

Minutes of the Cataloguing and Authorities Users' Group  
15 November 2010, 10:00 a.m., Robarts Rm 4049

*Present* : James Mason (music), Marlene Van Ballegooie (Robarts), Sian Meikle (ITS), Lana Soglasnova (Robarts), Lisa Andrews-Attwater (Rotman), Monica Hypher (CIRHR), Mary Reynolds (Regis), P.J. Macdougall (Massey), H. Rashid (Law), Anna Golodnitsky (Knox), Max Dionisio (Inforum), Stephen Qiao (East Asian), Stephanie Swift (OISE) Mary Ruscillo (Robarts), Anne Dondertman (Fisher), Carmen Socknat (Vic), Sherry Smuggler (Government Publications), David Eden (UTLD), Fabiano Rocha (Robarts) Carmen Garcia (Mt-Sinai), Irene Wu (Rom), Stephanie Hung (Canada - Hong Kong).

*Regrets*: Kate MacDonald (Trinity)

1. **Minutes of July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting**

Approved minutes.

2. **Auto correct feature of opac** (Lana , Sian Meikle)

Suggesting languages other than the language searched for. Example given was a Russian term, Ukrainian suggestions listed.

Concern was raised that suggestions could be misleading, or untrustworthy.

Sian lead discussion of characteristics of auto correction feature :

- If less than 10 entries for term – will search related term.
  - Asked if this should be changed ? Consent was that that number was fine
- Suggesting that limiting language in advance is too cumbersome for users.
- Always trying to correct items from Rare Books as older spellings differ.
  - Searching in quotes will solve that

3. **Fixed fields reverting back after being updated** (James Mason)

Concern was raised that fixed fields in older records that had been updated were reverting back to pre-updated information.

- Marlene asked for examples. James will provide examples.

4. **Update on projects from ITS (response to question)** (Sian Meikle)

- Zotero support in Endeca.
- Working on improved display features.
- Refining how subjects are displayed.
- Bringing in other title elements from fields such as 246.

- Order records into catalog.
- More indexes.
  - search within publisher
  - search within corporate author
  - search within personal author

Question about indexing 546 field

- Sian suggested that this could be “put on the list”

Question about more precise date range information

- Issue of building out facet more, but suggested limiting by century might be helpful. Will talk more about this issue.

Question about displaying public notes

- Sian suggested that item was “on the list”.

## 5. **Report from the Metadata librarian** (Marlene Van Ballegooie)

- Project to overlay complete records over mini-bib records for electronic resources.
  - These mini-bib records contain very little information.
  - Most of these records are for journals and the Early English Books Online (EEBO) collection.
  - EEBO contains 113,000 resources, of which Marlene was able to find records for 101,500
  - Presently a 3000 bib pilot project is being undertaken.
- Authority control project.
  - Currently, there are over 1,832,151 records of unauthorized name headings. This project aims to :
    - Gather the name authority records
    - Check them against the record
    - If the name heading is exactly the a same, load the authority record in our system.
- OCLC Number Integration Project
  - The scripts are now in place to add OCLC numbers to our catalogue records.
  - Work with a programmer in ITS to have this data automatically flow through from the server where information is stored to the server on which the changes need to take place needs to happen.
- Upgrading EIR Records
  - Upgrade the links to provide users with more information about which vendor they are linking to and also provide some indication of the coverage of the resource.
    - Example: a journal may be offered by 5 different vendors. The user just sees 5 mini-bibs. The user can’t distinguish information such as what site is being linked to, or date ranges.

- The one problem is that the Sirsi database cannot easily handle that much change at one time. the system can only handle about 25-30,000 records in one night. Therefore this project we will need to work through all of these changes at a pace that may be slower than we would like.
- Shelf Browse
  - Improve display of electronic resources in their shelf browse.
    - Presently, a call number is different than print collection, therefore electronic items do not file next to print counterpart.
  - Expand the call numbers for electronic resources so that an electronic resource files as close as possible to their paper counterpart.
    - Does this by pulling out the LC number from the 050 field. this will improve situation, but does not take into consideration local numbering practices.

Question and discussion about displaying shelf browse information by library location.

- Presently the the display allows for all libraries or to limit by specific library. Adding a location sub-limit will be discussed with Sian.

Comment about diacritics not displaying correctly in Shelf Browse.

- Marlene suggested that this was likely due to Sirsi using different encoding standards therefore it misinterprets diacritics from sources using the UTF-8 standard. There may be a programming solution.

- CODOC Call Number Changes
  - Don't work well in Shelf Browse.
  - Creating a new classification scheme in Sirsi for CODOC call numbers.
    - Now all CODOC call numbers are given an LC classification scheme.
    - As a result, all of the CODOC call numbers file in between the LC call numbers leading to a very strange display.
  - The Creation of a CODOC call number scheme on the Tort server will help
    - Some testing demonstrated that once the call numbers are converted to the new scheme, they will finally file in the proper order.
- Order records in Endeca
  - looking at how to include items that are order in the Endeca interface.
- Electronic Theses
  - Received MARC records for the first group of electronically submitted theses.
    - Covered theses from March 2008 to June 2009.
- Serials Concatenation Project
  - This is still being worked on.

Question about EIR reporting.

- It is available to do now through the staff intranet. If access is not available, Marc LaLonde can set it up.

6. **Catalogue in OCLC Connexion with paired fields in the original script for Slavic records.**

(Lana Soglasnova)

- Have started adding paired fields to original cataloguing records in Slavic languages.
- In addition to transliteration, many fields will also have original Cyrillic scripts.
- Mostly done for descriptive fields such as 245, 250, 260, 400, 830, but also 100, 700, 500, 600.
- Many records are from derived cataloguing. These records will not at this time be updated.
- Will allow users to search in transliteration and original language.
- Computers in Robart's are enabled with the language features necessary to search in Cyrillic languages.
- Survey shows overwhelming interest from users in the Slavic Languages department.
- Library of Congress and other academic libraries are actively creating records like these.
- Switched from Sirsi to OCLC connexion to do cataloguing. Then records are downloaded from OCLC to use in Sirsi.
- Sirsi displays the paired fields with linking to 880 fields.
- The next step will be to add other languages, Russian and Ukrainian for example
- Then derived records.

7. **Report to Library Council** (James Mason)

- Report was delivered in October, and approved.

**Next meeting:** 7 February 2011 (tentative)