Minutes of the Cataloguing and Authorities Users' Group
10 May 2011, 10:00 a.m., Robarts Rm 4049

Present:

Regrets:

Action items:

- Marlene to investigate the status of UTL's contribution of records to Amicus.

Approval of last minutes: Motion to approve minutes;

Minutes were not approved pending resubmission to CAUG listserv for members to re-read.

Business arising from the minutes: none pending re-reading of the minutes by CAUG members.

Report from the Metadata Librarian: Marlene

Mini–bib Replacement Project: Marlene is updating current state of e-resource records; trying to clean-up system generated "stub" records that are entered into the catalogue from ITS with only minimal information and EIR link.

Strategy: Using ISSNs and ISBNs as a match point, she brings in better records to merge with the mini-bib records that will provide more access points for users.

Work to date: Began working with an iSchool student on the project; the initial goal was to upgrade 5000 records; collectively upgraded 31000 to OCLC/Conserv quality records. However this is approximately 1/10th of the total number. Since then Marlene has improved script so it may go more quickly.

OCLC Number integration project: Marlene is working on ensuring all items contributed to WorldCat are associated with correct cat keys.

The process was initially slow until recent reindexing of catalogue; 5.2 million records updated with OCLC numbers, and OCLC numbers will be added records contributed.

When a UTL record is contributed to WorldCat it gets added to a record, or another one is created; from there it is assigned an OCLC number that permits a more seamless transition to our catalogue by linking directly to record.

Permits ITS to use OCLC's API tools; e.g. mobile apps; locating books within a particular geographic area.

Marlene has updated every library's registry site; all point to endeca now (not old catalogue), and directly to item.

- Deletions:-Carmen mentioned that they still withdraw material from OCLC; Marlene said that they no longer have to do this because Marlene will be creating a script to catch deletions from UTL in OCLC, though in the past this was not done.

-It was pointed out that Amicus holdings are not updated; Marlene didn't think U of T libraries actively contribute to Amicus.

-Alistair mentioned there had been a project to strip holdings from Amicus because of confusion with resource sharing.

Serials Solutions Implementations: Transition from SFX and to the adoption of SSI has been ongoing since January. E-journals contained in SFX have been migrated; in the process of checking and cleaning up records.

E-books: Marlene is working on getting these in SSI: 450,000 books in total.

Question: when will this process by complete? Marlene indicated that she had hoped for fall but that it was unlikely now.

Miscellaneous clean-up: 245 fields: some containing subfield "d" inserted instead of "c"; Marlene invited group to contact her if they see examples like this and she can look into fixing them globally.

URL re-writes: Marlene has been working to rewrite the links to provide more information by integrating vendor information and holding dates into hyperlinks. She has updated approx 80,000, but has put this project on hold pending introduction of SSI and how it will affect URLS.

Resource Thumbnails in OPAC

Carmen mentioned that it is problematic for rare books to be linked to an unattractive dummy image. Is there a way to scan own as long as the images are outside copyright? It was suggested that Marc Lalonde would be the one to ask.

Linking SIRSI records to trailers for films; given title and UPC code; 024 field, indic. 1 = UPC codes for films; from this point forward Marlene asked that video-recordings should include this field as she is having difficulty merging these due to lack of UPC codes.

Diacritics: A question was asked about whether the problems displaying diacritics in browse would be fixed; Marlene said ITS is aware, but was unsure when it would be addressed.

Alastair Boyd RDA and FRBR presentation (See accompanying PPT presentation http://individual.utoronto.ca/boydmus/RDA-FRBR-CAUG.pdf for detailed information)

Overview:

RDA is aligned with FRBR which aids users in finding appropriate items for their needs—find, identify, select and obtain.

-The impetus behind RDA is to move away from legacy catalogue practices, but a major criticism of RDA is that librarians acted as surrogates for all users, calling into question as to whether it would work in practice.

-Alastair discussed the concept of work versus expression, which is difficult to determine; e.g. original and derivative/adaptations, etc. Can we ever catalogue a "work" or is everything a manifestation of the work?

Someone suggested the "work" is just another name for aboutness; uniform title is in effect a standard access point.

RDA Examples:

Alastair provided some examples of terminology changes, and examples of what has not been changed--many passages in RDA are lifted directly from AACR2 but moved to other location and renumbered.

Provided overview of RDA Toolkit; sample of new MARC record catalogued using RDA.

Examples: p. to become pages, ill. to become illustrations.

Rule of three is no longer; instead a statement of responsibility with nine names would all be recorded.

GMDs are also no more; the inconsistency between content and carrier to be resolved by the following tags: 336-content, 337-medium, 338-carrier.

Latin abbreviations are gone, and place of production not identified.

Update on RDA implementation decision: About a month away from LC voting and a great deal is dependent on this. LC expressed doubts early on about RDA, especially as to whether it is cost effective, which has lead to subsequent testing and three months of evaluation.

RDA: Odds: a lot of money invested so it seems unlikely to be rejected; LAC has decided to go ahead, but some smaller libraries are unsure as to how they can afford to implement the new standard. If LC does vote yes, we would have no choice but to opt in given how dependent we are on derived records.

No subscription to RDA currently; if accepted we'll probably maintain current practice of having central subscription for all libraries, but in the meantime, do not use RDA records. Alastair will keep us updated about changes, training if necessary.

Next meeting date: James 4 meetings a year; September, November, February and May. Will update terms of reference