

BRIDGES CATALOGUING COMMITTEE

July 18, 2007

Minutes

The Bridges Cataloguing Committee met July 18, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at Harris-Stowe. Kathy Nystrom chaired at the request of Denise Pakala, recovering from a recent fall.

Attending

Linda Orzel, Harris-Stowe University

Joel Shedlofsky, Logan College of Chiropractic

Julie Portman, Fontbonne University

Sharon McCaslin, Fontbonne University

Denise Pakala, Covenant Theological Seminary

Jim Pakala, Covenant Theological Seminary

Brady Shuman, Covenant Theological Seminary

Wendy Schlegel, Eden-Webster Library

Kathy Nystrom, Eden-Webster Library

Elaine Trost, Missouri Baptist University

Suzanne Gleason, Lindenwood University

Mary Ann Mercante, Maryville University

INSTITUTIONAL NEWS

Fontbonne

Catherine had her baby, a girl named Sofia.

Fontbonne University celebrated its 40th birthday in the spring. The Library held a birthday party and asked for birthday gifts. The Library received a sum about equivalent to its annual book budget.

Logan

Nothing to report.

Eden-Webster

The Library held its annual all-staff goals meeting.

Covenant

Denise reported that she is recovering gradually from her fall at ATLA. She can now put 10% of her weight on her leg. In another month she should be up to 50% and in another month, another 50%. She's been working at home, but hasn't been able to get done most of the summer projects she had planned.

Jim pointed out the influence of the Bridges cluster on a statewide basis by noting that 5 of the current MLNC Board members are directors of Bridges libraries.

Maryville

Mary Ann reported that the first floor renovations are well underway and should be completed by the time classes begin in late August.

Harris-Stowe

Marty retired on June 29th. Linda is interim director. The director position has not yet been advertised. Linda will see how serving as the interim director works out. She will see that the position is put on the MOBIUS users list when it is officially advertised.

The Library is working through donations from Webster University. The Library is In the process of moving the Wolff Jazz Institute from the Emerson building to the main building. They are waiting for shelving . The Library is applying for grants for a couple of archival collections needing organization and cataloging. The Library received the papers of former Rep. William Clay. These papers go back before the Jefferson Bank strike. The Library also has the scrapbooks of newspaper clippings from Bill Bailey of the Post-Dispatch and papers of Dr. Gretchen Lockett, former Harris-Stowe VPAA who did an oral history of the Jefferson Bank strike. The Library has a woman working part-time on the papers. She was trained at the Missouri Historical Society.

Dr. Gibbons is seeking funding to renovate Vashon Community Center and turn it into the William Clay archive. This would be a multi-million dollar renovation.

Missouri Baptist University

Their renovations are nearly completed. The staff will be back in Library in two weeks. Seven people worked in a classroom during the renovation.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF CHAIR

Denise was unanimously re-elected as chair of the Bridges Cataloguing Committee. Mary Ann agreed to take minutes for another year.

MCDAC REPORT

MCDAC will have in-person meeting on Friday. This is done once a year as a joint meeting of the outgoing and incoming committee members.

Agency Software and SHARE

The big issue on MCDAC's agenda is the agency software. There are concerns about SHARE and how it will work with the agency software. In the agency software, every item location code has to correspond to one agency, but SHARE by definition refers to multiple libraries. The fix we have done for Bridges is

1. All SHARES will be changed to Maryville for the central catalog, "freely available online" will show.
2. In Bridges catalog, the records will continue to come into all scopes that are associated.

Eventually, we will need to create item records for all SHARE participants.

MERLIN never had a SHARE code, but it did have something like an Agency code for the cluster. Following this model, we could make Bridges an agency, solely for this purpose.

Request This Item Link

In the central catalog, if the only copy is checked out, the request will still go through and you don't know you're not going to get this item. Also, two screens with full bib displays before seeing the holdings are not desirable.

Clickable Location Codes

The clickable location codes feature still is problematic for patrons when there are multiple locations with the same code. The Agency software may solve this problem.

856s in Item Records

Part of Agency software will require putting 856s in the item record.

WebPACPro

Questions were asked regarding training on how to modify the Webpac in WebPacPro. Is there any news on whether we still need to go to MCO for changes? There still is a problem with changing fonts.

WEBSTER'S SUPPRESSED BIB RECORDS FOR MUSIC SCORES

Webster is still processing 20,000+ scores from the St. Louis Symphony's music school. They are in various stages of being done, so a lot of them are suppressed. The Blinds list doesn't tell you that a heading is from a suppressed record. Kathy alerted us to look for the suppression code on the record and not to spend time fixing these on suppressed records since they will be changed.

On the Blinds, 4XX and 5XXs don't need to be deleted. This was an early worry, but they don't cause a problem. Marking the record for deletion takes both it and its see refs out of the catalog.

Denise reminded the group that when deleting subject heading authority records, be sure you are deleting from the right subject heading file (i.e. Juvie, or MESH, or LC)

2nd Indicator 9 Used in Authority Record 4xx and 5xx Fields

Kathy handed out a listing of Fields Protected in Authority records for Bridges. A copy of this can be found in the documents section of the Bridges Cataloging Committee web site. The use of the 2nd indicator 9 in a 4XX and 5XX field on an authority record indicates that the cross-reference field was added to the record by a Bridges Library. A subfield 5 should be also used in the field to identify the institution adding the cross-reference. The code used should be our Bridges library code. Kathy reminded the group that there are two kinds of overlay protection. One form keeps the incoming field(s) as well as our 4XX and 5XXs with indicator 9; the other form would keep only our 4XX and 5XXs and not any incoming. Bridges is set up for the overlay which keeps both our added 4XX and 5xx fields as well as the incoming ones.

