

Database Maintenance Advisory Council

October 23, 2009

Attendees: Rob Carle (UHLS), Sue Dague (EGRN), Peggy Mello (COLN), Lisa Pitkin (GUIL), Carol Reppard (TROY), Julie Stump (VOOR), Joe Thornton (UHLS)

Minutes of the July 31, 2009 meeting: The minutes read, “If a record has both *655 Playaway* and *690 Playaways*, we’ll delete *655 Playaway*. If it has only *655 Playaway* we’ll change it to *690 Playaways*.”

Lisa pointed out that we should do the opposite: move *690 Playaways* to *655 Playaway*. Okay with everyone. Joe will correct the July 31 minutes.

Z39.50. TROY has been having problems with the Z39.50 targets in our ZCF files. Rob and Sue are working to fine tune our list of targets. Rob demonstrated the procedure to download the new ZCF files from the UHLS ftp server, and he’ll send instructions to the *Database* list. Almost everyone reported sporadic problems with the targets, but agreed that the problems are probably at the libraries or at the target sites (i.e. not problems with Horizon or the ZCF files).

biblios.net. Rob has been looking into this open-source cataloging tool. Joe described it as an open source OCLC – a free, cooperative cataloging system. It’s accessible through Z39.50, which may be as far as our use of it ever goes (i.e. we probably won’t contribute much original cataloging to the site). Sue reported that the records are good and that the Z39.50 interface is reliable and useful.

This led to a side discussion about the cataloging workforms in stafpac. Everyone agreed that they need to be updated. Everyone will look at the workforms and bring suggestions to our next meeting.

Serials/monographs: Rob pointed out that sometimes we give up a lot of content description when we merge a monograph with a serial record. After a long discussion, we agreed that if there are only a few volumes in the series we should add a 505 tag (Formatted Contents Note) for each volume. We can merge the 505 fields from the monograph records into the serials record. But we should continue our practice of always using a serials record for serials.

RDA: Carol asked how RDA (Resource Description and Access) will affect us when it's released next year. RDA is a standards effort to develop cataloging rules that would supersede the Anglo-American Cataloging Rules, 2nd edition (AACR2). Joe offered his opinion that the release is not imminent, that it will take a while for RDA to be integrated with MARC, and longer for the ILS vendors to accommodate it. In other words, we can postpone this discussion for a while. Lisa said that NYLA is in Saratoga next year and that the SMART committee will probably have a workshop on RDA. Also, several webinars have already been announced to familiarize catalogers with the coming changes.

Readalongs: Peggy asked, "Are they put in as Unabridged CD audiobook with a record type of nonmusical sound recording?" Lisa suggested that for cassette readalongs we could add 690 Readalongs (if we really care), but it's probably sufficient to update the 245\$h and nothing else since this stuff has a short future. No disagreements.

Large print: Sue reported that one library is neglecting to update the 245\$h for *large print* books, and that the 250 and 300 tags are absent, among other problems. She asked Rob to contact the library and remind them about our procedures.

mp3 on CD: Carol asked how we should catalog these. Lisa said that we should treat them like any other CD.

ILL OCLC project: Joe told the group about a potential upcoming project where we will attach our holdings symbol (VUE) to all records at OCLC of which we own a copy. OCLC will also remove our symbol from all records that we no longer own. UHLS has found a way to maintain our holdings at OCLC (e.g. remove our symbol from records that we've withdrawn). This project is being led by an ILL subcommittee and needs the approval of ASC (at least).

One change that this project will require of catalogers is that we no longer delete bib records. Instead we should wait till they're deleted by the weekly *killbib* program, which will also give us a list of the OCLC numbers of the deleted records, which we'll then use to update our holdings in OCLC.

Next meeting: Joe will find an available Friday morning for a 9:30 meeting at UHLS.