

Database Maintenance Advisory Council

June 3, 2004

ATTENDEES: Rob Carle, Mary Coon, Sue Dague, Geoff Kirkpatrick, Peg Mello, Lisa Pitkin, Julie Stump, Joe Thornton

MINUTES FROM APRIL 20, 2004 MEETING: The meeting began at 9:00 and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved without comment.

856 \$u: Larry Kammerer of TROY asked in an email about support for the 856 \$u (Uniform Resource Identifier). Sue Dague said that some libraries don't have access to all the resources that might be shown in a \$u. ASC decided that the 856 \$u is a potential security issue since it allows patrons to browse the web outside of the HIP (some libraries want HIP-only access). After a brief discussion ranging from "don't care" to "probably not a good idea" we decided to leave things as they are (i.e. no 856 \$u).

CATEXPRESS REPORT: Joe reported that CatExpress usage is high, and so, apparently, is user satisfaction. Mary Coon and others are extremely pleased with the tool, but are concerned that it may suffer from its own success -- if we download a lot more than our estimated 25,000 records this year. Joe said that we'll continue to monitor usage and start warning libraries if it looks like we'll go way over budget.

NEWCATS, FASTADDS, AND CATEXPRESS: We discussed the uses of newcats and Fast Adds, and how they interact with imported OCLC records. Some comments: Newcats are for on-order material and FastAdds are for Circulation. Newcats should be indexed, and therefore able to be found by patrons. FastAdds go around standards, and provide bad patron service. If we uncheck the "Index FastAdd" button, then patrons won't see the records. Fast Adds should be invisible to patrons, and never overlaid by OCLC records. Newcats should be visible, and will be overlaid by OCLC records that match on ISBN/ISSN.

FUTURE OF THE DATABASE SUBCOMMITTEE: No future. We decided to disband the Database Subcommittee and thank them for an outstanding job, and to create a new subcommittee to address serials issues. The new serials subcommittee is named, creatively, the Serials Subcommittee, and its members are: Julie Stump, Mary Coon, Geoff Kirkpatrick, Sue Dague, Rob Carle, Lisa Pitkin, Laurie Burns, Sue Rahn (CDLC), and Carol Lagasse (CDLC).

AUTHORITY CLEANUP: A brief discussion concluded with the consensus that we all want it, but it will cost a lot of money, which we don't want to ask for so soon after the purchase of CatExpress. We'll discuss it again at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30.