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LACUNY Cataloging Roundtable Meeting Minutes, September 2006

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CUNY+ Cataloging Committee
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Tuesday, September 26, 2006

ATTENDEES

BB   Janey Chao
BM   Taian Zhao
BX
BC   Judy Wild
CC   Laurel Franklin
CL   Robert Thompson
GC   Neil Jacobowitz, Angela Sidman
GJ
HO   Lisa Tappeiner
HC   Wendy Tan
JJ   Marlene Kandel
KB
LG   Jean Boggs
LE
ME   Danesh Yazdani
NY   Monica Berger
QC   Belinda Chiang, Ronnie Gomez
QB   Jung Cho
SI   Ewa Dzurak
YC
CO   Pat Young, Marsha Clark, Larry McCue

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1) Marsha Clark distributed a handout and showed how to use Aleph authority records to automatically update headings for subfields x/v. Some can be both x and v (for example, bibliographies, indexes, periodicals…). For now, only change those which are always subfield /v.   FYI, Catalogers Desktop lists free-floating subdivisions with x or v highlighted.

Marsha also demonstrated how to automatically update death dates, again using the corrected authority record.

Changes will not impact public searches.

See the handouts for more details. The handouts are available on the OLS Aleph documentation website.

2) The Library of Congress policy on series authority records was discussed. After a lengthy discussion, committee members decided that individual colleges will maintain those series which are important to them and their constituents.

It will still be possible to find monographs in a series by using the keyword search. Fields 490 and 590 are indexed for keyword.

It was recommended that catalogers change "bogus" 440s to 590s (send to Pat if a global change is needed).

3) The committee asked about the likelihood of purchasing a cataloging enhancement product such as Syndetics Solutions. Funding is still an issue. For now, catalogers rely on the LoC Table of Contents enhancements.

Belinda Chiang suggested not deleting the 856 Table of Contents link found in LC records. Others disagreed; they felt patrons find the ToC link confusing. No decision was reached at this time.

4) Pat Young is working with Ex-Libris to figure out the cataloging problem where some bib records display in the local catalog but do not display in the union catalog. Ex-Libris suggested that the problem might have to do with the weight table.

5) Judith Wild again raised the issue of diacritics. Catalogers are encouraged to continue to try and manually fix diacritic problems as they are encountered, even though this is slow going. Pat reported that she has re-requested an SQL query from our people but there is no response as yet.

6) New security guidelines by the IT steering committee recommend no more sharing of logons. Each library staff person should have his/her own logon.

User names may be up to ten characters long and must start with the two-character school code. Passwords may also be up to ten characters long.

Privileges may be proxied – it is not necessary to create a new profile for each log-on.

Requests for password changes on existing logon IDs can be sent directly to Pat. Requests to create new logons should be made to Pat by one person at each library (e.g., the CUNY+ primary contact). That person should maintain a list of all logons and should let Pat know when a staff member leaves.

The permissions form is available on the OLS Aleph pages (ols.cuny.edu/aleph/).

7) Laurie Franklin asked if the OCLC number prefix (OCM) can be removed. It was suggested that committee members review OCLC Tech Bulletin #253 about ISBN and OCLC number changes before a final decision is made about the 035 field.

8) FYI, the LACUNY Cataloging Roundtable will meet October 12, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. at 555 W. 57 Street, 16th floor. Refreshments will be served.

9) The next CUNY+ Cataloging Committee meeting will be held:
    Wednesday, November 29th at 9:30 a.m.

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