

Database Maintenance Advisory Council

July 14, 2011

Attendees: Lisa Bouchard (BETH), Rob Carle (UHLS), Mary Coon (APLM), Sue Dague (EGRN), Peggy Mello (COLN), Julie Stump (VOOR), Mary Trev Thomas (BETH), Joe Thornton (UHLS)

Cataloging eReaders and their contents: Julie asked how other libraries are cataloging their eReader devices. After a long discussion we decided that we'll create one MARC record for each device (e.g. Nook) and add an 856\$u field for each library that owns one. The URL in the 856\$u will link to the owning library's website, where the content of the device will be described.

Disappearing item records: Mary reported that they suspect that at least one item record has disappeared. Joe will email the Database list to ask if others have seen this problem. Also, we'll check the clone database to see if the missing item record still exists there.

Disappearing bib records: For a known reason some bib records are also disappearing. The reason is that incoming CatExpress records include multiple ISBNs, some of which match our existing records and cause them to be overlaid when they shouldn't be. An example is a CatExpress record that includes every ISBN known for the title (e.g. hardcover, paperback, CD, etc.). The incoming CD (or whatever) record would then overlay (i.e. replace) the existing book record. There's noting we can do during the import process to prevent this. Catalogers should try to minimize the chance of this happening by deleting unneeded ISBNs in the existing Horizon record before importing a record from CatExpress.

Browse searches with '0' bibs: Sue reported an increase in the number records she's seeing in browse searches (e.g. subject, author) that have no bib records attached. UHLS will run the *phantom* and *killauth* programs to try to delete the authority records that are no longer needed.

Sears subject headings: Sue reported finding a large number of bib records that have Sears subject headings, which we agreed a long time ago to try to avoid. Joe will email the *Database* list to ask everyone to delete Sears subject headings after importing bib records, unless there are no other subject headings in the record.

And in this corner (ellipses vs. dashes): Sue reported seeing the use of ellipses in some cases and dashes in others to indicate the omission of part of a title. The consensus was to use whatever is shown on the item itself.

APL circ policy change: Mary announced that APL is now allowing classical CDs to be requested by anyone in the system.

Next meeting: Joe will suggest a Tuesday or Thursday sometime in September.