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Present: M. Berger, NY; M. Borries, Central Office; M. Butt, GC; J. Chao, BB; J. Cho, QB, M. Clark, Central Office; F. Egger-Sider, LG; L. Franklin, CC; R. Gomez, QC; D. Grande, JJ; G. Hebert, BX; M. Helgesen, CC; M. Iskenderian, BC; Neil Jacobowitz, GC; M. Kandel, JJ; J. Martin, ME; R. Pike, KB; W. Tan, HC; E. Wallace, LE; M. Wood, HO; P. Young, Central

Office

1. Copies of the catalog records for the title "Lockdown New York," which was cataloged by JJ were distributed. The electronic resource as well as a printout of it were cataloged on two separate records, which both appear in the JJ catalog. However, only the record for the electronic resource appears in CUNY+. This was discussed along with problems with OCLC coding of electronic documents and exporting them into Aleph. It was stated that the 007 field in OCLC does not export well into Aleph with original cataloging. The 533 note indicates the pagination for a printout of an electronic resource. The weight or importance of each tag is considered when titles merge as one into the CUNY+ union catalog. *

2. Good communication between Acquisitions and Cataloging will help with the status messages on records such as "on order" "regular loan" and "cataloging," the latter of which presents a special problem and might be better left blank. Time is wasted in Cataloging when Acquisitions quickly chooses an abbreviated, incorrect or wrong publisher record to order from.

3. Large numbers of circ-created brief records and records with double barcodes create problems and large backlogs in cataloging.

4. Parameters for what will be considered a new record for OCLC tapeloading will be discussed. Holdings were not loaded into OCLC since Aleph was implemented. This is significant for interlibrary loan purposes. Any tapeloading done locally and then centrally will be paid for twice.

5. The display issue of uniform titles displaying as authors rather than titles in the public catalog was discussed in light of the decision of the cataloging committee that 100 fields would display as authors. A similar problem is created with 700 fields. Music cataloging presents different problems in this regard. Further discussions with the Public Services Committee about catalog displays will be ongoing.

6. The problem of only juvenile subject headings being converted into Aleph has created inaccuracies regarding Evolution vs. Human evolution. Subjects which were converted with the juvenile heading Evolution need to be changed to Human evolution. Other subject headings which became confused are Mars (Roman diety) and Mars (planet). Haddock and Hannibal are two others.

7. The cut and paste feature in Aleph was discussed and how it is used to edit and paste fields. This may be especially useful when copying large contents notes from one record to another. The template feature for cataloging has not been used yet.

8. Central Office will not code 006 and 007 fields for the non-print materials which accompany books, i.e., CD's, floppy disks, etc., although they are coded for sound recordings, web and integrating resources. This is in accordance with LC policy and the policies of most other OCLC libraries. These accompanying materials to books will continue to appear in 300 fields and on holdings records.

9. Inconsistencies regarding ability to edit records in Aleph are common. Error messages may eventually resolve themselves.

10. The addition of the "shelf list" search category in the gui opac has made call number and accession number searches possible.

11. Ongoing updates and changes to Aleph will be announced in many ways. Culibs-1 list will be used as well as the CUNY web page. It is important for the various committee members to share information about Aleph updates and changes with all colleagues.

12. The sorts in the course reserve module have been fixed. Other number searches in the web opac are still bringing up bad results.

13. The OCLC connexion client is available but not working well and will probably not be available until the middle of next year. A shutdown date for

Passport has not yet been announced. Six months from now would be the earliest possible date. *

14. Janey Chao has resigned as co-chair. Francine Egger-Sider is taking her place.

15. The next meeting date is scheduled for March 12, 2004.

Roberta Pike

*Corrections (M. Clarke)

1. 006/007 data from OCLC exports correctly. LDR, 006, 007, and 008 are in 'forms' and so must be opened with CTRL+F as opposed to NOTIS where all fields were completely visible and accessible without the added step of CTRL+F.

13. The Connexion Client is available now and can be used for cataloging. However, users have reported many problems on the OCLC-CAT list. Central Office will arrange for training from OCLC mid 2004 when more of the functionality of the client is available, and more of the problems have been fixed by OCLC.