

**Catalogers Group
Minutes, January 26, 2006**

Present: Sharon Benamou (recorder), Valerie Bross, Claudia Horning, Sara Shatford Layne, Rhonda Lawrence, Luiz Mendes, Caroline Miller, Paul Priebe, Brian Provenzale, Louise Ratliff, John Riemer, Angela Riggio

Sara asked for any announcements non-related to RDA.

- Valerie announced that BLv1 i will be implemented by June 2006
- Ex-Libris's new catalog will be available for public view in a few weeks
- Louise noted that Casalini and OCLC agreed to load Casalini's core records into OCLC

The meeting focused on issues addressed at the ALA Midwinter Conference in San Antonio.

Broad topics were offered by attendees and voted on for discussion by those present. Each topic's discussion would be led by the person who attended ALA sessions involving these topics and had offered to bring them to the group.

Topics:

Form/genre headings

CONSER access level records

OCLC terminologies service

Cataloger-vendor collaboration on record sets

Creative solutions for metadata creation in digital projects

Rights/usage metadata

Cataloging accuracy

A. Form/genre headings—led by Valerie

Valerie reported on a talk given by Dave Reser about the Moving Image Cataloging group. They are working on an initiative from OLAC to develop principles to map moving image form and genre headings to LCSH. The goal is for the form and genre terms to be merged into SACO.

Sara noted that the purpose of the project is to identify form and genre headings and create LCSH headings for them.

Luiz commented that a second list had come later and asked if the group is looking at the two lists? Will the group choose the best terms from both?

Valerie explained that they will be using Martha Yee's article as a base and will develop principles.

Sara explained that there are several form/genre lists around. It will be decided which subjects are forms and they will be tagged as 155s rather than 150s.

B. CONSER access level records—led by Valerie

Valerie noted that Melissa Beck (not present) is a member of the working group and John Riemer is a reviewer of the documentation. Rhonda may be a tester. The working group is reviewing guidelines developed at ALA and in two weeks will have updated status to report and procedures for testing the new guidelines. Regina Reynolds of the National Series Data Program talked about the difference between the test period and implementation. Modifications will be made to the guidelines before implementation based on feedback from the test period. Valerie explained that the access level record will be treated like a floor, and based on need records can be fuller. The access level record will replace the old core record. An attempt will be made to map FRBR user tasks to the descriptive fields in the access level records. For the test catalogers will time themselves to get a sense of the difference between access level and full. No details are yet available about the structure of the test. The time period is short because testing should be completed before the BIBCO and CONSER Operations Committee meetings in April.

C. OCLC Terminologies Service – led by Louise

OCLC, through its research section, is working on a terminologies pilot project that they hope to have in production by June. The goal is to take different vocabularies and map to LCSH and to each other. In Connexion a pane would appear on the left side of the screen that would display words from selected vocabularies that could be chosen by the cataloger. Louise did not know if it would be possible to search across vocabularies but this seems to be the ultimate goal. The web address for the project is: <http://www.oclc.org/research/projects/termservices/default.htm>

D. Cataloger-Vendor collaboration – led by John

Two librarians from SCP in San Diego and John talked to a representative from Readex about the US Congressional Serial Set of House and Senate reports up through 1980. Proprietary metadata exists for the microcard version and no analytic records exist for the individual reports. Readex worked cooperatively with Stanford on developing Dublin Core metadata, but other libraries are interested in MARC records for the whole set. Collaboration is needed among the vendor, OCLC, and the catalogers. Permissions are needed from the vendor; OCLC would store and maintain but could not sell the records as a set. The completed record set would total 354,000 records, and the digitization will not be finished until 2009.

Issues:

- The vocabulary used was the legislative index (LIV)
<http://thomas.loc.gov/liv/livtoc.html> -- is that sufficient?
- Readex proprietary metadata needs to be mapped to MARC
- Can an authority batch job be run on the personal and corporate names?
- NARs are needed for many authority headings – can they be machine generated?

E. Authorities – led by Sara

Sara attended the ALCTS-LITA MARC Format Interest Group meeting. The feeling is that authorities are where our future as catalogers lies and we should be putting more into them. One idea is putting bibliographies of authors into the NAR. Louise pointed out that \$u is now available for use in the 670. Luiz mentioned that there is a movement to bring vernacular script into the records with the implementation of Unicode. Sara added that authority records can be utilized to give the user additional information and possibly guide their search.