

Database Maintenance Advisory Council

December 21, 2005

ATTENDEES: Mary Ellen Bena, Lisa Bouchard, Debbie Canzano, Sue Dague, Geoff Kirkpatrick, Peggy Mello, Lisa Pitkin, Carol Reppard, Julie Stump, Joe Thornton

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: The meeting began at 9:30. The minutes of the November 17, 2005 meeting were approved without comment.

AUTHORITY CONTROL: We're more than half way through the import of the 481,000+ bib records that were returned from LTI after authority control processing, and Mary Ellen discovered that either the bib records or the import process are not working as expected. After import, the bib records contain not only the new 650 fields that were created by LTI, but also the old 650 fields that should have been deleted. UHLS will look into this problem.

Joe reminded everyone that until all the bib records are loaded, search results in the HIP may not be 100% accurate. For instance, there will be some authority records in browse searches that show '0' attached records. Mary Ellen pointed out that this behavior is normal in some cases.

Sue described some strange search results in the HIP and asked if they were related to authority control. Specifically, if a patron selects EGRN as the library to search and does a title search, some of the results will show no items when the bib record is displayed unless the patron clicks "Search for copies at other locations." Joe said that this problem is related to the fact that browse scoping is off, and is not related to authority control.

OVERDRIVE: Joe displayed the five sample bib records that we got from *OverDrive*. Joe will write a script to change the 245\$h to either '[downloadable audiobook]' or '[ebook]' depending on the value of the 000 position 7.

On January 3 we'll have access to 1,000 OverDrive records, and they will send us bib records through OCLC.

We will need to create item records in order for the OverDrive records to appear in the HIP. UHLS will try to come up with a way to add just one item (for location = ALL) so we don't have to attach 35 items to every record.

We had a long side discussion about ebooks and audiobooks, how people use them, and what that means for libraries.

LOST IN TRANSIT: (The following paragraph is identical to one in the minutes from the Resource Sharing Advisory Council's December meeting). We agreed several meetings ago that the very old (e.g. 2003) "lost in transit" items are never coming back. ASC asked Joe T to save a copy of the old items and then delete them. UHLS recommends the following procedure:

- Joe T will add bib# to the *Lost in Transit* reports
- Libraries should print and save a copy of their own *Lost in Transit* reports, and then delete any old items they want.
- Joe T will print and save a copy of every library's *Lost in Transit* reports, in the unlikely event that the information will ever be needed to restore the items.

Lisa P had some concerns about the statute of limitations for billing for missing items (and losing that ability if the items were deleted).

Libraries can use Batch Item Delete to delete the lost items.

On a related subject, Lisa P asked if we could create a "missing items" report that libraries could use to identify and possibly replace missing items. Joe said it could be done.

CATALOGING DVD SETS: Debbie asked about the DVD set for the TV show "Lost," which displays in the HIP as "Lost: the Complete First Season," and so drops far enough down on a search result list that patrons might miss it. Mary Ellen demonstrated that that behavior is a function of correct cataloging practices, but that the display could be improved by adding a 246 field with content = "Lost."

There doesn't seem to be a way to deal with cases like this other than on an ad hoc basis.

MAGIE HORN: Maggie Horn of the Office of Library & Information Services (OLIS) has offered to give us a one day workshop on serials cataloging. Her proposal:

- a) a basic introduction to what a serial is/isn't
- b) serials change like crazy
- c) how do we handle that
- d) how do we tag this @\$%^ in an online system
- e) How do we communicate what we own

We agreed that one day is enough and that Maggie's proposal would suit our purposes. Joe will contact Maggie to set a date.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday January 25, 2006 at 9:30 at UHLS.