

Cataloging AC Minutes 12/5/19

Present: Lisa Bouchard (BETH), Rob Carle (UHLS), Sue Dague (EGRN), Christine Havens (APL), Michele Reilly (VOOR), Joe Thornton (UHLS)

We had no agenda, and just a few attendees, but carried on in the tradition of the noble Cataloging Advisory Councils of the past, discussing:

- The CREW Method, a guide to weeding developed by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Chris described how APL is using this method along with others, including *collectionHQ* and *Sierra*.
- At the last meeting Stephanie (APL) had asked for a report of “in-house use” so APL can track the use of some items that don’t get checked out. Joe needs some clarification, such as which fields to include in the report, and will follow up with Stephanie.
- Material Types:
 - We talked about a *Library of Things (LOT)* Material Type, i.e do we want one? Sue asked if libraries could have their own Material Types. Answer: no.
 - At the next meeting we’ll discuss Material Types: how many we want (the max is 200), and what they should be.
 - If needed, Rob can make global changes to simplify the changes to items’ Material Types.
- *SkyRiver*: Joe floated the idea that we may want to investigate alternatives to OCLC as our cataloging utility, due mainly to the high cost (steep increase in 2019), and the viability of other options. We already import many non-OCLC records into the catalog, including those from Baker & Taylor and Midwest Tape. And some catalogers use Z39.50 instead of OCLC. *SkyRiver* is a III product and tightly integrated with its services.

Joe’s suggestion didn’t elicit the gasps he anticipated, so we’ll look into *SkyRiver* and discuss switching at a future meeting.

Next meeting February 6, 2020