

Database Maintenance Advisory Council

January 24, 2007

Attendees: Lisa Bouchard, Rob Carle, Mary Coon, Sue Dague, Deidre Lisio, Peggy Mello, Lisa Pitkin, Carol Reppard, Julie Stump, Joe Thornton

Minutes of last meeting: Approved without discussion.

Non-fiction records with no subject headings. UHLS wrote a report that shows the bib# of every nonfiction record that has no 6XX fields. Barbara Nichols Randall offered to have her library school class work on it:

from Barbara:

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If you could generate the list with title, 082, ISBN, LCCN I might be able to come up with a class subject project that could assign some of the LC subject headings. The class starts the end of this month.
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We agreed to let Barbara's class find the correct subject headings, but we will have to enter them into the database. Mary and Deidre volunteered to let an intern work on this project at APL, under their supervision. We decided to wait until Barbara's class has found some headings before we ask the library school for an intern. Again, many thanks to Mary and Deidre and APL.

NEWCATs & killbib

Sue asked why there are still so many NEWCATs in the database. Rob reported that he had deleted the items attached to many of the NEWCATs and Joe said that the *killbib* program should delete the NEWCATs (more than 30 days old) the next time it's run. Some people thought 30 days was not a long enough grace period to attach items to new bib records, so we will change the *killbib* program to exclude bib records created within the past 60 days.

Cheat sheet

After our last meeting Rob created a prototype "cheat sheet" for serials cataloging and then altered it according to the group's suggestions. He distributed the latest version and asked everyone to send him more suggestions for changes. He will also do customized sheets for any library that asks. Lisa Pitkin asked him to include a screenshot of the *CatExpress* Advanced Search screen, specifically with a serials cataloging example. Lisa

Bouchard asked for a cheat sheet on graphic novels. Deidre said that she has one that she'll send to Rob.

Serials

The *Cheat sheet* discussion led us to serials. We had planned to invite Maggie Horn to give us a workshop on subject headings in April, but decided that we will ask her to do a serials workshop again instead. Joe will invite Maggie and ask her to compile an agenda through email with the *Database* list. Lisa Pitkin recommended that we all take advantage of workshops, classes, etc. on serials cataloging.

Phantom records

Brief discussion on a known bug where a browse search shows more items than we actually own. There's no solution on the horizon.

Horizon 7.3.4 and HIP 3.0.8 upgrades

Lisa Bouchard had asked about the ISBN-13 issue, as more and more bib records arrive with only 13-digit ISBN's. The two main problems are:

1. The Syndetics link to cover art in the HIP is based on ISBN, and will not work until we do the upgrades.
2. Acquisitions records with 13-digit ISBNs cannot be processed, and this is a growing problem for GUIL.

On Tuesday ASC decided to proceed with the upgrades with or without the custom programming changes that have been holding us up. The downside of going ahead is that KidSearch will stop working.

Video games

GUIL is starting to purchase video games (Nintendo Wii, XBOX, Nintendo, PlayStation2) and asked what we should use in the GMD field (245\$h). We decided on [*electronic resource (video game)*]. UHLS will create an icon that will appear in the HIP to designate this format.

Also, UHLS will create an icon for CD-ROMs -- [*electronic resource (CD-ROM)*] – for which there is currently no icon in the HIP.

Lisa Bouchard said that BETH is buying *Playaways* and that we need a 245\$h and icon for those, too. We'll use [*sound recording (Playaway)*] and UHLS will create an icon.

Serials

Sue asked how to edit a record for a magazine that has undergone a name and frequency change. Her question was whether she “should edit the record with the former name (and if so, what exactly should [she] edit?)” Lisa Pitkin talked us through the procedure for this particular magazine, which also showed us generally how to close a serial record.

Re: serials title changes, Joe asked for confirmation from the group that the addition of the word “Guide” does not indicate a need for a new record, according to AACR2 21.2C2b, category ix. Confirmed.

Authority control

Joe distributed the report from the recent authority control processing of our entire database that was done by LTI from 1/1/2007 – 1/14/2007. No discussion.

Serials Manual: We didn’t get to it this week, but it will be a major initiative of the coming weeks.

Rob demonstrated the new Training wiki (http://uhls.org/wiki/index.php?title=Upper_Hudson_Library_System_Training_Center). It can also be reached from its highest level: <http://uhls.org/wiki/>

Next meeting: February 28, 2007 at 9:30 at UHLS.