Shared Cataloging Program Advisory Committee

Minutes

August 19, 2004

Present: Becky Culbertson (UCSD), Jim Dooley (UCM), Pat French (UCD, recorder), Elaine McCracken (UCSB), Carole McEwan (UCB), John Riemer (UCLA, chair), Adolfo Tarango (UCSD)

1. Housekeeping items

-- Revisions were suggested to the August 10 minutes to more accurately describe questions about how the SFX KnowledgeBase handles URLs that are not Open URL compliant. Might there be instances where a URL will still need to be housed in the 856 field in the bib record?

Action: Adolfo will look for clarification.

SCP AC members will send other revisions to John by Friday, August 20.

-- HOTS has a conference call scheduled for August 27 to continue its discussion of "reinventing" Melvyl.

2. General SCP update:

-- SCP staff are gathering data and reviewing operations to prepare for a possible evaluation of the program. It is possible that SOPAG may request a review sometime in the coming year. SCP staff would appreciate feedback and data from campuses on the benefits/value they receive from the SCP.

-- SCP is planning to do a general cleanup of SCP serial records to correct errors, standardize wording that has varied over time, change package name entries tagged as 710 to 793, etc. Advisory Committee members responded that they would like the cleaned up file to be distributed to campuses with a label that identifies it as a replacement file. Full records would be distributed, suitable for overlay. Holdings updates (856 $3) and call number additions will be sent as regular update records so they can be identified and handled individually if necessary.

-- Pat asked whether it would be possible to include a code or note in the 793 field that indicates which package is the current, or active, content provider.

Action: Becky will explore what's feasible and send out some options.

3. Whether to develop a "Best Practice Guidelines for Consumers of SCP Records" document and how to go about it:

-- Would it be helpful to develop a document that outlines options for efficient use and processing of SCP records? This document could describe overlay techniques and other streamlining procedures that campuses have developed. All agreed that this would be useful. The first step would be to gather descriptions from campuses about their processing techniques.

Action: Becky will survey campuses on current processing methods and provide that as a source document.

4. Discussion of questions from Becky:

A) If numerous changes are going to be made to 793s in previously issued records, should SCP redistribute all the affected records or just send general notification of what the changes are?

SCP AC prefers to receive the updated records, and these could be part of the replacement cleanup file mentioned above.

B) Should SCP be distributing serial records for the main home pages of book series (Ex: the Springer book series, Progress in colloid and polymer science)?

These records would be akin to the serial record traditionally provided for analyzed series. SCP is providing monographic records for titles in certain large series (i.e., analytics) but some A&I database citations include the ISSN to the series title, which causes SFX to link to the series record rather than the individual title. UCSD has created a sample record in Roger (Methods in molecular biology) that displays a note to the public which instructs them to search by individual title to find the volume they seek. The note is in the check-in, or holdings, record and is not in the bib record. The SCP bib record would therefore not contain the note, and campuses would need to add their own local note as relevant to their collection. SCP AC members are interested in receiving these records, but note that they would need to be identified as needing the extra note upon receipt.

Action: SCP will develop a method to identify these records and create them when relevant.

5. Could SCP catalog titles in the EEBO Text Creation Project?

Three UC campuses are participating in the EEBO Text Creation Project, which includes titles outside of the main EEBO package. As this was locally negotiated, this puts the EEBO-TCP titles outside the Tier 1 and Tier 2 collections categories, and therefore SCP would not automatically catalog them. If the three campuses wish to request SCP cataloging for the TCP titles, they would need to send a proposal to the Joint Steering Committee on Shared Collections.

6. Discussion on creating an authority file for e-product names:

This topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

7. Developing an SCP standard for cartographic materials:

There are varied cataloging standards for electronic cartographic materials, including treating them as reproductions per LCRI 1.11A or cataloging them with a 534 field. There are also varied approaches to using a single or separate record. Before a standard can be developed for SCP cataloging, more input is needed from the UC map catalogers.

Action: Elaine, Carole, Adolfo and John will seek this input and lay out the cataloging options as a next step.

Next Meeting date: John will query members by email to find a date in mid-September.