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LACUNY Cataloging Roundtable
November 30, 2000

Present: Michael Borries, Central Office; Men Sze Butt, GC; Janey Chao, BB; Francine Egger-Sider, LG; Dolores Grande, JJ; Martin Helgesen, CC; Marguerite Iskenderian, BC; Neil Jacobowitz, GC; Fred Korn, ME; Olga Loaiza, BM; Stanley Nachamie, Central Office; Roberta Pike, KB; Joseph Ponte, QC; Terry Samuels, GC; Wendy Tan, HC; Pat Young, Central Office; Emma Lee Yu, BC; Ronnie Gomez, QC; Zuwang Shen, SI

The above represents only those persons I remember seeing. My apologies for forgetting the attendance sheet. Please notify me of any additions (or deletions) and I will include them in an addendum.

Most of the discussion concerned the Ex-Libris migration and problems associated with one catalog record for all libraries in the OPAC. The Ex-Libris contract will be signed on Dec. 1, 2000.

1. Libraries are requested to send NOTIS record keys of sample records which will present challenges and problems during Ex-Libris migration, such as coded messages, universal messages, MARC holding records, 590's and local and regular series notes. Large 505 contents note fields will have to be split. Sample record keys should cover all formats, i.e. maps, kits, videos, etc. Campus visits by members of the Central Office will include discussions and suggestions about local practices and problems in each CUNY library. The NOTIS training database is gone and has been replaced by this new Ex-Libris sample database.

2. The entire database will be moved. One record for one work will be seen for all of CUNY. The local catalog will display only the local record. The report of the Cataloging Taskforce on Deduplication was distributed. The highlights of this report are that by suppressing all records but one for viewing, we lose much of the local data and local practice regarding such things as bound withs, supplements, volume holdings, unedited records, differences in holdings for accompanying materials, etc. Records with or without OCLC numbers may not be matched correctly especially when OCLC records have been modified for various editions. Some CUNY libraries have uniform titles on records and some do not. Some libraries have separate records for accompanying materials and others include this information on one catalog record. Series records with and without analytics will differ from one library to another. The 856 field which should be changed to a 949 field if the library does not own the electronic resource would only reflect the electronic holdings of one library. What would be the mechanism for revising the master record should an error occur? Will it be revised locally or centrally? Music cataloging presents its own significant problems. Because LC copy only averages about 36% for scores and 7.9% for sound recordings, most of music cataloging represents member-input copy which varies greatly in quality. How would one record be selected? The extensive use of local notes in music cataloging would all be lost. If the same bibliographic record is used both for a score, parts, or both, how would the patron know which library owns what? Some libraries catalog an item as a serial and others as a monograph. Will these records combine? Authority records and circulation as well as catalog records will be examined and included in the test conversion database.

3. Unlinked item records in Ex-Libris will become brief bib records. Additional problems should be examined such as deleting locations which are never used. Changes in fields such as 305 to 300 in music do not involve an exact translation. Many serials fields have changed. Libraries are asked not to use cascading call numbers on copy holdings records because they do not show in reports, etc. Subfield v is no longer needed on copy holdings records for serials.

4. Netlibrary records are held by BC, SI, QC and BM. CUNYwide they represent approximately 830 titles. The bibliographic records for them will be loaded as AL records and a special local catalog for AL documents will be created when all Netlibrary records are available. Additional records will be purchased from OCLC for electronic resources and an increase in the CUNY Web Resource file will be seen. Project Muse titles which number 120 will not be loaded into AL. They will be BH records with notes stating that they are available at various campuses.

5. Central Office has been making progress with subject heading revision. Split subject headings have see earlier and later referrals but obsolete heading do not have any referrals. One on one subject heading changes can be made globally and present less of a problem. Headings involving government bodies and geographical names are also more involved.

6. Course reserve statements can only be batch deleted. This helps with the problem of not having removed condition codes, etc. The batch delete report should be run more frequently. Bibliographic deletion will also be done on a more frequent basis.

7. Ex-Libris is considering including an LC Resource File. It will cover a longer time period-starting in 1962 and will include an authority file of names and subjects which may be exported.

8. One SUNY college is soon to be converted to Ex-Libris. CUNY colleges will be converted 3 at a time with all types of records merged. NOTIS will be retained in a view mode for 6 months for purposes of comparison. It is hoped that we will receive an ongoing summary of progress with migration. Selected SUNY schools which are migrating with us will share their sample databases with us.

Respectfully submitted,
Roberta Pike

Addenda

1. 505 contents notes that were split should be sent as samples for conversion. They do not necessarily have to be split in the new database.

2. The display in the new OPAC may be described in the following ways:

a. "In Union Catalog mode, only one record will be displayed for each work held by more than one CUNY library."

b. "In the new proposed mode, each library will retain its own bib records, which can always be displayed as an option in the local catalog. In addition an 'equivalency table' will be developed whereby, whenever it can be determined that records for the same item in different libraries are an exact match, they will be merged for the purpose of the union catalog display."

5. "It's only split subject headings where the files are exceptionally large (over 100 into the thousands) for which only see earlier/see later headings are temporarily made."

7. It's possible that only the name authority file will be included in the Ex-Libris LC resource file.

8. It is hoped that CUNY colleges will be converted 3 at a time with all types of records merged but this is not necessarily a fact.