

DALNET Database Standards Committee
Minutes - September 11, 1990

Present: Chris Audia, Audrey Bondar, Anaclare Evans, Helen Ma, Ann Pogany, Ann Sargent, Thersa Shen, Charlene Wecker, Karen Zinterhofer

C. Wecker reported on several items:

1. GPO: Oakland University's MARCIVE GPO retrospective tapes (over 124,000 records) were loaded on September 9. Tapes representing DPL's retrospective holdings will be loaded this Fall. Their tapes will contain more than 230,000 records.
2. DPL's retroconversion tapes: Over 19,000 retrocon records were loaded September 7. Since our last Committee meeting, DPL's serials records were also loaded (in May).
3. DALNET Database: The database now contains over 2.8 million bibliographic records and over 700,000 authority records.
4. Costs for NOTIS output: WSU's University Computing Center will begin to charge for the paper used for NOTIS output. The group discussed which Cataloging and Authority module reports could have their output generated less frequently, thereby cutting costs to libraries. The Committee felt that the Standard Number report only needed to be run once a month and that the Item Record report could be run every two weeks. Output for the other reports should continue to be generated on the current schedule.
5. Loading LCSH tapes: The Systems Office, assisted by A. Evans, is in the midst of testing the LCSH tapes for loading into NOTIS. In addition to the retrospective tapes, WSUL is receiving weekly LCSH tapes. A decision needs to be made regarding the desired frequency for loading these tapes. The Committee suggested loading these tapes semi-monthly. After several have been loaded, this decision can be evaluated and modified, if necessary. Training in the use of the LCSH tapes will be conducted by the DALNET Office.
6. AOVL/BOVL: The Systems Office is in the midst of testing the software for this new capability. Use of this software enables staff to overlay bibliographic and authority records with records already in DALNET database -- from either a library's own Processing Unit or another library's Processing Unit. When a record is overlaid, the only fields that remain from the record being overlaid are: record key, creation date, Processing Unit. Training in the use of the AOVL/BOVL command will be included in the training on the use of the LCSH records.

7. OCLC's Prism and GTO: OCLC libraries in the Detroit metropolitan area will be among the first to have their phone lines switched from AT&T to Sprint in preparation for OCLC's new system - Prism. When these lines are installed libraries will need to migrate to the OCLC Passport software for using the current system. (OCLC is calling the current system the "first system"). It may be necessary for libraries to define a function key with some special commands on each terminal to enable the Telex transfer to work. L. Bugg is forwarding information regarding this to Project Managers.

Sometime after phone lines have been installed, libraries will be trained by MLC or OCLC on Prism. Staff will receive new IDs for use with Prism but can continue to use the "first system" with their current IDs. Libraries will have approximately 90 days after this training until they are expected to use only Prism. The problem is -- the current Telex Transfer will not work with Prism. Instead, libraries must use the GTO to transfer records. The current version of the GTO will not work with Prism. A new release of the GTO should be sent to NOTIS installations by the end of 1990. The Systems Office will need approximately 3 months to test and make necessary modifications to the GTO to work in our consortium environment. DALNET libraries are urged to not attend Prism training at least until after the new version of the GTO has been released. This shouldn't be a problem. OCLC is aware of the problem and all NOTIS sites are in the same situation.

The GTO is currently being used by the Oakland County Law Library. The GTO utilizes the NOTIS loader programs. The 049 field of the OCLC record needs to have a valid OCLC location(s) which the loader programs will use to create a copy holdings record.

Volume holdings records can also be created from appropriate coding in the OCLC 049 field.

8. Keyword/Boolean Searching: Keyword searching can now be done from any terminal that can access LUIS. It currently only searches WSUL records.

A. Evans announced several upcoming meetings. Another Seminar Series, sponsored by WSUL Technical Services, will be held. These will continue to be 1/2 day workshops. M. Lacy will be repeating her name and series seminars and will be doing a new one on uniform titles. A. Evans will repeat her seminars on interpreting MARC records; she will do a new one on geographic headings. The annual NOTIS Users Group Meeting (NUGM) will be held October 24-25 in Chicago. A. Evans, H. Ma, A. Sargent, and C. Wecker will be attending. H. Ma and C. Wecker will also be attending the MARC Format for Holdings Data workshop preceding the NUGM meeting. There is a MLA pre-conference on enhancing subject access in the OPAC that will be held prior to the Annual Michigan Library Association meeting in Grand Rapids. A. Evans is one of the speakers.

A. Evans discussed the Conflict and Error Detection reports that are being generated by NOTIS since implementation of the Merged Heading Index. She explained the various categories and the strategy being used to determine in which order to run the reports. Each library who has been given the ACU authorization has received their reports. At WSUL, all catalogers are working one-half hour a day to assist in correcting the records reported by the Conflict and Error Detection reports.

A. Evans reported that there are two new staff members in the Database Management Section: Mihi Somesan was hired as the third Authority Librarian and Zhi Lin is the new Library Assistant.

The remainder of the meeting was spent in with further planning for the DALNET Cataloging Users Meeting to be held at the Detroit Public Library on October 4th.

The next meeting of the Database Standards Committee will be held on Tuesday, October 30, in the Conat Room at the Detroit Public Library at 9:30. Ann Sargent will bring goodies!

Charlene Wecker