

DALNET Circulation Standards Committee Minutes

Meeting:

6/10/99, Purdy/Kresge Conference Room, 9:30-12:00

Present:

Bradd Burningham (WS), Betty Nelson (UDM), Becky Riesterer(WC), Anaclare Evans (DALNET), Joyce Zurel (OCC), Bob Marcell (DPL)

Update on NOTIS

Anaclare was asked to explain the recent problems with damaged fines payment records. Apparently the patron accounting file was damaged on May 22. Jan Miller alerted DALNET to the problem on May 7. A huge number of accounting records were damaged or lost due to a problem with file reorganization/backup software. However, all records except the patron records for May 22 were restored.

NOTIS will be down at 5:30 p.m. tonight.

Update on Implementation Process in Horizon

The timetable for DPL coming live with Horizon has been moved back. They will not be coming up until August or September. There has been an unexpected problem in setting up an uninterrupted power source and resolving problems with air conditioning requirements.

DALNET staff will be testing Horizon version 5.1.2 next week with a view to bringing it up at the Horizon sites by mid-summer. They hope to switch to version 5.2 in early fall. The problem with the mailers should be resolved with the switch to 5.2. Webpac will move to Version 1.3 over the summer. This will allow broadcast searching (i.e., allow DALNET Horizon catalogs to be searched like a union catalog).

Shared Patron File.

This should come with Version 5.2 in the fall. There has been progress but nothing has been finalized. Ameritech has dealt with the problem of a unique identifier based on a combination of SSN and birthdate. With version 5.2 there will be separate fielding for City, State, and Country. We still need to agree on standardized address entry.

Standard Patron Record Editing.

The changes we have discussed based on our needs and the differences between Horizon and NOTIS will be incorporated into the existing DALNET agreement on Patron Record Editing and Anaclore will distribute at the next meeting. There was discussion of generating blank forms for changes of address that patrons could fill out to take or be sent to Student Services or Human Resources Departments. There is little point in making changes to patron address info if this will be overwritten by dumps from other systems.

Next meeting.

The next meeting will be August 5, 9:30 a.m. in the Purdy/Kresge Conference Room, Wayne State University. Betty Nelson volunteered to bring refreshments.

Bradd Burningham
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