URL Displays in the WebOPAC

Julie would like links to e-books or pdfs to open in a new window rather than in the same window. Because they open in the same window, closing the window takes the patron out of the catalogue. Joel suggested trying "target equals" but Julie said this doesn't work. Fontbonne's IT folks are telling her it is a server issue. Closing the window takes you out of the catalogue.

The Committee agreed to send this issue to the Site Coordinators.

Missouri State e-Documents Repository

Denise is about to send us the first batch (90 records total) of OCLC record numbers from the Missouri State Library. She will split up the first list of 90 among the SHARE participants. Each of us should import from OCLC and attach the SHARE location code to them. A template: MoGovDocs will be set up.

After these are sent, there will be just a few every few months.

Non-English Subject Headings

The Committee agreed that we would like the non-English subject headings that can be identified by indicator value to be removed from our subject indexes. This will be forwarded to Site Coordinators. It will require a reindexing and so will probably be held to bundle with other changes that require reindexing.

CONFERENCE REPORTS

MOBIUS

Those of the Committee who attended the MOBIUS Conference described it as the "best ever." Handouts are available on the MOBIUS website via the Conferences tab, following the Conference Program link. The session on keeping up to date with Cataloging was thought to be a very good session.

IUG

Attendees reported on various sessions.

Kathy went to several statistics sessions that she found helpful.

Joel attended sessions on WebPac and Coding Behind WebPac. He is now reading books recommended by the conference presenter. Ill is using a person who works in Maine and communicates electronically with the supervisor of the project who also is not in California. This is an example of how everyone who works together no longer needs to be in the same place.

Denise went to several sessions showing planned developments. In the next release, staff will be able to place requests on behalf of a patron without pretending to be the patron. You will be able to start the webopac from MilCirc and initiate a request. There will customizable paging slips.

Denise saw a session on Encore, Ill's meta-searching product. Search results are separated by Central Catalog results, local Catalog results; databases. It is very much like tag clouds weighted by MARC field. Encore is only keyword searching at present. Springfield-Greene is a development partner. They are very happy with it. Encore is a separate product that would have to be purchased. It looks a lot like WorldCat Local – they definitely are competitors. The MOBIUS Executive Committee has Encore on its list of things to ask for from the State Legislature from 2009 budget. MCO is wording the request vaguely enough so that it can cover Encore or OCLC WorldCat.

Denise also reported that improved Millennium printing is in development. This would include improved order printing and label printing. The printing would have a completely different underlying architecture than current printing does. You would be able to create Printing Templates or use a freeware called IReports.

ATLA

Tom Yee, Assistant Chief, Cataloging Support Office, Library of Congress, spoke at ATLA. The prevailing sentiment at LC now appears to be that cataloging is not really important and can be done by lower level staff. He foresees that it may not be a department as such in a few years. LC is moving away from research library cataloging to general public library cataloging. He believes economics plays a part, but that the changes reflect a change in principle. LC has lost so many of their cataloguers and has not replaced them, has merged the Acquisitions and Cataloging Departments and now has descriptive cataloging done by Acquisitions technicians, with the LC catalogers doing the access points. There will soon be no Italian language cataloguers left. Cassalini Libri will do their Italian cataloging, though there are some questions about their embargoing the records to sell.

CIP will not be cut back. That is politics: publishers want the CIP, so they complain to their legislators.

Yee reported that cataloguers are not invited to most of the policy decision meetings, though that has changed a little since the series decision debacle.

LC seems to have decided to keep LCSH instead of going to post-coordination.

Denise reported on the RDA session from ATLA. She noted the strange conjunction that so much in RDA is left to cataloguers judgment, but there won't be professional cataloguers to make that judgment and folks aren't being given the tools to develop the judgment. Part of this problem can be traced back to cataloging not being required as much in masters programs. We have to talk with our reference librarians and library directors. We have to learn to use their vocabulary and explain to them that they can't get the information out if we don't put it in. Administrators are not going to come to us. Catalogers are to librarians as librarians are to the rest of faculty.

Denise is concerned about RDA's attempt to make one set of rules that apply to everything. For example, place of publication would be optional, in part because websites don't have place in the same way, so therefore place needs to be optional in order to have rules that apply to everything. Other changes include using the terms "pages" and "volumes" spelled out instead of using the abbreviations: p. and v. Computer terms, however, can be abbreviated. RDA will take "sic" out, and S.l. and s.n. will be replaced with their real meaning.

RDA plans to drop a lot of specific examples in order to appear simpler, but that makes it harder for beginners.

ATLA has convinced RDA to retain a separate Religion section. Denise thinks some of the changes appear to be good, such as the Bible headings changes.

Other Sessions

Joel has attended a Project Management workshop and a Copyright workshop. He will be attending a NLM How to Market Your Library workshop.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND NUMBER OF MEETINGS PER YEAR

The Committee decided to continue with five meetings a year. The next two meetings will be:

Oct. 10th at Harris-Stowe University

Dec. 5th Maryville University