

# Database Maintenance Advisory Council

September 28, 2005

ATTENDEES: Mary Ellen Bena, Lisa Bouchard, Rob Carle, Sue Dague, Geoff Kirkpatrick, Deidre McGrath, Peg Mello, Lisa Pitkin, Carol Reppard, Julie Stump, Joe Thornton

MINUTES FROM AUGUST 17, 2005 MEETING: The meeting began at 9:30. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved without comment.

ACQUISITIONS REPORT: ASC asked the Database Maintenance Advisory Council to produce a comprehensive report on the status of the Acquisitions module – what the problems are, who's using it, when others can start to use it, etc. Lisa P reported briefly on GUIL's experience so far and warned that other libraries should "go in with your eyes open." Deidre reported that there's a lot of the module that APL is not using, at least partly because GUIL went first and they have different budget years. Geoff said that some libraries may be hoping that the Acquisitions module will be a labor-saving tool, but he doesn't think it is.

Lisa P will meet with Mike Sweeney and Bonny St. Pierre at GUIL to document their experience. We will invite John Rose of SirsiDynix to come and demonstrate features of future releases of Horizon. Joe said he would like to have specific questions and the descriptions of our experience so far to give to John in advance of the meeting. APL and GUIL will email their lists of pluses, minuses, and experiences to Rob, who will add his own comments and compile it all into a document for John Rose.

Joe said that the big question is, "Can we use this system or not?"

ACQUISITIONS: Joe asked if we still have a problem with duplicate records. Julie said that we still have a problem with Baker & Taylor overlays.

We discussed the "zipper effect" again, where merged bib records don't sort correctly the requests from the merged records. Rob demonstrated the procedure to merge bib records and have requests sorted properly.

Baker & Taylor does not put a \$h in every 245 tag, which goes against AACR2 and makes our job more difficult. Joe will contact Baker & Taylor to ask them to start including the \$h.

Joe asked if everyone is satisfied with the state of the database and our ability to correct errors in a reasonable amount of time. The general opinion is that it's not a disaster.

Gail Sacco had reported at ASC that her staff tells her that the database is a mess, particularly with duplicate records. The catalogers in our group say that that's just the way things are with cataloging (AACR2) in 2005 – duplicates are not necessarily errors. FRBR (Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records) will help. Lisa P recommends that we read up on FRBR and also encourage library system vendors to incorporate it in future versions. She did a brief demo of *redlightgreen*, a RLG product that uses XML and FRBR. From the *redlightgreen* site:

FRBR distinguishes between a work, its expressions (e.g. translations), manifestations of those expressions (specific editions), and items (specific copies).

Rob plans to host a joint meeting of catalogers and reference librarians to explain the impact on searching of cataloging choices and requirements.

246\$h: Sue Dague asked if we can/should include a \$h in the 246 field since that would help a lot with the many foreign films that EGRN is acquiring. General consensus: no. It would be a violation of the great and powerful AACR2. Geoff asked if we wanted a local rule to overrule AACR2, but the consensus again was “no.” Mary Ellen said that putting [video recording] after the title, but NOT in the 246\$h would probably do what we want without violating the rules.

NEWCAT RECORD CLEANUP: Mary Ellen reported that we have only 750 (???) NEWCATS left in the system.

AUTHORITY CONTROL: Joe reported on the authority control project. He had trouble with the export program because it stopped when it encountered a non-numeric MARC tag. Mary Ellen said that there were also records with blank MARC tags, which would also cause trouble. Mary Ellen cleaned up all the problem records, and Joe is confident that the export will succeed next time.

Mary Coon asked for 24 hours notice before we do the export, so everyone can have time to edit their recent CatExpress records and not have their edited records replaced in a month by the unedited ones that go to LTI in the export file. We agreed that no one will use CatExpress on Friday 9/30 and Joe will do the export on Saturday 10/1.

While the database is away, we can add and delete records, and edit records that were added after 10/1/05. We should not edit any record that existed before 10/1/05 and we should not use CatExpress to import a good record to replace a bad record. Joe will send a reminder to everyone about these recommendations.

Geoff described a way to replace a bad record with a good one if you really have to:

1. Delete the ISBN on the existing, poor record.
2. Import a new record from OCLC (it will add a new bib record because there's no match on ISBN).
3. Merge the poor record's holdings information into the new good record.
4. Delete the old record.

The estimated return date of the database is November 1.

NETLIBRARY: We had a long discussion about NetLibrary:

- 245\$h should read [downloadable audiobook].
- Might need to differentiate between *NetLibrary* and *Overdrive* in the \$h.
- We need a way to steer ineligible patrons away from *NetLibrary* after they find a *NetLibrary* bib record in HIP. We also need a way to guide eligible patrons through the account setup process at *NetLibrary*. Joe created an intermediate (between the bib record and the *NetLibrary* site) web page to accommodate this.
- We need a new icon for "downloadable audiobook."

SERIALS TRAINING: Julie asked about our plans for Serials training. Lisa P recommends that everyone read the Lewis & Clark serials document that she will send us in an email. We had originally planned to ask Carol Lagasse (CDLC) to give us an introductory class, and Maggie Horn (OLIS) an advanced class.

**The next meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2005 at 9:30 at UHLS.**