

WSUL Automation Project
Progress Report
December 1986

NOTIS Contract

In December, payment to NOTIS for installation of the NOTIS software was approved. The few batch programs not yet delivered or operational were considered to be minor. Testing of the cataloging/online catalog and acquisitions modules resulted in acceptance of these modules. Two batch programs in cataloging, i.e. catalog card printing and global heading change, are not yet operational.

NOTIS Database Loading

The production region of our NOTIS installation was set up to enable the creation of a bibliographic database with records entered via direct online transfer from OCLC.

A tape of 4,208 records run through Wayne's first NOTIS-customized loader, as revised by NOTIS programmer Donna Hayden, was shipped to WSUL December 24th.

A letter was sent to Jane Burke, NOTIS Director, requesting a written commitment to the delivery of WSUL's contracted serials record loader. Fallback options for loading serials records began to be explored.

Peripheral Installation

Serial boards were installed in three Epson FX-80 printers in Technical Services, enabling them to print OCLC screens via the Black Box switch connecting the OCLC M300's to the Telex 476L's. Additional serial boards for the new Epson printers, recently installed on T.S. OCLC M300's, are on order.

NOTIS Implementation

On December 8, cataloging of new titles directly into NOTIS using the OCLC transfer capability began. Advanced cataloging training was completed in early December, including instruction in the creation of linked copy holdings and item records.

After production cataloging began, a few OCLC transfer and MARC tag table problems were identified. A daily bulletin was produced for catalogers to answer questions that arose as work proceeded.

NOTIS Implementation continued

All major circulation policies for NOTIS, compiled by Nancy Allen, were reviewed by the Library Director and Unit Heads in December. As a result, circulation policy tables for the Purdy/Kresge and Science and Engineering Libraries were almost ready for input into NOTIS by the end of December. A few remaining circulation policy questions were identified for discussion by the Library Unit Heads in early January.

Faith Van Toll and Betty Ray received an introductory training session on the NOTIS system, enabling them to proceed with their circulation implementation tasks.

Planning got underway for implementing the 4.3 version of NOTIS software, which must be in place and tested before Circulation is made operational.

Most Library Units continued work on Pass Two of the book barcoding project. The Medical Library reported completion of Pass Two.

DALNET Status

On December 17th, a DALNET Director's Meeting was held to review the latest version of the DALNET Online System Agreement. Corrections were incorporated into a revision that was distributed December 23.

Oakland University's implementation proceeded, with their implementation schedule and peripheral configuration finalized by the end of the month. Daily communication via electronic mail at Oakland was established.

Specifications for Wayne County Community College's BNA tape processing services were completed before the December 31 deadline.

In December, Botsford Hospital received administrative approval to sign the DALNET agreement.

Negotiations continued with DAL/DPL on areas of the DALNET agreement of concern to them.

Retrospective Conversion Project

During December, twenty-one student assistants input information for 42,969 bibliographic records onto MICROCON diskettes, averaging 43 records per hour. The first batch of 30 completed diskettes was sent to OCLC.

Retrospective Conversion Project continued

OCLC will locate the matching bibliographic records in its database, adding WSUL's holding symbol and creating a tape of those records in machine-readable form. OCLC will notify WSUL of all records that had either no matches, or had multiple matches, in their 13,000,000 record database.

Louise Bugg
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