

SHARED CATALOGING PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

February 9, 2005, 8:30a-10:00a

Conference call meeting

Present: Becky Culbertson (UCSD), Jim Dooley (UCM), Pat French (UCD), Vicki Grahame (UCI), Lai-Ying Hsiung (UCSC), Elaine McCracken (UCSB), Carole McEwan (UCB), John Riemer (UCLA - Chair), Adolfo Tarango (UCSD - Recorder)

1. Housekeeping

Added GPO cataloging policy shift as discussion item after discussion of 793 proposal

2. Revisit 793 \$g usage proposal (Adolfo)

While there is potential for an ERM system to track subscription status data, the timeline for system-wide adoption of an ERM is unknown. As there is an immediate need for this data, all agreed it best to move this proposal forward, for use at least until implementation of the statewide ERM.

A review of the specifics brought up the need to tighten the definitions of codes used to reflect the main objective of tracking access status, the need to explicitly rank codes in order of preferred use, the need to add a statement outlining the purpose of the proposal, and for adding a statement that review of this practice would be conducted upon adoption of a system-wide ERM.

Target date for implementation is the end of February, for records to have been updated and distributed to the campuses, by the end of June 2005.

ACTION: Adolfo will rewrite proposal to incorporate comments received and convert it into a procedures document and distribute to AC by end of the week. Comments from campuses should be received by February 18. Once finalized, procedure will be distributed to ACIG as an FYI. As HOTS has requested action on this item, John will report at their next meeting that the proposal is moving forward.

3. GPO cataloging policy shift proposal (John)

GPO announced that it plans to switch its cataloging practice for cataloging remote access electronic resources from using the single-record approach to using the separate-record approach. GPO's single-record practice was one of the main arguments used to justify SCP's cataloging of California state documents using the single-record approach, as such, should that policy decision be reversed?

It was noted that we have not yet heard from the California State Library as to whether they will be switching their practice as well. It was also noted that in another policy shift, GPO is looking to restrict its tangible publication output to a very limited number of titles. Since SCP cataloging policy is to catalog born-digital material using the separate-record approach, and since the state of California is following the same trend towards publishing its documents only online, is there any real need to change current policy?

It was proposed that SCP AC write a letter to GPO arguing against the switch. It was also proposed recommending to GPO that they consider using the electronic record as the base for the single-record. This would be specifically useful in cases where only occasional issues were published in a tangible format.

ACTION: John will compose letter to GPO arguing for and highlighting continuing usefulness of the single-record approach. It will also request GPO to consider using the electronic record as the base record. The text of the letter is appended to these minutes. Becky will follow-up with State Library regarding their plans.

4. Desirability of explicitly citing availability of "full text" and "for free" in 856's (John)

Discussion deferred to next meeting

5. Planning for SCP's "Road Show" (Adolfo)

Comments on proposed agenda:

-- split into general introductory morning session and focused afternoon sessions is good

-- time allocated for morning session probably way too short

-- afternoon sessions should be sequential rather than concurrent to allow staff to attend multiple sessions of interest

-- add to introductory session discussion of CalDocs, selection of free resources, maps

-- end morning session with discussion of local processing

-- separate out from the SCP afternoon session a focus session on systems/file processing issues (campus-by-campus request)

-- add afternoon session to focus on public services/collection planning issues (campus-by-campus request)

Members of the AC agreed to serve as local coordinators for their specific visit, contacts for UCSF and UCR will be sought. The target period for giving these presentations is May and June.

ACTION: Adolfo will rework agenda to incorporate above comments as much as possible. Final agendas will be set with each individual campus.

6. SCP cataloging for e-resources at the "trial" stage (Becky)

CDL has requested that SCP provide cataloging/access to trial access titles. The distributed procedure details our process for doing so. The relevant details for the receiving campuses are that titles will be cataloged using normal cataloging procedures. The 599s will contain "\$b trial access" to alert the receiving campuses. The following 793 will be used:

793 0_ Trial access journal: ends [yymmdd] (package name)

At the completion of a trial, SCP catalogers will redistribute the affected records which will contain one of the following two 599s:

599 UPD \$b remove >793 Trial access journal. (Journal accepted) \$c [yymmdd]

Or

599 DEL \$b Trial access journal \$c [yyymmdd]

7. ALA Midwinter presentation on Hierarchical Interface to Library of Congress Classification (Pat, Jim, John)

Discussion deferred to next meeting

8. General SCP update from Becky & Adolfo

Monographic records for JSTOR serial titles having analyzable parts will begin to be distributed.

9. When to hold our next meeting

Next Meeting:

March 1, 2005

8:30a-10:00a

Recorder: Becky

DRAFT February 10, 2005

Laurie Hall, Director

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Dear Ms. Hall:

Members of the Shared Cataloging Program Advisory Committee in the University of California were quite concerned to learn that GPO is planning to abandon the single-record technique in its cataloging. The GPO policy for single records was one of the influences in the formulation of the California Digital Library Cataloging Guidelines in the late 1990s. The description of the print version is simultaneously used to provide access to all the e-versions available.

There is high value in presenting a user a single place to look in determining what the availability and format choices are for a given volume of a serial. The 2003 OCLC Environmental Scan identifying the important trends affecting libraries and other organizations, highlights the seamlessness users need and expect. The recent move toward the aggregator-neutral record by CONSER represents a response to this need. Catalog users looking for serials already must contend with the successive-entry records that distribute the volumes for a serial run across multiple records. The situation will be made significantly worse by splintering the library's holdings for one particular serial title across multiple bibliographic records for different physical formats.

The January 11, 2005 draft "National Bibliography Policy: Separate records for Titles in Multiple Formats" notes that "electronic publications are the primary format for dissemination ... with over 85% of titles already online" and that the "single record approach does not provide a full description of the electronic version." Those facts do not necessarily dictate a changeover to the separate-record technique. In the name of user convenience, could we not change the basis of the description to the e-version whenever one exists and use that single record to cover the print, microform, and other format versions that are issued?

Would it be possible for GPO to take this approach to cataloging, at least for the serials?

Sincerely,

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