

Catalogers Group, May 10, 2007 Minutes

John Riemer presented the background of the UC/OCLC Pilot Project, and demonstrated searching in the University of Washington's implementation of WorldCat Local.

Relevant URLs:

http://libraries.universityofcalifornia.edu/about/uc_oclc.html

<http://www.lib.washington.edu> or <http://uwashington.worldcat.org>

I. Background

BSTF recommended:

- A different front-end for the catalog
- Better navigational services
- FRBRized facets
- Benefit from 'improvements' to catalog records in OCLC

BSTF identified options:

- Central UC file of bibliographic records
- Single UC ILS
- Single public interface

Result: UC will have a pilot similar to that of University of Washington

Advantages to using OCLC:

- Non-profit organization
- Large size
- Active research program
- Use existing cataloging workflow
- Incorporates mass digitization

What happens to:

- Melvyl? The WorldCat interface is intended as a new platform for Melvyl
- Local OPACs? Leave them as they are? Repurpose for use by undergraduates?
- ILS? Still needed; it is the local ILS that will be queried for information by the WorldCat interface

II. Planning

UC/OCLC pilot has an Executive Team and an Implementation Team.

What information will come from what source?

- Bibliographic records, and possibly summary holdings, will be in WorldCat
- Local ILS will provide specific location, call number, circulation status, and user-initiated services
- Possibilities for linking WorldCat and local ILS:
 - NISO Circulation Interchange Protocol (NCIP)
 - Z39.50
 - "screen-scraping" (currently the only option with Innovative Interfaces systems)

Phased implementation

1. Needed Day 1 of Pilot
2. Implement during the Pilot
3. Plan during Pilot, implement following the Pilot
4. Plan and implement after the Pilot

Issues to be dealt with:

- Missing records
- What OCLC symbols to use
- How to handle local data(local URLs for example)
- Record linking

III. Searching demonstration

OCLC doesn't want more than 5 facets listed for faceted browsing due to concern about screen clutter

IV. Questions and concerns from the audience:

What MARC fields are indexed in the WorldCat Local searches? (All the same fields as in First Search, though not necessarily displayed the same.)

What about missing **data**?

- Law has been adding original script to CJK records in Voyager only. What are the possibilities for adding this to the master record in OCLC?
- What are the options for adding MeSH to the master record from our local record?
- What about local data needs such as locally added genre headings?
- What about 'bound-withs'?
- What about 590 notes?

Will OCLC move towards the institutional record approach from RLIN? Will we be able to make use of this approach?

Will the workload increase if we must maintain data in both OCLC and in our local database?