

Cataloging AC Minutes 4/7/2022 (online)

Present: Lisa Bouchard (BETH), Rob Carle (UHLS), Sue Dague (EGRN), Molly Davis (VOOR), Chris Havens (APL), Peggy Mello (COLN), Lisa Pitkin (GUIL), Catherine Stollar Peters (BETH), Lisa Thomas (BETH), Joe Thornton (UHLS)

From Baker & Taylor: Travis Kelley and Tarita Murray

BTCAT: Stephanie Anderson (APL) had emailed us that she had met with a rep from Baker & Taylor and discussed *BTCAT*, the company's cataloging utility. We invited Travis and Tarita to our monthly meeting and pretty much turned it over to them for a demo. Our goal is to evaluate *BTCAT* as a possible alternative to *SkyRiver*:

- Travis said that B&T has 185 catalogers, and *BTCAT* contains 58 million records.
- It's used by King County, OhioLink, LA Public Library, among many others.
- Robert Drake, our friend and Assistant Director for Technology Operations at the Nassau Library System, has developed some tools to expedite their workflow using *BTCAT*, and Travis will send us a document that describes Nassau's process.
- The system is slick, with nice drag-and-drop editing capabilities.
- It has a fairly large number of MARC records (58M) but many fewer than *SkyRiver* (85M), but Travis said that it's growing rapidly.
- We discussed how well it's integrated with *Sierra*, but I don't remember the answer. I'll ask at our next meeting.

After Travis and Tarita signed off, we continued the meeting:

- Lisa B said that she loved the slick drag-and-drop functionality of *BTCAT* and that she would definitely use it.
- Lisa P said that the *BTCAT* workflow might be hard for GUIL, but that she liked the product.
- We agreed that we should ask for a trial.
- Sue said that she's been disappointed in *SkyRiver*. There are many records with no 300 tags, and other MARC problems. Joe asked if UHLS could write a program to look for problem records. We would need to give him the criteria for finding those records. We'll discuss it at our next meeting.
- Lisa P said that we don't have cataloging standards (published, anyway) at UHLS.
- Chris said that APL talked about creating a checklist for making sure their records are good.