

Database Maintenance Advisory Council

September 24, 2013

Present: Lisa Bouchard (BETH), Rob Carle (UHLS), Sue Dague (EGRN), Katie Farrell (APLM), Karin Martin (BETH), Peggy Mello (COLN), Jennifer Murtha (VOOR), Lisa Pitkin (GUIL), Mary Trev Thomas (BETH), Joe Thornton (UHLS)

Paging info for RDA records: Lisa P sent this agenda item:

Now that more RDA records are coming into the database, we should start using the corresponding pagination format (with information spelled out instead of abbreviated). You can tell which are RDA records because they have the extra 3xx fields.

... and included examples.

After a brief discussion all agreed.

VuFind and copies with different call numbers: Lisa B noticed that in VuFind, BETH's items that are copies with different call numbers appear with only the first Call Number displayed. Joe said that VuFind evidently assumes that all copies would be in the same location. He'll see if the call number can be displayed on each copy line, and how that will affect the display.

Series titles: Lisa P wrote, "More records are appearing with the series at the beginning of the title field (mostly children's), which is how we've chosen to handle graphic novel series. Do we want to leave as is or edit?"

Discussion: Lisa P: "Just be aware of these records." Sue: "Add a 246 if one does not exist."
Question for Rob: "Can we index the subfield p?"

245\$h: Sue asked, "Has there been any discussion about all the records in the catalog that have incorrect h subfields in the 245 title field as a result of the addition of cassette and VHS to the subfield and what can be done to correct them?"

After UHLS changed the 245\$h of all records with [videorecording] to [videorecording (VHS)] and all records with [sound recording] to [sound recording (cassette)], other problems emerged. It turns out that many VHS items had been attached to DVD records, possibly because the 245\$h implied that they were VHS records.

UHLS will try to identify the problem records and send them to the libraries to be moved to the proper bib records.

We will suggest to all libraries that they get rid of old material like VHS, which will help with this problem but also prepare us for a potential new ILS.

The word “Lost”: Sue asked:

Can we discuss the possibility of changing the wording of the status LOST? This would be an item for discussion for Resource Sharing too.

Issue is that patrons think we have somehow misplaced the item through error or negligence and don't understand why we aren't doing something to find it when actually it is an item that was checked out and is long overdue.

Discussion:

- Joe said, “Probably not, since the term is so deeply embedded in Horizon.”
- Someone (unnamed now and forever) asked “Can we change it to “Stolen?!”
- Let's add it (item statuses) to the “ILS Wish List” Google Doc.

Itypes: Rob reported on the issue surrounding the VIDEO Itype that was discussed at the Resource Sharing Advisory Council meeting. We need a special VIDEO Itype to prevent videos from going out for, say, 28 days if the loaning library's circ parameters don't accommodate the item's owning library's Itype choices for videos.

Weeding: Joe will suggest to ASC that libraries think about weeding in preparation for a probable move to a new ILS. Test guides, travel books, VHS tapes, reference material, health sciences, missing, lost, and other items are all good candidates.

ILS investigation: Peggy reported on the progress of the ILS Investigation Subcommittee: There are two systems on the short list: III and Polaris. The committee will visit Onondaga County (Polaris) and Mid-Hudson Library System (III) to observe how those systems use the respective products, and to get the staffs' opinions of each.

Next meeting: Joe will suggest a Tuesday or Thursday (preferable) in November.