

Database Maintenance Advisory Council

September 29, 2004

ATTENDEES: Mary Ellen Bena, Lisa Bouchard, Rob Carle, Mary Coon, Sue Dague, Peggy Mello, Lisa Pitkin, Carol Reppard, Joe Thornton

MINUTES FROM JUNE 3, 2004 MEETING: The meeting began at 9:00 and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved without comment.

WORKFLOW: Lisa Pitkin gave a detailed description of the processes and issues at GUIL related to CatExpress, Acquisitions, duplicate records, etc. Some comments:

Acquisitions is not yet fully implemented at GUIL.

They're doing electronic invoicing from Baker & Taylor, but can still pay off the paper invoice.

B&T records do not overlay existing records, and have to be cleared up (merged, deleted, ...) afterwards.

B&T provides pretty good records.

We'll have a problem when many libraries start using Acquisitions and add a lot of duplicate records from B&T.

Lisa: "...not sure Dynix has their act together" in handling Acquisitions issues in consortia.

Rob: "Version 7.3.2 is supposed to be better for consortia."

VIP (Vendor Information Portal) is part of the 7.3.2 upgrade and will allow libraries to download the discounted, rather than net, price.

Electronic invoicing only works for B&T, but GUIL does about 75% of their ordering through them.

(Revised: Electronic invoicing/ordering in ACQ will also work with BWI, Ingram & other vendors. However, we are only doing electronic ordering through Baker & Taylor right now. - Lisa)

Lisa suggested that we ask John Rose how other consortia handle situations such as deciding which of many duplicates generated by B&T imports should have item records attached.

Mary said that APLM is waiting till after the upgrade to get going with Acquisitions.

Rob will bring John Rose to APLM to help them get started.

SELCO: Carol asked if we could get access to SELCO again for cataloging. Since they moved from DRA to Horizon we've been unable to access their database. Joe will look into it. Carol said that SELCO is very useful (and inexpensive, compared to CatExpress)

for some material such as paperbacks. Lisa P added that CatExpress doesn't have everything, and SELCO sometimes has things that CatExpress doesn't.

CATEXPRESS REPORT: Joe reported that CatExpress usage is high, but declining. We will continue to monitor it and increase the severity of the warnings if usage continues at a rate that indicates a huge excess over our initial estimate of 25,000 records a year.

SERIALS MODULE: Rob reported that the Serials module is ready for anyone who wants to start using it. He's worked with VOOR, COLN, and BETH, and has over 90% of the prediction patterns finished.

MISCELLANEOUS: Lisa P asked that libraries refrain from putting pockets and/or date due stickers on A/V material.

(Revised: I don't care if other libraries put labels on their AV items, I just don't want them to put them on ours - Lisa)

The meeting adjourned at 10:30.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 27 at 9:00 at UHLS.