

Database Maintenance Advisory Council

February 27, 2006

ATTENDEES: Mary Ellen Bena, Mary Coon, Geoff Kirkpatrick, Deidre Lisio, Lisa Pitkin, Julie Stump, Joe Thornton

MINUTES FROM January 25, 2006 MEETING: The meeting began at 9:30. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved without comment.

ONE RECORD FOR SEVERAL EDITIONS OF A TITLE: Geoff brought up the idea of having one record show for all the different editions of the same title in the HIP on the order of Amazon.com or Red Light Green. The first display shown gives the author/title information, then it gives the number of editions of this title available, as well as the different formats in which this title is available. Could we do something like this in our HIP? Joe says he will look into this.

OCLC RECORDS FROM B&T: Baker & Taylor is going to start using OCLC records for the MARC records that are imported with their shopping carts. How will this affect our libraries? It was discussed and decided that it is a long way away from happening yet, and we will deal with it when it comes.

RECORDS BEING OVERWRITTEN: From Sharon Hodges: She has noticed that some of our original records are being overwritten by OCLC records for a different format. This happens especially on records for readalongs. When there is already a record for just the book in our catalog, and someone catalogs a readalong from OCLC, the readalong record overlays the original record for the book because the ISBN matches. The workaround is: Search the catalog by ISBN. If there is a book with the same ISBN in the system, go into the MARC record for that book, eliminate the ISBN (020 field) from the original record, copy in the readalong, then, the next day, add the ISBN back into the original record. Remember to write down the bib no. for the original book record so it is easy to find the record the next day.

SERIALS WORKSHOP WITH MAGGIE HORN: This will be either on May 12, 2006 from 9:00 to 4:00, or May 5, 2006, same times. Will get back to everyone after finding out Maggie's schedule.

SERIALS SUBCOMMITTEE: It was decided to wait until after the workshop to see if there is still a need to have a serials subcommittee.

OCLC RECORDS FOR DVDs: Lisa Pitkin discussed the fact that many OCLC records for DVDs are very brief and that staff members need to be trained on the fact that these records are very brief when first cataloged at OCLC. They are enhanced later to add subject headings and other access points (such as performers, producers, etc.) Staff need

to be aware of this and if the record they copy in is brief, go back a week or so later and see if the OCLC record (in OCLC) has been enhanced. If so, copy the enhanced record in to overlay the brief record. (A reminder that we do not pay for duplicate records).

FOREIGN LANGUAGE RECORDINGS AND CDs: Mary Ellen brought up the subject that foreign language tapes and CDs are not technically audiobooks. Should we still treat them as unabridged audiobooks? The consensus was yes. Since they are filed in the libraries as audiobooks, they should be treated as unabridged audiobooks in the h subfield.

TIPS IN NEWSLETTER: Julie asked that there be tips on searching placed in our monthly newsletter. A discussion took place about Rob's screencasts and how they could be advertised in the newsletter, as well as training tips on searching. Deidre suggested that we give people the URLs for the screencasts in the newsletter.

JOINT CATALOGER/REFERENCE TRAINING WORKSHOP: Due to lack of interest, it was suggested that we not do this. There is one meeting scheduled for youth services librarians WITH Rob and Mary Ellen in April. It is possible that if Jo-Ann believes it is necessary, we could schedule ourselves into one of the Adult Services meetings and have a discussion on authority records and authority control and how this effects searching in the HIP and in staffpac.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, March 29th, 2006 in the large meeting room.