

OWLSnet AAC Handout

Information for July 2007 meeting

Too Long in Transit Study

From January to June 2007, 1,406 total items were listed on the Too Long in Transit reports.

As of June 29, 2007, here is the status of those 1,406 items:

- 1,118 are currently available (or currently in transit, but very recently checked in.)
- 28 are on the holdshelf.
- 11 are owned by a location that's closed this summer. These are most likely available.
- 12 are being discarded. These are most likely not lost in transit.
- 12 are listed as missing. These would have been set to missing by the owning library.
- 3 are billed. (Since an item in transit is automatically checked in, these items have been found after they were too long in transit.)
- 5 are in repair.
- **217 items are currently in transit**

Of these 217, 71 were first listed on the Wednesday, June 27th report, only two days before the analysis was done. Since many of these items are likely to turn up, these items were not examined further.

The balance of 146 items have been listed on the report at least twice and some, perhaps many, are likely to be lost. If we assume that they are all lost permanently, we can assume that these 146 items represent the loss in transit over a period of six months.

According to the information in the item record, the total value of these items is \$2,579.99. That averages out to a total cost per library of about \$50, over a period of six months. So the estimated average cost per library, per year, of items lost in transit is \$100 per library.

In this time period, about 340,000 items were circulated at items other than the owning library. These 146 items represents about 1/25 of a percent of the total number of borrowed items.