Shared Cataloging Program Advisory Committee

Conference call Monday, August 16, 2010 3-4:30 PM

Present: Lisa Rowison de Ortiz (UCB), Sarah Gardner (UCD, chair), Holly Tomren (UCI), Valerie Bross (UCLA), John Riemer (UCLA), Jim Dooley (UCM, recorder), Jim Clark (UCR), Adolfo Tarango (UCSD/SCP), Nina Meechoonuk (UCSF), Elaine McCracken (UCSB), Tasha Keagan (UCSC)

Absent: Becky Culbertson (UCSD/SCP)

1. Announcements. Tasha Keagan was welcomed as the new representative from UC Santa Cruz.


OCLC’s Ted Fons is leading an effort to create APIs that will help libraries with varying capacities for extracting and sending batchloads of bib records for OCLC symbol setting in WorldCat. The API would reside on a person’s desktop and query the ILS for the needed records; it would not reside on the ILS server and thus would not need to be licensed with the vendor. OCLC has developed such capability for ALEPH and Millennium and recently approached UCLA about helping them develop an API for Voyager.

As I have reported previously, we currently have 8 campuses that have gotten as far as submitting at least one load of LHRs (UCLA, UCI, UCSB, UCSD, UCM, UCSC, UCD, UCSF). About half that number are keeping the data current on a weekly basis. I have asked CDL staff to nudge OCLC about the status of UCSF, UCR, and SCP’s batchloads of LHRs; OCLC has replied today that the new promised completion date is end of this month.

OCLC has announced creation of a new “OCLC Batchload“discussion list last week.

ACTION: John will forward the email announcement to SCP members.

OCLC recently held a discussion with Linda Barnhart and me of its plans for implementing storage of certain local fields when encountered in batchloading. The fields would reside in a table associated with the master bib record (not the same thing as an Institution Record) and the data would be indexed for retrieval just by the library whose symbol is on the record. OCLC is doing the development work for this July-Sept 2010. To take advantage of the new capability, it might be necessary for us to resubmit bib records as we did in reclamation. The tags involved are 240, 500, 59X, local added entries for persons, corporate bodies, conferences, uniform titles, and local system ID numbers.

CDL has been working on using the Digital Collection Gateway tool that will allow us to reharvest the digital object metadata that had been previously imported to WorldCat for use in WCL. This included everything in e-Scholarship Repository, the OAC finding aids that point to some online content, Calisphere, UC Press e-books, and local digital library project work.

Two groups related to NGM currently at work:

-HOTS Link Types Best Practices group, due to finish up its work by September
- The NGM-NGTS joint TF on LHRs (Sara Layne will be sending SCP AC a revised report on the e-serial separate record issue very soon)

3. Next Generation Technical Services update (Jim)

Brian Schottlaender’s message regarding the status of NGTS work was forwarded to the AC earlier today. The deadline for the submission of the phase 2 reports has been extended to September 10. The reports will be sent to the ULs in time for discussion at their September 15 meeting. Interim reports are posted on the NGTS website.

4. SCP update (Adolfo)

Renee Chin is leaving SCP to become principal serials cataloger at UCSD. Her duties have been assigned to remaining staff. It will be another one to two weeks before active steps will be taken to fill the position. Adolfo is now supervising CDL Acquisitions as well as SCP. He is working to improve workflow between acquisitions and cataloging. Preliminary investigations have begun as to what data can be pulled from various ERMS and Knowledge Bases. Currently SCP does authority work on original records created by SCP. Batchloaded records from OCLC have whatever authority work was done by the inputting library. SCP does not do any authority work on vendor-created records. UCLA sends all records to its authority control vendor.

ACTION: UCLA will investigate if it is possible to separate the SCP records and examine the quality of existing authority control for SCP-created records.

5. UC Link Types Best Practices Group (Holly)

This group has been charged by HOTS to develop and document the practices for UC to follow for the major types of links in use on the majority of campuses. Holly shared a draft document that includes a table of precedence for link types and best practices for the 856 field. During discussion the following points were made:

It is somewhat unclear if the document is guidance or is meant to be prescriptive.

There is a need to break down recommendations by type of resource.

The document should acknowledge that community standards do exist for certain types of links, e.g., Bib Purls.

ACTION: The document will link to Bib Purl documentation on the UC CONSER Funnel page.

ACTION: AC members should send any additional feedback to Holly by Friday, August 27.

Next conference call: Monday, September 20, 3-4:30 PM.