

V-Cat Bibliographic and Interface Committee Meeting Report March 3, 2022

Meeting was held by remote attendance only (GoTo Meeting).

Present: Chris Luebbe, Rachel Metzler, Maria Pregler, Elisha Sheffer, Pat Schmitt, Cindy Wendt.

Others: Julie Kinney, Debbie Valine, Katie Zimmermann.

Chris Luebbe called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Sierra/Aspen material types

- Maria noted that there are 3 different Sierra Material Types in use for jigsaw puzzles: 3-D Object, Kit, Game. Rachel said there has been a lack of guidance on 3-D-type items generally and the issue is further complicated by the interaction of Sierra and Aspen.
- Sierra Material Type is a Sierra product, a separately-editable field that drives the material type icon seen in the staff catalog and the (soon-to-be sunsetted) Sierra Classic Catalog.
- Aspen gets its icon from the MARC Leader or 007 or 008 fields.
- MARC Leader is not flexible and doesn't break material types down as much we'd like:
 - Books & Large print books = **a Language material**
 - DVD/VHS/Combo (Blu-ray/DVD)/Blu-Ray = **g Projected medium**
- Kit = more than 1 object circulating together with one barcode.
- Jigsaw puzzle = not a kit. Single item (albeit with multiple pieces). 3-D Object?
- Games = no equivalent position in Leader, 007, 008.
- We'd like to move away, when possible, from Sierra Material Types which don't have a corresponding position in Leader, 007, 008. Need to consider Aspen, and that Sierra Material Type may not migrate to a new ILS.
- Not all Sierra Material Types are needed/used by library catalogers. Ex.: w Gale Courses or z E-Content (handled by Aspen).
- Rachel will email library catalogers about puzzles.
- We will work toward greater consistency.

Sierra/Aspen diacritic display

- While exploring the Aspen catalog, it has been noted that there are a number of records where letters which employ diacritical marks do not display properly. Ex.:
 - "ä" instead of "ā"
 - "ñ" instead of "ë"
 - "ñO" instead of "Ö"
- Result is a less-than-desirable display: Author Mhotley Crñue (Musical group), performer. Title Theatre of pain [sound recording] / Mñotley Crñue.
- Rachel/Katie do not believe it is an Aspen problem, but a Sierra or possibly a Horizon-to-Sierra migration problem. (Majority of records identified so far are pre-2013).
- It can be hard to find these records.
- Find-and-replace Global Update may create more problems than it solves.
- Best solution is to overlay existing bib with the current OCLC bib one record at a time as needed.

Aspen Discussion

Grouping records discussion and possible recommendation to V-Cat Council

- Aspen groups based on title and author and grouping category.
- Books and Movies are grouped separately.
- On discussion, the committee agreed that the number of catalogers who are authorized to group records together should be kept small for the time being. On request only.
- Email help@librarieswin.org if you see something that isn't right or if you are interested in helping with this work.

Uploading cover images discussion and possible recommendation to V-Cat Council

- Where are we getting images from?
- What about copyright?
- Magazines, Videogames, Self-published books, Artwork frequently have no supplied cover image.
- Taking a photograph of a physical item we own is less likely to be a copyright violation.
- Tools available online to determine fair use, such as this once sponsored by Columbia University:
<https://copyright.columbia.edu/content/dam/copyright/Precedent%20Docs/fairusechecklist.pdf>
- On discussion, the committee agreed that only WVLS Staff should upload cover images for the time being.

Audience in Aspen

- Originally configured to pull Audience information from bib records.
- Currently configured to designate Audience based on Sierra Location codes:
 - 3rd character A = Adult
 - 3rd character J = Juvenile
 - 3rd character Y = Young Adult
- MCPL order records location = m1 (no 3rd character). ?

Prepublication bibs/item records discussion

- Aspen browse categories for new materials sort by the date the item was added to Sierra (newest on top).
- Possible issue: Dummy item added to a bib at time of ordering (possibly 6 months in advance) will show at the top – even though actual item is not coming for a while yet. Then - if the dummy item is left in place and no new item record is created – when title actually arrives – it will be 6 months down on the list.
- Possible solution: When title arrives, create new item record and delete dummy item record.
- Another possible issue: do all Cataloging logins have the authority to delete item records (outside of the marking items for deletion (Item Code 2 d Delete Status k Withdrawn) process)?
- Table for now.

Other

Forthcoming fiction

- 2 ways to create an Aspen browse category:

- *Create from a catalog search.* Viewed Rhinelander's New Fiction browse category, which uses both Creation Date and Location Code and excludes other libraries' High Demand titles. Not perfect.
- *Create from a list.* Curated by 1 person or 1 group using unique login.
- Create from a list may produce higher quality product, but it is more work.
- In any case, we will be able to get away from adding a "449 _ 0 Forthcoming fiction" field to MARC record.
- Reach out to Katie if you are interested in helping maintain the Forthcoming fiction list.

Other

Overdrive records

- Do we need to continue loading Overdrive records into Sierra?
- Takes time, done monthly.
- Overdrive content changes constantly, so always out of date.
- Only staff will see them, because the public will no longer see the Sierra Classic Catalog. On the other hand, it makes it easier for library staff to cross-sell Overdrive content.
- Do library staff appreciate seeing Overdrive records in Sierra? Do they find it useful? Or would they be just fine viewing them in Aspen only?

Annual Report data and item records discussion

- Physical items in a library include: Books, Audio, Video, Magazines, Other. "Other" is defined as "materials in a fixed, physical format for use outside the library. These can include a variety of items such as wi-fi hotspots, sewing machines, cake pans, tools, board games, etc." -- Wisconsin Public Library Annual Report Instructions 2021.
- Beginning in 2022 DPI will require Circulation data for "Other" in Public Library Annual Reports.
- Several V-Cat libraries currently have very basic Location codes/Item types for their "Other" materials. We will need to create Location codes and standardize Item types that facilitate the accurate counting of "Other" items, while also maintaining Loan rules.

ILS Admin Report

- If you see inaccuracies in Aspen, please let Katie know.
- V-Cat ILS Evaluation and Review Committee meets Thursday, March 10.

ILS Specialist Report

- Subject headings project is nearly done. Rachel is reviewing records returned by BackStage due to no match/poor match.

Request for agenda items

- Updates.

Set next meeting date: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 10:00 a.m.

Emily moved to adjourn, seconded by Maria. Meeting adjourned 12:28 p.m.

Notes created by Chris Luebke, March 7, 2022