

Database Maintenance Advisory Council

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Present: Lisa Bouchard (BETH), Rob Carle (UHLS), Sue Dague (EGRN), Katie Farrell (APLM), Peggy Mello (COLN), Jendy Murphy (APLM), Lisa Pitkin (GUIL), Carol Reppard (TROY), Julie Stump (VOOR), Mary Trev Thomas (BETH), Joe Thornton (UHLS)

RDA. We're starting to get RDA records in our database. We have 74 records with '264' tags and 586 records with '336,' '337,' and '338' tags. We discussed John Myers' workshop at NYLA and SirsiDynix's plans, as well as which procedures we should probably follow while the RDA transition is taking place:

- Horizon will accommodate the new RDA MARC tags in its next version - 7.5.2. We're on 7.5.1 now and UHLS has asked to be put into the upgrade queue.
- Joe will email the *Database* list with a heads-up about the incoming RDA records and our recommendation for handling them.
- Rob will define the new RDA tags in Horizon so they no longer display in red in stafpac.
- Sue Rahn of CDLC sent us some useful links to RDA information, and Joe will forward that list to the *Database* group.
- Joe will check with John Myers (Union College, RDA expert) to see if he could do a RDA workshop for us.

Cataloging eReader records. Libraries are starting to put many eBooks by multiple authors onto a single device (e.g. Nook) and this raised a cataloging question: How do we make all titles findable in HIP and VuFind without creating an enormous, time-consuming MARC record? We decided that if we follow Lisa Pitkin's method and add a subfield *t* for each title to the 505 tag, and then rebuild all our title indexes, then each title will be findable in a search.

Cataloging electronic magazines (i.e. Newsweek). Julie asked how we should deal with the continuing demise of print magazines such as *Newsweek*. Joe said that a committee is looking into products such as *Zinio* and *EBSCO* to address this issue. Joe will ask Jo-Ann Benedetti for an update.

Series titles -- are people going back to check to see if other titles in the series have correct series heading? Sue raised this issue and explained that if a 490 exists then something needs to be done involving 440, 800, 830, etc. None of us is really clear on what to do with series.

Joe will revisit the documentation from LTI to see how they handle series titles when they do our annual authority control processing.

Music CDs -- total time and time of each song not being added. Do we care? Sue asked if this is necessary, and after a brief discussion we agreed that the answer is no. If the times are present then great, otherwise we're okay with it as is.

Records for hardcover copies being overwritten by records for paperback editions. Sue asked what we can do about this and Rob said that it can only be avoided if people check our catalog before bringing in a new record, and if the new record will overlay the existing record because of an ISBN match then the cataloger should first delete or edit the ISBNs in the existing record to prevent the overlay. Joe will email the group with this recommendation.

Serial records -- how can we cut down on merges of monograph records with serial records? Sue asked this question and Rob replied that it's a training issue and that he will make regular visits to the libraries that are doing most of these unwanted merges.

Transferring selected requests from one record to another record when there is not a merge. Sue asked if there is a way to do this in a batch process. It's coming up more frequently with rental vs. non-rental copies of DVDs. UHLS will look into this, but we're not optimistic about finding an easy solution.

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