

# Database Maintenance Advisory Council

March 28, 2007

**Attendees:** Lisa Bouchard, Rob Carle, Mary Coon, Sue Dague, Peggy Mello, Lisa Pitkin, Carol Reppard, Julie Stump, Mary Trev Thomas, Joe Thornton

**Minutes of last meeting:** Approved without discussion.

## Merging monograph and serial records

When merging monograph records into serial records, libraries lose the copy information (e.g. 2001, 2002, 2005). UHLS will fix the copy information and notify the libraries.

## HD-DVD & Blu-ray

We discussed the proper way to catalog HD-DVD and Blu-ray discs and decided to add 250, 538, and 650 fields, as in the following examples.

- 250\$a High definition widescreen ed.
- 538\$a HD DVD; widescreen presentation, mastered in high definition, Blu-ray Disc.
- 650\$a HD-DVD

However, because these formats are new, we should check OCLC periodically to see if a national standard develops.

## GUIL / BWI

Guilderland will soon start doing electronic ordering through BWI and importing MARC records. They don't have an exact start date yet, but will email the *Database* list when they do.

## Subject headings

Joe will ask Maggie Horn for her available dates to do a workshop for us on subject headings.

Barbara Nichols Randall's UAlbany cataloging class has been finding subject headings for the 4000+ non-fiction records that Joe sent to them. UHLS will update the bib records when the class is finished.

Lisa Pitkin suggested that UHLS should hire a full time cataloger to add or enhance the subject headings in our database. In the context of AquaBrowser or any other new interface to the catalog, she said that the system is only as good as the underlying records. Joe pointed out that we're already paying \$30,000/year for good bib records from OCLC, and that the addition of a full time cataloger would push the UHLS annual cataloging budget to more than \$100,000. He'll be happy to bring that proposal to ASC if Database Maintenance asks.

All catalogers should look for records with subject headings to import, and add them if they don't exist.

Julie asked two great questions:

1. Can we import better records from OCLC (with subject headings) to replace the worse records that we own? Yes!
2. Can we bring books without subject headings to the Database meetings to discuss appropriate subject headings? Yes!

We'll discuss all this again after Maggie Horn's Serials Cataloging Workshop on 4/25.

### **"Link on match" / "Link always"**

Since our last meeting, and after the Horizon upgrade, we noticed that some new bib records, created from copies of existing records, were not linking properly to authority records. The problem is with the link properties and does not appear to be a result of the upgrade (i.e. it's always existed). If you right-click on a tag (e.g. 100) in the MARC Editor, one of the menu choices is *Link Options*. A submenu of that is *Authority Link Type*, and the three types are: *Always Link*, *Link on Match*, and *Never Link*. Only if *Always Link* is selected will a new authority record be created if none exists.

### **SirsiDynix announcement**

We discussed SirsiDynix's announcement that Horizon 8.x has been abandoned and that the next version of their software will be an updated version of the *Sirsi Unicorn* system, due at the end of 2008. Practically speaking, this puts us back in the market for an ILS. Lisa Pitkin said that that's a good reason for libraries to start weeding their collections (to ease the migration).

**Next meeting: May 23, 2007 at 9:30 at UHLS.**