Task Force on Loan Periods for Monographic Series

The Task Force on Loan Periods for Monographic Series was created to review and recommend loan periods for monographic series in the Gardner (MAIN) Stacks collection. Prompted by requests for individual exceptions since the Millennium implementation, we should determine if a change to the standard loan period for this item type is warranted for materials that circulate from the Gardner MAIN Stacks. There are some monographic series that are designated as Library Use Only which would not be considered at this time.

Currently monographic series have the same loan period as serials (one week). The Task Force will review the issues surrounding the loan period of materials that are part of a monographic series and thus cataloged individually. Use patterns of these materials are essentially different than serials that are cataloged as a set. The Task Force should examine the feasibility of two alternative loan periods: a) extending the loan period to 1 month or b) matching the loan period of books (faculty-1 year, graduate students-3 months and undergraduate students-1 month). The Task Force should consult library staff and patrons as necessary.

A final report with findings and recommendations should be delivered to AUL and Director of Doe/Moffitt no later than March 19, 2010.

Task Force members were appointed by the AUL and Director of Doe/Moffitt in consultation with the Doe/Moffitt Advisory Group. The Task Force includes staff with responsibilities for collections in the Gardner (MAIN) Stacks, reference, and circulation:

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