

Catalogers Group Meeting

January 18, 2001

Meeting convened at 2:33 p.m.

I. Louise Ratliff reported on the ALA Bibco-at-Large meeting, which included:

- Opening remarks by Marjorie Bloss, Chair of PCC, and discussion of BIBCO parameters: <http://lcweb.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/bibco/parameters.html>
- Task Group on 042 Field: <http://www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/tg042final.html>
- Task Group on Series Numbering:
<http://lcweb.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/seriesnumb.html>
- Standing Committee on Training (Chair, Carol Hixson) and its task groups:
 - Standing Committee on Training: <http://lcweb.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/training.html>
 - Task Group on NACO Continuing Education: <http://www.lib.cwu.edu/~dcc/naco-continue-ed-index.html>
- Task Group on PCC Participant and Training Documentation:
<http://lcweb.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/tgdocnfinal.html>

<http://lcweb.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/tgdocnappdx.html>

- Task Group on Educational Needs of the Cataloging Community; survey results:

<http://lcweb.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/tgedusrvy.html>

- Task Group on Web-based Training and Distance Education:

<http://www.wam.umd.edu/~schalow/pcc/pccsctrpt.html>

- Joint Task Group (Standing Committees on Standards and Training) discussed the implementation of integrating resources. A report is needed by April 2001, and the task group needs help if someone is interested and has time at the present.
- BIBCO Operations Committee: No consensus was reached re: membership expansion survey. The topic will be readdressed if and when there are 60 BIBCO members.
- David Banush (Cornell University) is planning to conduct a survey of catalogers' and policy makers' attitudes towards the core record in hopes that the results will assist the PCC Policy Committee in planning and marketing the core standard. He hopes to have a report ready for the ALA 2001 Annual Meeting.
- Visioning exercise, facilitated by Jenifer Bowen:

- Addressed the pros and cons of BIBCO. On the positive side, it was noted that 65,000 bibliographic records have been contributed, which enlarges the pool of good-quality records than can be streamlined into workflows, and it was concluded that it is a successful cooperative program. On the negative side, it was noted that utilities are unable to exchange and share records among themselves, there is no agreement on bibliographic file maintenance (BFM), the core record standard is not widely accepted, and there is a lack of consistency in BIBCO cataloging. Suggestions for improvement focused on better communication and documentation, and challenges foreseen in the coming 5 years included ongoing training, need for more stable program funding, and less reliance on volunteers on the co-op team.
- Wish list for utilities, in priority order:
 - Validation (linked authority control)
 - Record distribution between utilities
 - Batch tapeloading and overlay
 - SACO proposals be done on the utilities (NACO model)
 - BFM
 - Record import into utilities
 - Classification online on utilities
 - Proper file sorting of series numbering

II. Report on ALA PCC Participants Meeting, January 14, 2001

- Louise Ratliff shared brochures that include information about a 2001 ALA Annual Meeting preconference entitled *The Future of Serials Control: Implementation of the MARC21 Holdings Format*, and shared highlights of the meeting, which included:
 - Core standards for cartographic materials are being developed.
 - The Standing Committee on Standards will need 2 new members in October 2001.
 - A record set is now available for ProQuest titles: <http://proquest.com/hp/Features/Marc>
 - The Gale Group is about to produce a record set.
- John Riemer mentioned that issues dealing with batch loading and the ability of CONSER libraries to do maintenance on records were discussed. He also noted that 1/3 of contributed BIBCO records follow the core standard.

III. Round robin of news from ALA attendees

- Beth Feinberg reported on her experience at ALA, which included attendance at various

Slavic/East European sessions, e.g a session about Slavic websites; a tour of the LC technical

services area, during which she learned that LC outsources its Cyrillic alphabet Central Asian

material; and volunteering to be the recorder for an ALCTS group discussion of electronic

resources. The discussion focused on licensing and budgeting; Beth plans to remain active

with this group.

- Louise Ratliff attended several CORC meetings, from which she has information for UCLA catalogers working with CORC. Valerie Bross asked if CORC is expanding to EAD; Louise replied that it is, that EAD is the next format to be dealt with.
- John Riemer reported on the following highlights:
- During the Big Heads discussion, he had an idea about sharing with users (a subset of) the data libraries want to collect for licensed resources. A final 856 field in the cataloging record could be used, e.g.

856. 40 \$3 About use of this resource: \$u [http://...](#)

- A discussion in the CONSER visioning exercise about how to achieve more efficiency in record maintenance. Instead of strategizing to notify all libraries whenever bibliographic records have been updated/enhanced, so that they could import the most up-to-date record into their catalogs, it might be wiser to pursue a "virtual record" concept. If everybody's OPAC merely pointed to the latest copy of the master record, with local data stored locally and viewed in conjunction with it, then the first library to maintain the master record would automatically be doing it for everyone.
- In OCLC's strategy for the next 3 years, they are thinking in terms of a relational database structure. They could point/link to resources such as the LC classification authority file, instead of purchasing and supplying access to such databases, as they have done with the LC subject authority file. Information about the author, books-in-print, and tables of contents data, etc. could be linked to the bibliographic record.

IV. TPAC report by Angela Riggio

Angela is the liaison from TPAC to the YRL Cataloging Dept., and she is happy to share our ideas and concerns with TPAC. TPAC focused on acquisitions issues at their January 11, 2001 meeting. Angela reported that several clean-up projects are planned for 2001;

Web2 for Classic is in test mode and works much like the ORION2 OPAC; Web2 for Classic currently has the endearing glitch that it can't tell if an item has been received or not; the diagnostic program Report Writer supposedly exists in its final format, and Lola Willoughby will receive Report Writer training in St. Louis; the serials module is here, and Andy Kohler is in charge of studying it; Report Writer will be mounted on the test server first, then the serials module; and TPAC is planning to provide Web2 training to whomever needs and wants it.

V. Update on netLibrary e-books by Luiz Mendes & Angela Riggio

Approximately one year ago, Valerie Bross began discussing the topic of e-books, noting that we would eventually need to acquire and catalog them. A pilot project involving 60 titles was completed, and now 500 titles have been purchased and loaded, as of last week. The Acquisitions Dept. has agreed to take responsibility for monitoring the inventory aspect of this material, dealing with matters such as check-in and confirming that we received what we ordered. Luiz and Angela checked the quality of the cataloging of the e-books, and it was fine. The cataloging is provided by netLibrary, who derives their work from LC cataloging. Angela noted that the illustrations in art books are currently not appearing. Luiz can provide us with titles if we want to look at them. Rebecca Aiken noted that she can provide a full list of the 500 titles acquired. John Riemer noted that the bibliographers have set most of these items to a 3-day loan period; once a resource is "checked out" by a single user (pulled into special reader software), others are blocked from viewing it for that time period.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Next meeting: Feb. 15th, 2:30p.m.

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