

ARTHUR Technical Services Committee meeting, Tues. Nov. 2, 2004, 9-noon.

We spent more than half the three hour meeting discussing Authority record control. Pat (SC) reviewed problems related to the shared task of working through the monthly Blind References. It appears that as a cluster, Arthur had no procedure for marking records as each of us worked on a list. Inas (LU) faulted the training for not telling us to create a cluster procedure. We voted on a procedure which will be posted on the Arthur MCO webpage.

Pat (SC) also discovered while working through the Arthur quarterly significant change reports (old records) that the Arthur database still had the pre-2004 LC form for authority records. No one seems to know why. We made some decisions as to how to work through this mess as we explore the cost of obtaining and loading the new file. This issue was tabled for another meeting.

We also voted to add a 4XX field protected from overlay to new authority records. Inas (LU) will contact CAG to add this to our load table.

Vandy (CC) asked if anyone objected to a more specific SCAT table for Dewey classification. We voted to approve the changes. Vandy (CC) indicated that the changes would be entered by June. Inas (LU) asked for this date for annual statistical reports.

We discussed the MARC codes. Inas (LU) volunteered to do the country codes. Tom (WW) volunteered for language codes. Pat (SC) stated that Arthur also needs to update the MARC validity table on a regular basis. Apparently, Arthur has never updated; this is why validated bib records are showing up with a lot of "red" subfields. Tom (WW) offered to update the validity table as well as the language codes.

Corrine (WC) asked about the many MOSL bibs w/o items in the Arthur database. She asked if she could delete these bibs as she finds them. Corrine (WC) said MOBIUS says these are supposed to be deleted, or at the least, suppressed. Susan (MOSL) told the committee that these bibs are most likely Marcive fed doc records. She explained MOSL's issue with multiple electronic resource bibs from Marcive and asked for the committee's patience as MOSL works out a plan for cleaning up Marcive records.

Susan (MOSL) talked about Procite bib records which are temporary. Apparently there are several of these Procite bibs with OCLC numbers which, of course, generate duplicate headings reports. Pat (SC) gave Susan (MOSL) what she received.

We talked about item fixed fields and item variable fields and voted to add no new fixed fields at this time and to review those we currently have. Some item fields are MARC, some not; some of which are cluster, some not. Corrine (WC) shared some MilCir functionality that no one else was aware existed.

There was a discussion of some issues related to Acquisitions and order records.

Corrine (WC) said she has students who are correcting typos in Arthur bibliographic records. Pat (SC) cautioned that what appear to be "typos" may actually be what is on the title page of the cataloged item and that is what is recorded in the 245 field.

We tabled for another meeting a new I-type proposed by Columbia College.

We will meet again in the spring.

We agreed to converse with each other on the Arthur Coordinator's List ARTHUR-L; Vandy (CC) and Susan (MOSL) are the only non-coordinators in the Arthur tech services group) and will be added to this mailing list. We agree to use the subject line to indicate we're discussing ARTHUR Tech Services Committee issues.