

Database Maintenance Advisory Council

August 27, 2008

Attendees: Lisa Bouchard (BETH), Rob Carle (UHLS), Mary Coon (APL), Sue Dague (EGRN), Deidre Lisio (APL), Peggy Mello (COLN), Peter Petruski (APL – intern), Lisa Pitkin (GUIL), Julie Stump (VOOR), Mary Trev Thomas (BETH), Joe Thornton (UHLS)

Minutes of the July 23 meeting: Approved after a brief discussion about *Deleting old 'lost' items*. Sue asked if UHLS had brought the issue to the Resource Sharing Advisory Council, as promised at the last meeting. Joe said that Resource Sharing has not met since the last Database meeting, and that he will raise the issue at the next opportunity.

Juvenile series: *From Deidre:*

While adding new Juvenile series here at APL I have discovered a problem. Since LC has stopped creating Authority Files for series, we have been creating them locally following their guidelines. This seems to have been going reasonably well. However, since we, the catalogers, do not have rights to editing the Authority Record once we have created it, this leaves the new series with no tracings. I have sampled some of my Children's Librarians, and they all say that they search for series using the Series Browse index. This searches the title of the series. Which means that for the newly added series Applegate, Katherine. Roscoe Riley rules ; #2. They cannot do a Series Browse search on Roscoe Riley Rules, and hit the series they want.

I understand that when we have our database clean-up annually, these records are repaired. However, for a whole year in some cases, our librarians are struggling to find these books for our young, (and most often impatient) patrons. Many "go to Amazon because it is faster". It seems to me that we could be serving everyone better if we could fix this.

What do you think? Have you talked with your librarians about this issue?
Should we be asking UHLS to fill out each authority record as we create it?
Could we get a consensus about this?

This engendered a brief discussion about our authority control arrangement with LTI. Joe said that he doesn't think (and can't understand LTI's explanations on their website or in their responses to his email questions) that they will do Series authority control since LC got out of that business. He also said that we currently do semiannual processing of the entire database, but that we could do it more frequently if we want. The biggest obstacle to more frequent processing is the necessity to stop editing records while they're being processed at LTI.

Sue reminded us that she uses, and recommends, the *What's Next* database (<http://ww2.kdl.org/libcat/WhatsNextNEW.asp>) from the Kent District Library.

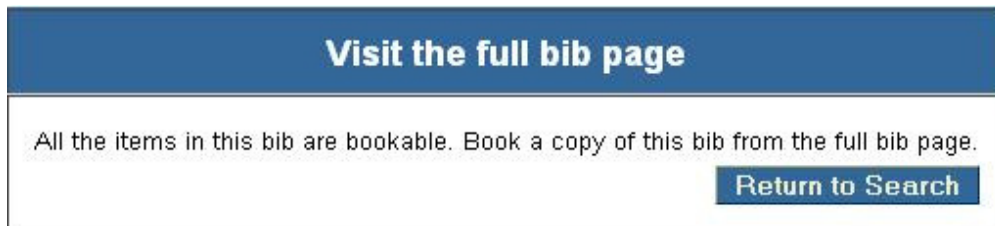
We agreed that UHLS will edit series authority records when catalogers notify them of the need and provide some guidance as to the required changes. Requests should be sent to the *Database* list.

Lisa Pitkin asked if Nylink offers a course in authority control. Rob said that he'll check, and enroll if one exists.

AquaBrowser problems: Julie asked about two problems:

1. When requesting the first available copy in AquaBrowser, some patrons got a *Page Not Found* error, and one ended up at the State Library of Louisiana. Joe's explanation (from his blog (<http://www.uhls.org/autosvcs/blog/>):

A problem: When we delete bib records in Horizon they're not automatically deleted in AquaBrowser. When an AquaBrowser user tries to place a request on a deleted bib record, they get this screen:



None of us had ever seen this screen before. When you click "Return to Search" you get an error page ("Can't find server") although one person reported being redirected to the search page for the State Library of Louisiana!

The solution is for AquaBrowser to do a full import of our database once a week, which will remove from AquaBrowser the Horizon bib records that were deleted during the week.

2. When requesting multiple items through AquaBrowser, patrons must login to the HIP for each request.

Joe reported that unfortunately we'll have to live with this situation. AquaBrowser passes requests to the HIP for processing, and each request is therefore "new" to the HIP, so it needs to authenticate for each one.

Cataloging: Lisa Pitkin reported seeing an increase in the number of new records that do not have their 245\$h edited properly. Rob will check it out.

Some records are getting overlaid accidentally with the wrong record. Joe will send an email to *Database* recommending that everyone do the following: when searching our catalog for a bib record before downloading a new one, use ISBN and if you find a record that's very close but does not match on all five match points (below), copy the existing record and edit it in the MARC Editor instead of downloading a new record from OCLC. Alternatively, just send an email to support@uhls.lib.ny.us and ask us to create and edit the new record.

BOOKS - Match points:

- Author
- Title
- Publisher
- Copyright date
- Number of pages

Sue asked if we should merge audiobook records if they're identical except for publisher. Consensus: no.

Next meeting: September 24, 2008 at 9:30 at UHLS