

2010 Annual Report to Library Council

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Introduction

Cataloguing and Authorities Users' Group (CAUG) members are appointed from all interested campus libraries that contribute records via Sirsi to the on-line union catalogue. Although a few libraries choose not to participate at all, many others send more than one person to most meetings; typically there are about 20 people in attendance. CAUG meetings are open to everyone.

Summary

CAUG met five times over the last year (November 23, 2009, March 1 2010, May 3 2010, July 5 2010, October 12 2010). Minutes of all meetings from December 2002 onwards are posted on the Robarts Cataloguing website (<http://discover.library.utoronto.ca/cataloguing/cataloguing-authorities-users-group>). Notification is sent via e-mail to all subscribers to the CatInfo distribution list whenever the latest minutes are posted. This list remains a useful forum for discussion among campus cataloguers between CAUG meetings.

Main Topics of Discussion, 2009-2010

Reports from the Metadata Librarian

Marlene van Ballegooie reported to the committee on many ongoing projects. These projects often related to fixing older cataloging records and display issues with Endeca. The OCLC WorldCat error report and record fixes elicited much discussion involving the 92-plus thousand records which failed to load into WorldCat due to errors. Errors for OCLC records focused around subfield codes in the 245 and 300 fields, invalid 008 fixed field codes and invalid 007 control field codes.

A form subdivisions project also was discussed in detail. This project resulted from errors in Endeca's display of subfield codes, (particularly subfields |x instead of |v). This issue results from the highly visible distinction between form and genre facets in Endeca and the coding practice of catalogers. This will be an ongoing project and more discussion is likely.

MARC 041 Language Codes also occupied much time. Records created before 2001 use the old rules for coding the 041, (language code), field. The old method was to string together various language codes under one subfield. New rules stipulate that they need to be coded in a separate subfields. Endeca disregards language fields not conforming to the new rules. Marlene has dumped out and recoded around 442,000 041 fields, which will be written back into Sirsi when some ITS programming time is available.

Other issues discussed with Marlene included changes to 046 field, Genre/form index, XML parsing, (linking items in the Internet Archive with records in SIRSI), and Metadata conversion and modification, (e-book vendors MARC records; working with T-Space, generating MARC records for theses, generating Dublin Core records for U of T's exam collection, and working on generating MARC records for items held in locally-created digital collections).

Reports from ITS

EIR reporting, (to improve access to online journals), was a major topic of discussion. Sian Meikle suggested that reporting was a major issue, specifically how to link, when to link, and how links are maintained. Sirsi browse function was also discussed, as was the work on streaming server, coverflow, mobile interface, and metadata standards for media server and T-space. Issues of priorities was a component to virtually all discussions involving ITS. Sian was

able to update the committee in regards to priorities and how they were determined. Anything that was part of pandemic planning took priority. Feelings that basics were being overlooked, (such as properly displaying public notes), were a central part of talks with ITS .

Other business

Downsview was discussed on a few occasions. Issues included who is sending what, and problems with display, (items at Downsview were sorting to the top of hit lists confusing search results). Need for consistent strategy for cataloging and setting location and other cataloging issues involving the Downsview location were discussed.

RDA planning was a topic of discussion. U of T central library is waiting for the outcome of the current RDA testing being carried out by LC, NLM, Library and Archives Canada, and a few other large libraries. After LC makes a decision about implementation we will act.

Thesis cataloging was an interesting topic. submissions to SGS will now be in electronic format only. A new procedure for cataloging and communication around new theses for catalogers is being worked out. A script will generate MARC records from the T-Space Dublin Core metadata and load them into Sirsi. These will be equivalent to the records we have been getting from ProQuest. Libraries that currently provide fuller cataloging for theses no longer need to create their own record first; they can upgrade these script-generated records with subject headings and other controlled access points.

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