

Cataloging AC Minutes 8/4/2022 (online)

Present: Stephanie Anderson (APL), Lisa Bouchard (BETH), Rob Carle (UHLS), Sue Dague (EGRN), Jane Feeney (BETH), Edra Nehme (BETH), Lisa Pitkin (GUIL), Lisa Thomas (BETH), Joe Thornton (UHLS)

776: The meeting started with a brief discussion of the 776 tag.

- Lisa P asked if we should keep them when we see them. Group answer: yes.
- Lisa B said she always leaves them alone.
- Rob asked if anyone knew if 776 is indexed. No one knew, so we'll check.
- Lisa B said that the presence of 776 tags in records from *BTCAT* and *WorldCat* is very useful.

Training manual: We decided at a previous meeting that we would spend about 30 minutes at every meeting from now on looking at and revising the Training manual.

- Rob shared his screen and showed the current version. He said that the original was created by a committee more than fifteen years ago. He's cleaned up a lot, but much remains original.
- Rob's updates to the manual include a new platform (a *WordPress* site instead of *Google sites*) and the replacement of *Horizon* images with *Sierra* images.
- Joe suggested that we start at the beginning (0xx tags) and work from there instead of jumping around.
- Sue has some issues with the new manual.
- Rob will send the link to everyone and we'll continue the project at our next meeting.

BTCAT: BETH, at least, has started a trial. How's it going?

- Lisa T: The records are good, as is the copy-and-paste function.
- Lisa B: There are more options to tailor the interface to a library. The *BTCAT* interface is busy. It has better records than *SkyRiver*. There are more 650 tags in *BTCAT* than in *SkyRiver*. *Baker & Taylor* is very good at customizing for libraries. So is *BTCAT* better overall than *SkyRiver* (asked Joe)? Lisa said it's too early to say.
- Stephanie will visit BETH to see how it works, and will start a trial, maybe, after the visit. To Stephanie, record quality is the most important factor in our decision.
- Joe reminded the group that Upper Hudson will support only one cataloging utility (*SkyRiver* or *BTCAT*) but that libraries are free to subscribe to any service on their own.

Delete bib record when last item record is deleted?

- Although there's a checkbox to "Delete bib record if last item record is deleted" (or something like that), Rob said that the bib record won't be deleted if there's an order record, item record, or a hold.
- Stephanie suggested that we delete Withdrawn, Lost & Paid and other item records if after five years there's no chance of ever seeing them again. And delete the connected bib record, too, if it's the last item.
- Stephanie also asked if we should delete a bill from a patron record if the item has been lost and paid. (I don't remember the answer.)
- Jane said that at BETH they suppress the bib record when its items are suppressed.