

## Database Maintenance Advisory Council

October 22, 2008

**Attendees:** Lisa Bouchard (BETH), Katie Caprio (RVLL), Rob Carle (UHLS), 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 August 27 meeting:** Approved without discussion.

**Uniform title:** A long discussion that came out of a between-meetings email exchange, mainly between Lisa Pitkin and Deidre, but with some major input from SirsiDynix. The strong feeling on our end (UHLS) was that Uniform Title should be indexed. The answer from SirsiDynix was, “It is, but it’s farther down in the list of indexes in Horizon, and it’s named ‘Title/Uniform Title Browse.’” We decided that that’s good enough for us, and we’ll remind Reference staff to scroll down to that index when searching for uniform titles, or to use a keyword search.

Related: we will ask SirsiDynix why Ctrl-B doesn’t work for 130, 240, and 730 tags.

**Audiobooks:** Julie asked about adding (or not) a new bib record for an audiobook if everything except Publisher is the same as an existing record. Barbara Goetschius had contributed to the email discussion about this prior to the meeting. The answer is that we should indeed add a new record in this case.

**New h subfield for 245?:** Sue asked about the possibility of using a new 245\$h of [big book]. The consensus was: not now. Lisa Pitkin suggested putting ‘big book’ in the edition field, and Deidre said that APL puts it into the call number.

This led to a discussion of 690 (local subject headings) and 655 (genre/form) tags. We spent some time looking at the indexes in Horizon, and there are some 650’s that need to be merged into 655 records. We looked at the contents of our current 655 and 690 fields (e.g. Playaways, Video games, etc.) and decided that we will bring lists of our 690’s to the next meeting. Rob will add the current 655’s and 690’s to the *Cataloging Manual*.

**Reclassifying titles whose Dewey numbers are discontinued:** Lisa Bouchard asked if anyone beside her is doing this, and if so, if they have a list of discontinued Dewey numbers that she could work from. Julie said that the *Dewey* publication has such a list, and Deidre said that there was a *Dewey* page on OCLC’s website. We looked , and there it was, under “New and changed entries” (<http://www.oclc.org/us/en/dewey/updates/new/default.htm>).

**A “fictionalized memoir”:** Lisa Bouchard brought a difficult-to-catalog item (Becoming Billie Holiday) to the meeting to get others’ opinions. It’s a memoir. It’s fiction. It’s in verse. After a short discussion with no consensus, Lisa was advised to “do what works for you.” That worked for Lisa.

**Deleting old ‘lost’ items:** Joe reported: The Resource Sharing Advisory Council discussed the issue of old ‘lost’ items and stated unequivocally that, with the exception of “Lost on DRA” items, they want to keep them forever because they’re necessary as evidence when collecting fees. On the other hand, the Database Maintenance Advisory Council wants very much to delete them because they clutter the database. There was unanimous agreement that this will have to be an ASC decision. Joe will gather some statistics to get an idea of the scope of the problem.

**Next meeting: November 19, 2008 at 9:30 at UHLS**