

## Database Maintenance Advisory Council

April 26, 2011

**Attendees:** Lisa Bouchard (BETH), Rob Carle (UHLS), Mary Coon (APLM), Sue Dague (EGRN), Lisa Pitkin (GUIL), Julie Stump (VOOR), Mary Trev Thomas (BETH), Joe Thornton (UHLS)

**AquaBrowser status:** Julie asked about the status of AquaBrowser, specifically: “Is it gone? What has it been replaced with? When should we make changes on our web page?”

Joe said that the current status of the *Enterprise* project is available in the ASC minutes on the UHLS website ([http://www.uhls.org/new/automated\\_services\\_sc.asp](http://www.uhls.org/new/automated_services_sc.asp)), but he reviewed the project for the group: ASC decided to cancel *Enterprise* because circ status is not viewable in an item’s detail display. Also, ASC decided to let our *AquaBrowser* license expire on July 1. UHLS will experiment with *VuFind* to see if it can be used as a replacement for *AquaBrowser*. *VuFind* is an open source discovery tool developed by Villanova University.

**OverDrive / Horizon:** Julie asked if we could put a link to Overdrive on the Horizon client (stafpac). After some experimenting we decided that the answer is no. We could possibly include the contents of the 856u (the URL of the OverDrive record) in the display in stafpac, but it would not work as a link, and we’re not able to copy and paste in stafpac, so we wouldn’t even be able to copy the URL and paste it into a browser.

**MARC records for OverDrive:** Julie asked why it takes so long for MARC records to be provided by OCLC for OverDrive titles. Joe said that we’ve imported all the MARC records that have been made available to date, but that he doesn’t always do them as soon as they’re available (he’ll do better at this from now on). Julie said that she ordered “A brief chapter in my impossible life” months ago and there is still no record in Horizon. UHLS will try to find out why, and Joe asked everyone to please let us know when they see an OverDrive record that’s missing a MARC record.

**Local authors:** Sue said that she’d like to add a local subject heading of “Local authors” to relevant records (and in fact she already has). The goal is to allow patrons to search for “local authors.” Lisa P said that GUIL puts “local author” in MARC records but they mean “Guilderland authors,” so Sue’s suggestion would not work for everyone. We decided that we’ll add a 651 (Subject Added Entry-Geographic Name) to relevant records and the text will be, “Capital District (N.Y.) -- Authors.” Rob said that subject fields are intended to describe the work and not the author, but the group agreed that this can be a local decision and that it will be only a minor speck on our purity.

**Z39.50 – ongoing problems:** Sue said that she still has trouble with some Z39.50 sites, in spite of the work by Rob and her to correct them. Because Sue is apparently the most active user of Z39.50, everyone decided to accept her judgment, and she'll send a list of targets to be deleted to Rob. However, we'll make an extra effort to get NLM (National Library of Medicine) to work because it's so useful.

**Museum passes:** Lisa B asked how we should catalog museum passes. As an example she said that the pass for the USS Slater has "USS Slater" printed on it, but the MARC record has "Destroyer Escort Historical Museum : USS Slater" in the 245. We decided that the official name of the museum should be used instead of the name that's printed on the pass,

**Next meeting:** Joe will suggest a Tuesday sometime in early June.