

DALNET Circulation Standards Committee Minutes

Meeting:

9/8//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 Marcelain (DPL), Joan Emahiser (WBH), Janice Miller (MCC), Carol Sims (WCCC).

1. Update on Implementation Progress.

DPL: Bob reported that DPL was planning to go live with Horizon on Sept. 28. Problems with obtaining and setting up the uninterruptable power source have been resolved. He distributed a detailed "Final Implementation Schedule," which DPL is following en route to migration. He reiterated that it has now been so long since staff have received their initial training in Horizon (April) that it will probably be necessary for them to undergo additional training.

Wayne: Bradd described the recent success Wayne had had in resolving one of the problems associated with the Course Reserves Module. Newly input records could now be associated with a location and searched within location (formerly they all showed as being in Purdy/Kresge). The inability to do recalls was still causing problems, and they had set up a manual work-around. In addition, the introduction of an OneCard system was getting off to a rocky start, although it has a lot of potential for the future. Dumps from the Student Information System and Human Resources to overlay records had been delayed. This meant that most existing patron records have expired, unless they had been manually renewed. Patron empowerment features (such as viewing your own record or requesting a book online) will not work if a borrower is expired.

UDM: Betty reported that they are still having a great deal of problems with course reserves, especially with phantom course reserve items which they can't delete. The absence of a Systems Librarian has made things extremely difficult.

Course Reserve Module Committee. Bradd reported that a new DALNET task force on the RBR Module had been struck and would begin to meet this fall. The committee will address some of the ongoing difficulties associated with the module.

Sunrise. Anaclare described Sunrise, the "middleware" she is helping Ameritech to develop. The concept is that this software should allow our database to work with the front end of virtually any system.

Patron Record Standard. The revised NOTIS document on conventions for entering patron data was distributed was discussed. Members should review and we will discuss further changes at the next meeting.

Patron Record Notes. Anaclare distributed the list of patron note abbreviations DALNET had agreed on when using NOTIS. Some of these may no longer be need. Members should review the notes and we will look at it during our next meeting.

Listserv. Anaclare provided the requested sign up information for the DALNET listserv. Members can sign on to the listserv by sending a message to listserv@lists.wayne.edu and typing the message "subscribe dalnet" in the body of the message. Remember to disable any signature text.

Next meeting.

The next meeting will be Oct. 6, 9:30 a.m. in the Purdy/Kresge Conference Room, Wayne State University.

Bradd Burningham
Oct. 5, 1999