

HOTS Conference Call Minutes July 11, 2011

Present: John Riemer (LA, Chair), Jim Dooley (Merced), Anneliese Taylor (SF), Karleen Darr (Davis, minutes), Lisa Rowilson de Ortiz (Berkeley), Lai-Ying Hsiung (Santa Cruz), Linda Barnhart for Martha Hruska (SD), Patti Martin (CDL), Manuel Urrizola (Riverside), Valerie Bross (LAUC)

Absent: Vicki Grahame (Irvine), Representative from Santa Barbara

1. Sharing highlights of ALA New Orleans

Linked data was a common theme throughout the conference. The joint announcement from US national libraries about RDA received calm reaction. LC announced a collaborative review of the bibliographic framework including MARC 21 as the library communication format. There is keen interest in patron driven acquisitions for both electronic and print formats. ALA included a PDA Preconference moderated by Rick Lugg. OCLC announced that Jay Jordan will retire; OCLC plans to fill Karen Calhoun's vacancy and will pursue Calhoun's ambitious 5-year plan.

2. Melvyl Issue: Usage of LHRs for Monographs in WorldCat & WorldCat Local

Problem: The activation of LHRs for monographs in Melvyl's will result in 2 service degradations. End users will lose real time circulation information, and the Request feature (Interlibrary Loan availability query) will also be affected. Specifically, Request will not get real time circulation information, either, and this will result in manual work for ILL staff, which are already stretched thin. Patti has raised these issues with OCLC, and they have not offered to redesign WorldCat Local. To be fair, Patti has not explicitly asked them to consider redesigning the functionality, either.

HOTS reviewed what might be positive reasons to activate LHRs for monographs. John shared 6 areas gathered from a discussion 2 years ago

1. Multi-volume monographic sets holdings
2. 856 links (URLs) for e-books
3. For small campus collections that don't have traditional ILS (e.g., FileMaker Pro). Patti confirmed that this will not affect the ability of small campuses to be included in WorldCat Local.
4. On Order/In Process monographs
5. Virtual book plating
6. Copy specific data not appropriate for MARC 21 bibliographic records

ACTION: John will send 3-part plan from OCLC for accommodating local data that libraries wish to incorporate into WorldCat Local. John forwarded to HOTS 7/11/11

856 links are considered very important. Also mentioned were On Order/In Process monographs, virtual book plating, and copy specific data categories.

Do any of these features outweigh the key resource sharing functionality? Would LHRs for monographs be an acceptable trade off? If any of the 6 areas listed above are valuable, Patti

suggested documenting the problem and showing the adverse effect on users. This strategy could influence OCLC to investigate a solution.

HOTS discussed implications for Innovative Interfaces campuses to provide LHRs for all monographs. Some III campuses currently create check-in records for multi-volume monographs from which LHRs are derived. Purchasing records from III to produce monograph LHRs would be costly for smaller campuses. There are further cost considerations in staff and systems resources to retrospectively build these LHRs.

Campuses considering OCLC Web Scale Management should consider implications of replacement of their local OPACs in favor of WorldCat. Campuses and OCLC should work together to determine whether the local data can be successfully processed for discovery.

Important to remember that the Next Generation Melvyl mandate was to replace the former Ex Libris Melvyl Catalog and not to serve as a local OPAC replacement.

ACTION: Patti will check to see if the 856 link could display in the Circ Status view. She will also investigate the possibility of creating and loading LHRs into OCLC for e-books only.

HOTS agreed to revisit this topic when a new Melvyl governance structure is in place.

3. Content desired in an upcoming Webinar for the campuses about Melvyl (email sent July 6)

HOTS suggested less emphasis on the history and decision making of Melvyl and more description on where to find documentation. Include an explanation of the new governance structure. Include changes and improvements planned by OCLC and UC for WCL. If time permits, best search strategies of problematic areas—generic or one-word serial titles and government documents.

4. Any other general updates about Melvyl

Patti announced a new governance structure for Melvyl. It will include the familiar Melvyl User Services Group. There will be a new group consisting of campus liaisons with technical and operations expertise for communication purposes- gathering input and local information. And another group will be launched to replace the current NGM Implementation team. These groups will report to SOPAG.

5. NGTS update

An announcement about the Power of Three (POT) group memberships and charges will be released this week. (See box in middle of this page:
<http://libraries.universityofcalifornia.edu/sopag/>)

Next meeting: August 8