

## Database Maintenance Advisory Council

March 26, 2008

**Attendees:** Rob Carle, Sue Dague, Peggy Mello, Julie Stump, Mary Trev Thomas, Joe Thornton

**Minutes of the February 20 meeting:** Approved without discussion.

**Graphic Novels / floating subdivisions:** Deidre had noticed that we “are importing many headings from OCLC that list the floating subdivisions in a different order from the way two thirds of our headings go.

ex. Robots -- Fiction -- Comic books, strips, etc. when we list most of our Robots -- Comic books, strips, etc. -- Fiction.

[She has] been moving them, but ... [thinks] we should try to be consistent amongst ourselves, and edit them once they are imported. That way the same topic isn't in two places confusing our patrons.”

Because Deidre was unable to attend this meeting, we tabled this discussion until the next meeting.

**Series:** Now that we have a definition of a series from AACR2, how do we handle a title if it doesn't qualify as a series? From Rob:

According to AACR2, a series is defined as the following:

"A group of separate items related to one another by the fact that each item bears, in addition to its own title proper, a collective title applying to the group as a whole. The individual items may or may not be numbered."

We had a long discussion about how to handle these, but did not reach a consensus on the best method, due to the complexity of the problem. Some suggestions:

- Use the author's website to get series information.
- Enter a subject heading for the character (e.g. Harry Potter).
- Add a 520, or download a record from OCLC with one.

We'll all bring examples to the next meeting.

**Other business:** Sue asked about the new UHLS plan to purchase DVDs to maintain a specified percentage (as our budget allows) of requests to holdings. Joe reported that this plan is brand new and the 'UHLS' DVDs are not in circulation yet.

Rob passed around a DVD with two movies on it and asked the group how they handle similar items. Sue pointed Rob to a similar record, which he will use as a model for the DVD in hand.

Reminder: The Database Maintenance Advisory Council meetings are a good place to bring specific questions like this. The experts there are able and willing to answer almost any question related to the database.

**Next meeting: April 30, 2008 at 9:30 at UHLS**