

Database Maintenance Advisory Council

March 29, 2006

ATTENDEES: Mary Ellen Bena, Mary Coon, Geoff Kirkpatrick, Peggy Mello, Lisa Pitkin, Julie Stump, Lisa Bouchard, Carol Reppard, Joe Thornton

MINUTES FROM February 27, 2006 MEETING: The meeting began at 9:30. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved without comment.

VIDEO CD's

Mary Coon brought some Video CD's that she wanted to show us. They are visual materials on CD in CD format that can be played in a DVD player. She is going to create records for them using the h subfield [videorecording (DVD)]. She wanted to know if that was ok to do. We all agreed it was the appropriate way to catalog them.

H SUBFIELDS IN HIP: Lisa has requested that we display the h subfield at the record level in the HIP. It displays in the hit list, but does not display in the first detail record after the hit list. She would like it displayed in the detail record. We looked at Boston Public Library's catalog (which is also a Sirsi/Dynix web catalog) and they display the h subfield at both levels.

SERIALS WORKSHOP WITH MAGGIE HORN: This will be May 5, 2006 in the green meeting room. Joe asked if there were any specific things we wanted her to cover. Lisa Pitkin said she spoke with Maggie last week, and mentioned a few things that we need to learn about serials. Peggy Mello would like to hear more on knowing the difference between a serial and a monograph when it comes to books rather than journals or magazines (travel books, Chilton books, etc.). Mary Coon said they are struggling with travel books at APLM.

Joe said we would order lunch to be brought in, as well as donuts, etc. for the morning.

ISBN-13: There was a discussion about this and how it will be handled. Carol Reppard read from an article in Library Journal saying that ISBN-13 will be full implemented by January 7, 2007. Mary Ellen and Rob tested the ISBN exact search on our system and found that an exact ISBN search using the 13-digit number will work. We will need to change many of the OCLC records we retrieve because right now OCLC is putting ISBN-13's in the 024 field. Eventually, they will all be placed in the 020 field. Until that time, many of our OCLC records will need to be changed. We will also need to work on the import criteria so the ISBN match will still work, and OCLC full records will still overlay our acquisitions records.

There was a discussion about the send list and strange behaviors from the system. Some things are not being put on the send list after they have been checked in.

Acquisitions is ok but not perfect. GUIL would like to be able to fill in an acquisitions list electronically, but so far, they have to do everything manually.

Peggy Mello discussed the fact that people at the circulation desk at COLN are placing requests on large print records because there is no h subfield in the short acquisitions record that says the book ordered is large print. They keep having to change the requests to the correct record. She wanted to know if there was any way we could add the h subfield to the brief record. The problem is that most of these brief records are coming in batch imports from Baker & Taylor when the book is ordered. We don't see the records until they are already in the system. No solution was decided upon.

Mary Coon talked about the book mobile and the new branch of APLM. There are a few mechanical problems with the book mobile, but it is being received very well by the community. The new branch of the library is doing well.

There was a discussion about books on cassette vs. books on CD and VHS vs. DVD. Most libraries are not buying books on cassette or VHS any more, except in their children's collections.

NEXT MEETING: June 7, 2006, 9:30am in the green meeting room.

