

## V-Cat Bibliographic and Interface Committee Meeting Report January 24 2023

### 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), F. Martinson\* (Merrill), R. Metzler (WVLS), M. Pregler\* (Antigo).

Others present (those marked with an \* attended remotely): P. Kotarba\* (Three Lakes), E. Sheffer\* (Rhineland).

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

### Aspen update

#### Larger print

- Example: An Alaskan family Christmas / Beth Carpenter. b17596257
- Library of Congress large print standard minimum is 14 pt. type. OCLC documentation agrees, but adds the following sentence: "Items labeled "large print" or "larger print," regardless of font size, should also be coded as large print." This creates/allows for inconsistency in MARC records – virtually any material can be coded "large print" so long as the publisher labels it so.
- V-Cat obtains most of its MARC records from OCLC.
- Harlequin is an example of a publisher marketing 13.5 pt. "Larger print" books.
- An unknown number of "Larger print" books display in Aspen as "Large print."
- Choices:
  - Change V-Cat recommendation for large print from 14 pt. to 13.5 pt.
  - Edit Bib records in Sierra. Removal of MARC field 008 position 23 "Form" *d Large print* from appropriate bibs will cause them to display in Aspen as "book".
- Consensus of the committee was that changing the V-Cat recommendation will only create confusion. Moving forward, we will work to train V-Cat catalogers in making the edit to the 008 field at the point of cataloging.
- Still to be determined: whether previously cataloged bibs can be updated via Global Update, or if it will need to be done individually.

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

- The simplest way to cause Aspen to display Blu-ray/DVD combos AS combos appears to be to use a 250 Edition Statement in the bib, however the format OF the Edition statement matters:
  - 250 Edition: **Blu-ray/DVD combo** = inconsistent Aspen display.
  - 250 Edition: **Blu-ray + DVD [combo pack]** = consistent Aspen display.
  - Perhaps Aspen doesn't recognize the "/" as an "AND" or "+" sign.
- Also, in bibs where more than one Edition statement is present, it appears that the ORDER of the Edition statements matters:
  - Edition 250 Special edition
  - Edition 250 Blu-ray/DVD combo = inconsistent Aspen display.
  - Perhaps Aspen only considers the 1<sup>st</sup> edition statement listed.
- Aspen determines format from multiple fields, including 538, 500, 300, 250, and 007.
- Rachel has added to 2 007 fields to the MARC alert templates for Blu-ray + DVD combos:
  - 007 Format s Blu-ray disc
  - 007 Format v DVD
- Example of a title which displays correctly in all formats: "Sing 2".
- Rachel is going to request a meeting with Aspen to learn more.

- Catalogers are asked to please check Aspen display when cataloging new Blu-ray/DVD combo items.

### Board books/Big books

- Aspen recently added a Board book format, but has no Big book format.
- Example: “Goodnight, moon.”
- Risk: Patron searches the title and places a hold from the first screen without expanding to “Show Editions”. They may potentially receive any copy in that group, including the Big book edition.
- However, Aspen looks at the editions with the most copies *first* when placing holds. Only on not finding an available copy will it move down to bibs with fewer copies.
- Rachel will ask Aspen to add a Big book format.
- We will rely on patron education for now.

### Diacritics update

- 2 possible approaches to fixing diacritical errors in the catalog:
  - Mapping
  - Overlay
- BackStage is using the mapping approach.
- Next step: the completed mapping needs review by Rachel.

### Report of the ILS Support Specialist

- Added to list of monthly cleanup tasks:
  - Items marked for deletion (approx. 6000/month): Rachel is exporting the items’ location codes in order to help V-Cat libraries track the types of items they are discarding.
- LSTA Cooperative Cataloging Grant
  - Group is currently working to understand how everyone catalogs and what language is used.
  - Cooperative cataloging (used by V-Cat) is the opposite of Central cataloging (used by the majority of libraries in Wisconsin).
  - Also working on inclusivity in Subject Headings and Author Authorities.
- V-Cat Cataloging Training Schedule 2023:
 

March 8	Items	September 20	Items
March 15	MARC alerts	September 25	MARC alerts
March 22	Z39.50	October 5	Z39.50

  - October 5 training is planned as In-Person training.

### 2023 Meeting dates

March 7  
 May 9  
 August 8  
 October 3  
 December 5

**Other Items** Rachel will send out instructions on retaining alternate ISBNs in imported bib records.

## **Request for agenda items**

- Updates.

**Adjournment** M. Pregler moved to adjourn, seconded by E. Sheffer. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 11:02 a.m.

*Notes created by Chris Luebbe, January 26, 2023*