Quarterly Report


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Publicity:
The availability of Loansome Doc has been added to the VM Libary outreach services page at www.vet.kstate.edu/depts/library/research.services.htm

There is also a link to NLM's Loansome Doc First Steps information page.

Outreach Sessions:
None

Other accomplishments:
The primary goal for this final reporting period was to become a Loansome Doc participant in order to provide wider access to the biomedical literature at the KSU VM Library, especially to unaffiliated clientele. This has been accomplished and our Docuser information has been updated.

Target audience:
Our primary target audience was other medical libraries--many who requested Ariel delivery which we did not have prior to this grant. After receiving this grant, we successfully enhanced access to biomedical information via Ariel and the number of medical libraries who request items from the KSU VM Library has increased. Many of the medical libraries are participating in Freeshare. I think our target audience was correctly anticipated; I have been suprised at the volume we are lending.

Goals, Outcomes, Objectives:
The only comment relevant in this area is that there have been very few requests for Ariel transmission in color and this is most likely due to the ability of the recipient to receive color. When there is color in a requested article, we do transmit it in color. Our DOCLINE Coordinator, Cindy Logan, takes the time to give attention to the detail of
quality transmissions. My only concern is related to the amount of time DOCLINE activity is taking given that we are lending at such a high level for a "small" library with no ILL department.

**Evaluation:**
The evaluation we used this reporting period has been the same since the project started--basically, we've maintained records of how articles have been transmitted--fax, mail, Ariel and other related information.

Impacts and Observations: If there are anecdotes that illustrate the impact that the project is having, provide the narrative here; include any indicators of success. Share observations, lessons learned, and any other feedback you think would be helpful.

The major outcome from the has been the significant increase in the number of items the VM Library is loaning on DOCLINE--most via Ariel. This year, from January 2003 to date (June 23, 2003) we have borrowed 315 items via Docline and have sent 1,302 items. This validates the significance of the collection of materials at the KSU Veterinary Medical Library. In other words, we are lending in excess of four times the amount we borrow! This has been a very successful project for the VM Library and has provided a significant service to medical libraries.

**Planned Activities:**
This is the final report. Our two specific aims of the research plan have been achieved. We have enhanced our relationship with other libraries in the DOCLINE system by accommodating request for Ariel transmission and we have provided capability for desktop delivery of information which increases the quality of service in delivery of biomedical information.