

Database Maintenance Advisory Council

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Present: Lisa Bouchard (BETH), Rob Carle (UHLS), Peggy Mello (COLN), Lisa Pitkin (GUIL), Julie Stump (VOOR), Mary Trev Thomas (BETH), Joe Thornton (UHLS)

Authority control -- should we continue to do it yearly? Joe said that it costs about \$3500 a year and he's not sure that people even notice. We decided to ask the opinion of the entire Database Maintenance Advisory Council via email since attendance at this meeting was so low, and if they have no objections then we'll recommend to ASC that we try biennial authority control processing unless some unexpected costs are added by LTI.

Convert CD playing time from minutes to hours:minutes? Lisa B. said, "I am noticing more and more that the records from OCLC have the total number of playing time minutes in the 300 field, rather than the usual format of hours and then minutes. For example, instead of the usual *10 hr., 30 min.*, the a subfield will say *630 min.* I've been correcting them as I see them. Should they be corrected, has the format changed, or does it matter?" After discussion we agreed that we should always change it to hours and minutes.

Subject Headings for YA material: Carol Reppard asked in an email, "I know that we discussed making sure the Juvenile books had the proper subject subfield - v. Juvenile fiction. My question is what to do with YA materials. I am seeing records with: v. Fiction and one with: v. Juvenile fiction. Think this needs to be clarified."

We agreed that if a YA record has only adult or only children's subject headings that we should leave them alone.

Cataloging Nooks: We continued the discussion of how best to catalog eReaders. BETH circulates Kindles that contain many works by a single author, and adds a 246 for each title so that the device may be found in a title search. VOOR is adding works by multiple authors to a single device and asked how to make those titles and authors discoverable in the HIP and VuFind. Joe pointed out that keyword searching in both interfaces retrieves the records properly if the authors and titles are in certain fields (856? 246?). Julie will experiment and bring her results to our next meeting.

MP3 CDs: BETH requested by email that we ask libraries to stop "putting MP3s in under the regular entry of a recorded book." We (as a group) couldn't remember if we had ever decided to add a subfield h of "mp3-CD," or if there is a need to if we didn't. We'll revisit this topic at a future meeting.

Training site: Rob just gave the group a heads-up that he's moving the Training website from Mediawiki to Google Sites.

Overlaying on-order records: Katie Caprio (RVLL) had asked (very politely and considerately) by email what the recommended procedure is when her library acquires a new item and the only bib record in the system is a brief on-order record. Her question was whether she should wait for the library with the on-order record to download a full record, or whether it was okay for her to do it herself. We all agreed that a) Katie was very nice to ask, and b) it's always okay for a library to overlay a brief record with a full one.

RDA fields in MARC records: Julie asked if we should delete RDA fields (usually '300' fields) when we encounter them. We agreed that we should leave them alone since they're harmless and might be useful someday.

Next meeting: Joe will suggest a Tuesday or Thursday sometime in September.