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Thursday, December 9, 2004
Present: Monica Berger (NYTC), Michael Borries (Central), Belinda Chiang (Queens), Janey Chao (Baruch), Jung Cho (Queensborough), Marsha Clark (Central), Francine Egger-Sider (Chair, LaGuardia), Laurie Franklin (City), Carol Gee (Lehman), Ronnie Gomez (Queens), Dolores Grande (John Jay), Timothy Hasin (Staten Island), Martin Helgesen (City), Neil Jacobowitz (Graduate Center), Walter Scott (Bronx), Wendy Tan (Hunter), Lisa Tappeiner (Hostos), Robert Thompson (CUNY Law), Ed Wallace (Lehman), Pat Young (Central), Danesh Yazdani (Medgar Evers).

Dead Links in CUNY+: Pat Young offered to run a report of dead links in the WEB Opac but the question is what to do with that list? It was suggested that if someone finds a dead link, it be brought to the attention of the cataloger who can either put a newer link if one exists or delete the link. There are duplicate MARCIVE records for AL records that show up in the local catalogs. That also needs to be cleaned up on a first-come, first-seen basis.

Table of Contents in the 856: It is actually a local decision whether to keep or delete 856's for table of contents and publisher's notes. However, the consensus was to delete the publisher's notes but leave the table of contents which could be useful to students. On the subject of deletions, everyone agreed to delete foreign subject headings, 650 with the delimiter 6. 850 and 012 fields should also be deleted from bib records.

Using Metadata to Catalog Online Video Conferences: Janey Chao demonstrated how she worked with the Baruch Media Department and a company called Kognito to catalog online videos using metadata. She passed out a handout outlining the various procedures, including the fields that were created to catalog these online videos. With regards to metadata, Monica Berger suggested that librarians position themselves on their respective campuses to generate metadata on Blackboard. Francine Egger-Sider outlined presence in LaGuardia's ePortfolio seminar and how the Library can get involved in this project by teaching students how to annotate external links in their ePortfolio.

OCLC Tapeload: A brief discussion was started regarding which records should be excluded from an OCLC tapeload. Brief records that have been created by circulation and acquisitions are one possibility, k level records although that is to be reviewed. At this point, Pat Young explained that Patch 7 of Aleph will be loaded after Christmas and that suppressed/deleted records will no longer show in the union catalog. She also talked about the problem of loading Coutts bib records: what is the status with the holdings record and the barcode in the item record.

Connexion: Marsha Clark suggested that if you can, attend one of the OCLC workshops on Connexion. As of now she has no training planned. She would like to wait for version 1.3 to come out in March before she organizes further training. If you presently are working with version 1.1, you can't upgrade directly to 1.3. You need 1.2 in between. The cut-off for Passport is the end of May 2005. It was suggested that public services librarians, or even catalogers, should search WorldCat rather than Connexion if they want to use OCLC.

Deletions: Francine Egger-Sider reported that there is a bug when you delete a bib record. At the last step, when you want to delete the bib record, you get a message that the record has been locked by another user. Pat Young will look into this.

Linker: Marsha Clark demonstrated how you can link an item to two different bib records. This can be used with series that comprise individual titles. She distributed a handout that had been made by Michael Wood.

SACO (Subject Authority Cooperative Program): Michael Borries announced that CUNY Central has been asked to become a member of SACO. If anyone has any suggestions for author and subject entries, please contact him.

Sequencing Items: When you create an item record, a sequence number is created by the system. It is very hard to change the sequence in a multi-volume set. Pat will let us know how to do it.

Initial Articles: Pat announced that the Public Services librarians are dismayed at the number of bib records that are cataloged under the initial articles, The, A, and An. It was agreed that every campus would clean up their records as well as the AL records that show up during the clean-up. In order to find these
records, simply go to the WEB Opac in your local catalog and do a browse title search under each of the initial articles.

Holds: In November Pat gave circulation librarians a report of all books that had holds placed on them for the pseudo patron "Cataloger" for circ-created item records. Look at the report and clear up as many of these holds as possible.

Reserves: In CUNO30 (Reserve module), staff can now for the first time edit a reserve record in cataloging.

Gale Reference Library: There are 10 records but there is a problem in the tab_type_config table; the web catalog says book rather than electronic resource.

Oxford Reference Library: The records in training looked awful. They came through as monograph records with 856's instead of records for an electronic resource. This involves 8 libraries. We are talking about 25 titles in the core collection, 100 in the premium. Not sure how to proceed.

Gale Literary Resource Center: There are 2000 records with no dates in the fixed field.

New Titles List: Pat asked whether anyone was still interested in creating a new titles list and the general agreement was yes.

Reports: Francine again asked whether a report could be generated of OCLC records that have been exported but on which nothing was ordered so there is no acq record nor an item record. Pat is working on figuring out how to generate such a possible report.

Health Consequences of Smoking: Michael Borries is in the process of recataloging this huge serial record which pulls together many volumes with different titles. He is asking all libraries who have these titles to please pull the books off the shelves, duplicate the new record he has created, and recatalog the various volumes as part of a set. There are only about 5 to 10 volumes in question per campus.

The next joint meeting of the LACUNY Cataloging Roundtable and the CUNY Cataloging Committee will take place on Friday, April Fool's Day (April 1st) at 9:30AM at 57th St.

Respectfully submitted,
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