

WSUL AUTOMATION PROJECT
PROGRESS REPORT
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NOTIS Database Loading

The "vanilla" loader that had been customized locally to include WSUL locations was successfully tested in September using 4,313 bibliographic records. The Demo On-line Catalog is now scheduled for availability in October with 302,000 bibliographic records.

During September, a sample tape of 998 WSUL records run through the second customized loader program was received from NOTIS. These bibliographic, copy and volume holdings records were loaded into the CICS test region and review of them was 50% complete by the end of the month.

The first customized NOTIS loader is being revised to correct problems previously reported and a second iteration of the 1,998 test records is scheduled for delivery on October 31st.

The two authority loaders delivered in release 4.3 were mounted and reviewed. One needed fix had been made in this release.

Peripheral Installation

Telex 476L ALA-character set terminals and printers were installed at the SEL and Kresge Periodicals/Reserves Room locations.

Peripherals for the online catalog and circulation received in September were Codex modems, Interlynx protocol converters and Telex 281B printers, along with surge protection devices. Still to be delivered were terminal controllers and IBM 3178 terminals to be used for Circulation.

Black Box switches were installed between 8 Telex 476L's and 8 OCLC M300's in Central Technical Services during September. The one for the Medical Library remains to be installed.

A barcode reader and wand were configured to work on a Telex 476L via the Black Box switch in central Technical Services. All Technical Services Telex terminals will be equipped with barcode readers and wands.

NOTIS Implementation

The Online Catalog Implementation Team worked on the components of the training program for public service staff. They also began to review the NOTIS public access screens that they had changed. A brochure to be printed for the users of the Demo On-line Catalog was reviewed.

Site administrators responsible for NOTIS peripherals in each Library building were appointed.

The Circulation Team continued work on the NOTIS patron registration procedures. Work began again on coding WSUL's circulation policies into NOTIS tables. All Library Units reported completion of Pass One of the book barcode labeling project except Purdy/Kresge.

Staffing

The CSC hired a new Systems Programmer named Becky Lockhart to work full-time on the NOTIS project, beginning September 22. A two week strike by University P&A and Staff Association locals occurred during September. Librarians represented by the AAUP were also on strike for a half day.

DALNET Status

a DALNET NOTIS Coordinators meeting was held on September 15 to review DALNET Libraries' preliminary database loader specifications. A tour of the WSUL NOTIS installation of peripherals in the Purdy Library was conducted after the meeting.

Work got underway to help Wayne County Community College Library get their OCLC tapes prepared for loading into the NOTIS DALNET database.

The BNA OCLC tape processing contract for Detroit Associated Libraries/Detroit Public Library was forwarded to Purchasing in September.

Retrospective Conversion Project

Options for barcoding items whose records are converted using OCLC's MICROCON service were outlined and discussed.

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