

## **V-Cat Bibliographic and Interface Committee Meeting Report October 18, 2022**

### **Meeting was held by in the WVLS Office and remotely via GoTo Meeting.**

Committee members present (those marked with an \* attended remotely): J. Bauer (MCPL), C. Luebbe (MCPL), R. Metzler (WVLS), C. Miller\* (Rhineland), E. Mueller\* (Medford).

Others present (those marked with an \* attended remotely): E. Sheffer\* (Rhineland), K. Zimmermann\* (WVLS).

Meeting was called to order by Chair C. Luebbe at 10:02 a.m.

### **Aspen update**

#### **Diacritics**

- It is believed that most of the errors are the result of data corrupted in a previous migration. Our Sierra setup currently uses MARC-8 encoding. Possible change to UTF-8?
- V-Cat Council has approved use of funds to outsource improvement of bib records with diacritical errors.
- V-Cat Staff is working with BackStage to create and test a profile to do the work. They are working cautiously to ensure we do all we can to prevent the problem from recurring in the event of a future migration.
- A new ILS should be able to work with whatever encoding we have.
- Issue is further complicated when viewing bibliographic data exported to Excel, which uses yet another type of encoding.

#### **Larger print**

- The V-Cat Recommendation on Large Print Materials was most recently viewed by V-Cat Council in September 2021 (before Aspen was implemented). It only discussed the Sierra Material Type and did not (could not) take into account the ways Aspen interprets bibliographic data in determining large print.
- Recommendation was based on Library of Congress standard minimum 16 pt. type.
- OCLC standard (used by Aspen) allows 13.5 pt. ("larger print") to be labeled large print. Aspen can also label titles large print on the basis of edition statement and subject headings.
- Bib Committee options:
  - Revise previous recommendation.
  - Edit bib records to make their display in Aspen consistent with recommendation. (I.e. Only 14 pt. type and up is large print). Remove large print edition statement and subject headings.
    1. Monthly cleanup by WVLS Staff.
    2. Manual edit by V-Cat library at point of cataloging.
- The question was asked: are we certain these 2 edits are sufficient to produce desired Aspen display? Or do we possibly also need to look at other MARC fields, such as 008 (Form of Item)?
- This item is tabled until further research is completed.

#### **Blu-ray/DVD combo format display**

- Blu-Ray/DVD combos do not always display correctly in Aspen:

- Blu-ray/DVD combos showing as “Blu-ray” OR “DVD”.
- Combos which have been split showing as “Blu-ray/DVD combo”.
- Aspen determines format from multiple fields: 538, 500, 300 . . . 250 edition statements.
- Documentation says one thing, implementation says another.
- We are still working to understand the issue so it can be implemented correctly, at present the best advice is to check the Aspen display when cataloging new Blu-ray/DVD combo items.

### “Temporary” item records

- It has been brought to our attention that the V-Cat On order and pre-publication records recommendation revised 6/2/2022 contains a word that is offensive.
- We need to agree on a different term to denote “Items added to represent items on order” (which will be deleted when the actual physical item arrives).
- “Temporary” item records? “Placeholder” item records? “On Order” item records?
- Consensus was to adopt “On Order” item records as the standard term.
- Committee drafted a revised V-Cat On order and pre-publication records recommendation to be presented to the V-Cat Council for possible approval at its November meeting.

### Memorial 959 field indexing

- Example: **Memorial/Donation 959** Given by John Smith |f in memory of |g Sally Smith. |k c.1; |m Marathon County Public Library, |o 2001.
- Content of this field has always been searchable in Sierra.
- WVLS staff is working to make it Keyword searchable in Aspen as well.
- This is *item-level* information stored in a bib record, which is not ideal.
- There is no automatic process to remove it when the donated item is discarded.
- However, simply adding it to the item record instead will render it un-searchable.
- UNLESS, it could be made searchable in the item record, provided the correct subfield is used. Further research would be needed.
- Is it detrimental for memorial information to remain in the bib record after the item is gone? Not detrimental except for reasons of customer service. Possibly upsetting to see information about an item that is no longer in the collection. Possibly confusing to see donor/honoree information in search results.
- Question for the committee: Is this issue of sufficient concern that it should be added to the to-do list?
- Consensus of the committee was that individual libraries with concerns are always free to reach out to WVLS staff, but the committee will take no action at this time.

### |1 author name in 100 field

- Example: Author 100 1 Eliot, Marc,|eauthor.|1<https://isni.org/isni/0000000116037033>
- ISNI International Standard Name Identifier.
- Similar to LC Authorities, it may be important for linked data in the future.
- Displays in Sierra, but not Aspen.
- We will retain it while testing and getting feedback from library staff.

## Report of the ILS Admin

- Aspen does a new release every month: <https://aspen-test.bywatersolutions.com/Admin/ReleaseNotes>
- Also viewable in Aspen Administration login. Aspen Discovery Support > Release Notes.
- Katie will share them if she thinks they are of general interest.
- Please attend the ILS demos. Demonstration schedule is on the WVLS website: <https://wvls.org/v-cat-ils-evaluation/>
- Cataloging will be covered on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of each demo.
- Demos will be recorded.

## Report of the ILS Support Specialist

- Added to list of monthly cleanup tasks:
  - Bibs with no subject headings.
  - Bibs for online resources (often labeled ebook, epdf, pdf, online edition, etc.) rather than physical items.

**Other items** ISBN 979 prefixes [www.isbn-international.org/content/changes-united-states-isbn-prefixes](http://www.isbn-international.org/content/changes-united-states-isbn-prefixes)

## Request for agenda items

- Updates.
- Big books.

**Set next meeting date:** Tuesday, January 24, 2023 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Adjournment** E. Mueller moved to adjourn, seconded by J. Bauer. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 11:37 a.m.

*Notes created by Chris Luebbe, October 20, 2022*