

Database Maintenance Advisory Council

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Present: Lisa Bouchard (BETH), Rob Carle (UHLS), Sue Dague (EGRN), Katie Farrell (APLM), Pegeen Lorusso (SNLK), Karin Martin (BETH), Peggy Mello (COLN), Jennifer Murtha (VOOR), Lisa Pitkin (GUIL), Mary Trev Thomas (BETH), Joe Thornton (UHLS)

245\$h: This was a follow-up to a question from the last meeting, where Sue asked about “progress ... on the issue of correcting records with incorrect cassette and VHS headings.” Joe said that he wrote a report that showed only about 100 cases where VHS items were attached to DVD bib records. Rob will send that list to the libraries. We have a similar problem with cassette items that are attached to CD records. Joe will write a report to identify those problem records.

Books in foreign languages: Peggy wrote, “I have four foreign language books (books in other languages) to catalog. How do you all generally approach these?”

Discussion:

- The books are in German, Albanian, Russian, and Hindi
- Lisa P: I use Google or Amazon to find descriptions in English, but without an ISBN I can do nothing. I just do really brief stuff off the Internet.
- Sue: You could use the Autocat listserv to ask what others do. Also, you can copy and paste diacritics from other sources into the MARC record.
- Rob showed the diacritics tools that are build into stafpac (the Horizon client)

Three-dimensional printing subject headings: Lisa B wrote:

Mary Trev called to my attention the fact that the subject heading for the new 3D printing books we have been getting in is “three-dimensional printing.” Mary Trev and I both think that patrons will probably not look up the subject that way. For the heck of it, I added “3D printing” to bib#995377, and the record accepted it as a legitimate subject heading. I don’t know if it was okay to do that or not, yet we want patrons to be able to find these.

I checked subject authority records on the Library of Congress website. It indicates that “3D printing” is a variant; does that mean it is okay to add this to our marc records?

<http://id.loc.gov/authorities/subjects/sh2009006799.html>

Mary Trev also pointed out that when you look up “three-dimensional printing” by subject, there is an entry for 4 titles, and then directly below that, there is an entry for 2 titles. We looked at the records, and the subject headings appear to be the same, and are all under the 650 field. Why would they not all appear together?

If “3D printing” is an acceptable subject heading, can the database be updated to reflect this if someone does look up “three-dimensional printing”? In other words, “see also 3D printing.”

After a long discussion, we decided that it will be enough if Rob corrects the authority records to point to the correct heading.

Authority control: Joe reminded everyone that the database will be sent to LTI for authority control processing on 3/31/14, and that bib records that existed before that date should not be edited until the database returns two or three weeks later.

Itypes: Rob announced that the Itype project is finished. Joe asked if everyone had a list of the new Itypes so they can make sure they stick to those. Mary Trev explained the reason for the AUD Itype, hopefully the last special case that will apply to all libraries.

ILS update: Peggy updated the group on the status of the search for a new ILS -- basically we have two very good candidates and cost may be the determining factor. Someone asked if authority control is part of the migration process. Joe had asked the vendors this question already and the answer is that it's a good thing to do before a migration, and that it is still our responsibility. So we will go ahead with our planned 3/31 authority control plan.

This led to a discussion about weeding and other cleanup activities that would be useful to perform before the migration. That will be the main topic of our next meeting.

Next meeting: Joe will suggest a Tuesday or Thursday (preferable) in April.