity of interaction with OCLC and what is required from participants
8. Requirement of Z39.50 links between all project institutions
9. Publicity released before deadline decisions

Project Personnel

Technical support system staff for all project participants

Ameritech consultation with DALNET staff

RSS trainer – Ameritech

RSS software profiling: *Ameritech consultant*

Individual DALNET libraries w/assistance from M. Sheble and A.

Lim - Project Team Leaders & D. Callaway-RSS Taskforce

Staff identified by UDM, SHS, Madonna, StM and MG

RSS testing

ILL staff of UDM, Madonna, SHS, StM and MG

DALNET ILL/DD

Library users enlisted to create requests

Project Leader

UDM – M. Sheble

DALNET - A. Lim

SHS - To be announced

Madonna - To be announced

St. Mary's - To be announced

Marygrove - To be announced

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