

Cataloging AC Minutes 7/2/20

Present: Stephanie Anderson (APL), Lisa Bouchard (BETH), Laurie Burns (TROY), Rob Carle (UHLS), Anne Coletta (BETH), Molly Davis (VOOR), Barbara Goetschius (RCSC), Xiaofei Li (APL), Joe Nash (COLN), Heather Nelson (GUIL), Lisa Pitkin (GUIL), Michele Reilly (VOOR), Lisa Thomas (BETH), Joe Thornton (UHLS)

SkyRiver:

- We discussed problems with overwriting existing records. Anne and Rob described workarounds and they seem to work well.
- Xiaofei talked about some difficulties with Chinese records. Lisa P suggested saving the records in *Sierra* first and then editing them, maybe putting the Chinese title in the 245 (or maybe the 246) and the English title in the 240.
- General agreement that saving directly to *Sierra* from *SkyRiver* is an excellent advantage over OCLC.
- Joe asked if the content (availability and quality) is okay. Barbara said it's hit or miss but generally pretty good.

COVID-related issues:

- Stephanie said that APL has a big backlog and asked the others how they're handling it. Triage, e.g.? She said that APL has four months of books in its Community Room.
- Lisa P said that GUIL had Baker & Taylor put a hold on everything.
- Heather said that Baker & Taylor reports that their warehouses are behind 8 - 10 days.
- Stephanie said that Ingraham wouldn't even take orders until they were sure that APL was accepting deliveries.
- Joe Nash said that COLN is processing reserved titles first. Anne said that BETH is doing reserves, best sellers, and summer reading titles, in that order.
- Fiscal year is a problem for APL and GUIL, whose years end on 7/1, and they have to decide whether to process orders based on the date shipped or the date the order was processed. GUIL pays in advance, and Stephanie recommends that others do that also if they have the fiscal year problem.
- For budget reasons, TROY canceled all orders, according to Laurie.

Sierraweb: Joe asked if this tool, which is heavily used, is flawed, during the pandemic, was doing the job. Stephanie: "not good." Laurie: "not good." Heather: "pretty good."

Miscellaneous:

- Some libraries are doing "binge boxes" (entire series in one box for checkout), and everyone likes the idea.
- GUIL is discontinuing *Better World Books*.
- The GUIL RFID project has restarted.