

Minutes of the Cataloguing and Authorities Users' Group Meeting May 26 2008, Robarts Library Room 4049

Present: Lisa Andrews-Attwater (*Rotman*), Alastair Boyd (*Robarts*), Michael Bramah (*SMC*), Mary Canning (*UTM*), Joyce Chyrski (*Robarts CDD*), Anne Dondertman (*Fisher*), Sharon Dyas-Correia (*Robarts Serials*), Carmen Garcia (*Mt Sinai*), Barbara Geiger (*St. Augustine's*), Anna Golodnitsky (*Knox*), Shelley Hawrychuk (*UTM*), Mary Jaques (*Regis*), Jack Leong (*Canada Hong Kong*), Connie Lewin (*SMC*), Diana Liang (*UTS*), Joan Links (*Media Commons*), Felicity Pickup (*Robarts Ref*), Remi Pulwer (*SMC*), Stephen Qiao (*East Asian*), Kathryn Roberts (*Law*), Fabiano Rocha (*Robarts*), Sirpa Ruotsalainen (*Trinity*), Mary Ruscillo (*Robarts*), Anna Slawek (*Robarts*), Carmen Socknat (*Victoria*), Eva Spevak (*Robarts*), Stephanie Swift (*OISE*), Elisa Sze (*FIS Inforum*)

1. Minutes and Business Arising of February 11 Meeting

Minutes approved as written. No business arising.

2. Pending Sirsi Changes

Alastair Boyd (*Robarts*) summarized the timetable from Thomas Chan (*ITS*) for updates and upgrades to Sirsi expected over the summer: these began over the Victoria Day long weekend, will continue with test re-conversion of the test server database to Unicode in July, culminating with the conversion of the database to Unicode and the switch to the new "Java Client" version of Workflows in August. An e-mail will be sent to the CatInfo list summarizing the key dates. *Question:* Please clarify the changes to system requirements.

Answer: The minimum requirement of 512 Mb mentioned by ITS is for running the Java client. As usual, more than the minimum is recommended if you intend to run any other program — such as a web browser, or Word processor — at the same time. Other Sirsi customers have apparently found 1 gigabyte to be a practical minimum.

3. Endeca "Discovery Layer" and cataloguing standards

The Endeca Implementation team and ITS are making some serious progress on implementing the new Endeca front end. Endeca is able to make use of all sorts of MARC data that has previously gone to waste, which is good news. However, it is also exposing a certain amount of inconsistent or erroneous MARC coding. The Endeca facet for "type" (useful for whittling lists down to non-print formats like microfilm, or DVDs, or cassette tapes, etc.) doesn't work comprehensively if some records lack the correct coding. Any time you have a non-print item there should be a **007** field, for example. Endeca can use this field to determine that not only is the record for a video, but that it is a VHS tape rather than a DVD.

Ramifications for cataloguing departments: first, it is important to code things properly and consistently; second, there will be a certain amount of "data cleaning" (Endeca's term) required—i.e. correction of some old records to make them work properly.

The Endeca team is trying to FRBR-ize our catalogue through the new interface, by creating "work" or "expression" level records, based on **100** plus **240** (or **100** + **245** subfield |a). In this way, Endeca can "roll up" hitlist displays for the same work or expression (e.g. all English versions followed by all French translations of Hamlet). Again, this will only work when records have the necessary headings, consistently established. At present this will not work for analytic added entries, i.e. **700** headings with subfield |t, and with second indicator 2. This is unfortunate, but there may be a way to overcome this limitation later in the year. When OCLC was starting work on the FRBRizing of WorldCat, they found it necessary to create a stoplist for collective uniform titles like "Selections", since it was the reverse of helpful to collapse all records with a **100** like *Dickens, Charles ...* and a **240** of *Selections*, into a single hitlist item. We may have to do likewise. If we (and OCLC and LC) had used the MARC field **243** which was expressly designed for collective uniform titles, we would not have this problem, but it is now too late to change existing records.

4. Summary of TRY Conference presentation from Mary Ruscillo

Mary Ruscillo (Robarts) gave an abbreviated version of her staff conference presentation “Cataloguing in the Light of 2030”. She discussed the latest trends in, and forecasts of the future of, cataloguing in an increasingly digital/online world, with particular reference to the proposed new cataloguing code RDA. A summary is now up on the 2008 TRY conference website at:

<http://link.library.utoronto.ca/registration/staffconference/2008/presentations.cfm>.

5. Other business

Recent updates to Sirsi have resulted in mixed case browse index entries for newly-updated records. This mixture of all caps for old index entries and mixed case for new ones looks a little strange, but does not affect the function of the indexes at all. When the database is converted and all the indexes rebuilt in August, browse lists will once again become uniform in appearance.

The next meeting will be in September. Precise date to be announced.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30.