

Database Maintenance Advisory Council

October 11, 2011

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

Cataloging eReaders and their contents: [This is a repeat of the notes on this topic from the last meeting, since there was still some confusion about our procedure, which we clarified today after another long discussion.] 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.

Correcting subfields in the 041 MARC tag (language code): Sue asked how we should handle these, specifically the a, j, and h subfields, which affect (at least) foreign language movies. We discovered that the Horizon MARC Editor doesn't accommodate all the 041 subfields, which have been modified by LC recently. UHLS will ask SirsiDynix if the editor can be updated periodically. (The Horizon upgrade at the end of November may solve this problem, at least temporarily.)

Subject headings vs. genre headings in music CD records: Sue noticed inconsistencies in the way we're cataloging some music records. After a long discussion, the recommendation (I think) was that we should merge subject headings on an case-by-case basis, using our best judgment.

Standards: Joe reported on the proposed, and now postponed, plan to hold a joint meeting of the Resource Sharing and Database Maintenance Advisory Councils and a rumored *Standards* subcommittee of ASC, to discuss the standardizing of circulation policies. ASC decided to put this project off until we have less going on.

Authority control: Joe reported that our proposal to move the date of authority control processing by LTI from 12/31 to 3/31 was approved by ASC.

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