

## Meeting summary for Cataloging Advisory Council (03/06/2025)

[Zoom summary edited by Joe]

### Quick recap

The team discussed various topics including the changing weather, their long careers in libraries, and a new initiative called 'Show and Tell' where each member would present their workflows and tools. They also addressed issues related to their cataloging system, such as the presence of VHS in their catalog and the growing number of saved queries. Lastly, they discussed the upcoming transition to *Vega*, the retirement of Tim Burke, and the need to replace him.

### Next steps

- Peggy to prepare and present a show-and-tell demonstration of her process for using Upper Hudson reports and ad-hoc location by item type report at the next meeting.
- Rob to assist Peggy with setting up and testing her Zoom connection for the show-and-tell presentation if needed.
- Stephanie to prepare a show-and-tell presentation on *Create Lists* and Review Files for a future meeting.
- Rob to look into batch editing to remove unwanted online edition information from book records.
- Joe to contact OCLC for updated pricing on cataloging utility and ILL services.
- Rob to compile and share documentation on *Bibframe* for the upcoming *Vega* transition on the training website.
- Cataloging team members to familiarize themselves with *Bibframe* in preparation for the *Vega* transition.
- Joe to provide updates on the *Vega* implementation timeline and process as information becomes available.

### Summary

#### Library Careers and Technological Changes

The group reminisces about their long careers in libraries, with several members sharing their start dates and experiences. Lisa Thomas mentions she has been at her library since 1986, while Peggy reveals that a clerk at her library has worked there for 50 years. They discuss the technological changes they've witnessed, including the transition from dial-up internet and manual book ordering processes to modern systems. Joe joins the meeting late and, upon hearing about the long tenures, expresses amazement at how different libraries must have been 50 years ago.

### **Oprah's Book Club Title Update**

Lisa, Stephanie, and Ann discussed adding the phrase "Oprah's Book Club" to the 588 field of over 100 book titles in *Sierra*. Stephanie's intern, Gretchen, will perform the task. The group agreed that this would be helpful for readers and libraries lacking quick access to the titles. They also discussed the appropriateness of including the phrase in the title, deciding it should be seen as a Cataloger's Note rather than an official Series statement. The group will proceed with the update.

### **New Initiative**

Rob was present and ready to support tasks like variable length fields and batch operations. The team also discussed a new initiative, 'Show and Tell', where each member would present their workflows and tools, including Peggy's unique process of exporting High Demand Holds into *Excel* and then using Create Lists. The team agreed on the usefulness of this new initiative for learning and sharing knowledge.

### **Team Prepares Demonstrations for Next Meeting**

In the meeting, attendees discussed demonstrating their processes during the next meeting. Peggy expressed interest in using her B2B query and was offered assistance by Anne, Joe, and Rob to rehearse and ensure a smooth demonstration. Stephanie also expressed a willingness to share her system of creating lists and templates. The team agreed to prepare individual demonstrations for the next meeting.

### **Location Codes Persist in Records**

Stephanie raises concerns about the growing number of saved queries in *Create Lists*. Rob suggests using JSON to save queries personally, and offers to demonstrate the process. The group discusses the issue of location codes in bibliographic records persisting after items are withdrawn or transferred, which is caused by attached order records. Rob explains that this is a system-wide issue that could potentially be addressed by asking Innovative to turn off the feature for order records, but suggests updating and deleting old order records as a workaround. Stephanie mentions she's working on creating saved queries to delete old on-order records, particularly in light of recent issues with Baker and Taylor.

### **VHS's Role in Modern Catalogs**

Stephanie sought clarification on the inclusion of VHS in their catalog, given its obsolescence. Rob advised checking the material type and possibly the 538 field for VHS references. Kathleen discovered 129 VHS items, some of which were archival, and Rob suggested these could be kept due to their local importance. Joe and Rob discussed the possibility of switching from VHS to DVD for some items. The team agreed to consider revisiting the presence of VHS in their catalog, acknowledging its continued relevance in a collaborative system and its nostalgic value.

### **OCLC Pricing and Vega Transition Discussed**

Joe and Stephanie discuss the possibility of Upper Hudson returning to OCLC for cataloging and interlibrary loan purposes. Joe explains that while OCLC would be beneficial, it's currently too expensive at around \$15,000 extra per year. He plans to contact OCLC for updated pricing. The group also discusses the upcoming transition to *Vega*, which will cost an additional \$20,000 annually plus a one-time setup fee. Joe estimates implementation will not occur before the second half of 2025. Rob mentions the transition will involve converting MARC records to BIBFRAME, but Joe suggests this may not be entirely accurate. Lisa B. informs the group that the 2024 edition of the Dewey Decimal Classification is now available on Amazon.

### **Tim Burke's Retirement and Succession Planning**

Joe announced that Tim will retire effective April 1st, with a farewell event planned for sometime after April 10th. Joe also mentioned they are interviewing candidates to replace Tim. Peggy will share her method for generating reports at the next meeting.