CAMCIG Conference Call Minutes
April 7, 2008
2:30-4:00 PM

Present:
UCB -- Armanda Barone; UCD -- Karleen Darr; UCI -- Vicki Grahame; UCLA -- Sara Layne; UCM – Jim Dooley; UCR -- Manuel Urrizola; UCSC -- Lai-Ying Hsiung; UCSD -- Linda Barnhart (chair); UCSF—Bea Mallek; CDL - Rebecca Doherty (recorder); HOTS and UCSB -- Brad Eden;

Agenda Items:

1. California documents status report

Brad's 4/3/08 report on his conversation with a California State Library staff member about California documents was the starting point for a discussion on a possible collaborative project between UC and CSL. CSL seems especially interested in working with UC on shared cataloging and collection development.

It is likely that UC receives some documents that CSL doesn't. It was suggested that we do an assessment to see which documents we are getting and then compare this to what CSL gets.

UC does not appear to be doing much original cataloging of new materials – so who is doing it? A quick scan of some online records during the meeting indicated that it's probably CSL since their OCLC symbol (CAX) is attached to most of them.
ACTION: Karleen will look more closely at their records and report if this is the case.

Brad thinks many campuses may be working with CONTENTdm. UCSB plans to purchase this within the next six months. Maybe we could use this tool to set up a program for sharing.

Linda reported that Becky Culbertson has been urging SCP to do digital archiving because it involves only a few additional steps (beyond cataloging) to archive the content. UCD is doing this and doesn't feel it takes much time. But there is concern that archiving state documents is not the mission of SCP.

Sara reported that OCLC is in the process of migrating its digital archiving service into CONTENTdm and that this has necessitated changes at the CSL and for other customers of the archive.

ACTION: Brad will summarize our discussion today and distribute it to the group so we can examine the issues together.

It isn't yet known what the mandated SCP cuts will be, but California documents seem a likely front runner. If it is cut, perhaps the campuses could pick it up. Linda spoke recently to CDL's Ivy Anderson who thought that cutting Cal Docs was reasonable and that they didn't really fit into the scope of SCP whose resource sharing funds are meant to be used to catalog licensed content needed by all campuses.

A suggested model was for each campus to take on a different part of the Cal Docs workload so that there was no overlap, to bring the work together at a central place, and to distribute it to everyone. It was suggested that a new UC-wide OCLC symbol might be used to avoid the need for centralized distribution.

This scenario raised many questions that we should be thinking about:
        Impact on staff (repurposing print catalogers to work on electronic items vs. adding new staff)
        Impact on other resources now and in future
        Separate vs. single records for electronic materials (are gov docs an exception?)

ACTIONS:

> Linda: Create a short report about what SCP is now doing in terms of California docs.

> CAMCIG: Talk to our gov docs librarians about collection strengths, and about which agencies' documents are collected. Think about ways of sharing or splitting up work.

> We should also think about talking to GILS, but should first be very clear on what we want to talk about and go to them with a specific proposal.
> Karleen: Talk to UCD's Cal Docs librarian to see if she knows what relevant info is available from GILS.

In addition to the benefits of a collaborative project, there are some concerns:

> Given the current budget climate, there may not be enough resources to proceed.

> The project could result in CSL's relying so heavily on UC that there would be undesired consequences.

Sara mentioned that UCLA is currently doing an inventory of backlogs to see what isn't getting done as well as an inventory of what skills are available to tackle these. A similar model is useful for CAMCIG.

To be continued….

2. WorldCat Local pilot (Next Generation Melvyl pilot)

The pilot rollout is still set for April 28. The implementation team plans to release the URLs for each campus soon that that staff can preview WCL before the pilot goes live.

Update on reclamation projects:
UCSB: Is pleased to have gotten such good results. Brad explained that they did quite a bit of cleanup prior to the reclamation. They expect that all records will be in OCLC by the time of the pilot release or shortly thereafter.
UCB: Is in the process of doing its project now and the 62 files they sent in May (March?) are expected to finish next week. There will be a meeting at UCB on the 21st to assess the project and to determine next steps.
UCD: Karleen asked if any other campuses were having problems with getting multiple hits (UCB and UCSB haven't experienced this.) At UCD, it's especially a problem with microcopy records.
UCM: Is moving ahead with its project.
UCR: Is not proceeding at this point.
UCSF: Is not doing a reclamation project with OCLC but is busy preparing its records for the pilot (e.g., attaching holdings.) They are saving the "one-shot freebie" for a later time.

Update on testing:
Sara reports that things are looking good in terms of holdings getting set on records and showing up in the right groupings.
Linda told the group that things are generally going well and that problem reports are being submitted to the implementation team who are working with OCLC to resolve them.

Duplicate records problem
This is the one at UCSD mentioned by Linda on 3/31 ("The Z39.50 search algorithm has a problem when it searches an OCLC number in our local ILS and that search returns more than one "hit.")
UCSD will work with OCLC on this.
UCD also has duplicate records and their systems person is working with OCLC to resolve.

UCLA found that this was not a problem as they were getting holdings for both. UCD and UCSD did not.

Variations in indexing methods
Linda brought up the possible impact of variations in indexing across the UC campuses. She wondered if UC might need to consider making their indexing practices more similar, especially for the OCLC number. This way, OCLC would only have to develop a single algorithm to deal with using the OCLC number in z39.50 searches of the local catalogs.

3. New approaches for systemwide cataloging initiatives (Brad's document)

This is a regular agenda item.
Armanda and Sara both sent related items shortly before our meeting, but no one has had a chance to read and digest yet.
ACTION ALL: see these memos

4. Announcements/updates

Campus news:
UCB: Has chosen its new ILS – they will use III Millennium. By summer, they plan to have the acquisitions component up. By January, the cataloging and tech services will be active. After that – they'll work on the rest. They don't yet know if they'll use the III OPAC component, or rely on World Cat.
UCD: has been moving forward with a reorganization that will take affect July 1. As a result, Karleen will be leaving cataloging and moving to acquisitions. Xiaoli Li will take Karleen's place on CAMCIG.
UCR: Manuel turned in the cataloging department's five year plan and vision statement last week and will share it with CAMCIG if it's okayed to do so. UCR is working with R2 consultants, focusing of tech services and collections.
UCSC: Moved into the new library addition last week.
UCI: Is recruiting for a new head of monographic cataloging.