

V-Cat Bibliographic and Interface Committee Meeting Report May 9 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), C. Miller* (Rhineland), E. Mueller* (Medford), C. Wendt* (Minocqua).

Others present (those marked with an * attended remotely): A. Demlow* (Antigo), G. Rae* (NWLS), E. Sheffer* (Rhineland), K. Zimmermann* (WVLS).

Meeting was called to order by Chair C. Luebbe at 10:00 a.m.

SkyRiver demo from Gina Rae (NWLS)

- Innovative Interfaces product, works with Sierra and other ILSs (including Koha).
- Single search box on initial screen allows multiple search types (ISBN, Title, Author, etc.). Interface presents a simplified appearance compared to OCLC Connexion.
- Gina demonstrated how to search SkyRiver, edit a bib, and export it to Sierra.
- As bib records are exported, the library's holding information is updated on SkyRiver's database in real time.
- Z39.50 is still available as an alternative.

OCLC discussion

- OCLC contract runs July-June and is budgeted for this year. No change would be made before July 2024. A change would need to be decided several months in advance.
- SkyRiver has been quoted at significantly less than the cost of OCLC. Formal demo will be scheduled, along with access to a sandbox.
- Bibs exported from OCLC can be saved directly into Sierra. Koha can't do that, requires additional steps.
- Benefits of OCLC membership:
 - **WVLS holdings appear in WorldCat** (under a single symbol). There is a delay because in our current workflow, holdings are updated only once a month. Increased visibility in search results (WorldCat and Google) is a paid feature we could explore.
 - **Collection Manager**. OCLC notifies WVLS of updates to records which WVLS has holdings on. It doesn't automatically update our records, merely notifies us of the change. There is potential to increase our use of this service to improve our database.
 - **WorldCat Cataloging Partner Collections** works with vendors (like B&T) to automatically import bibs and set WorldCat holdings for ordered materials.
 - **Knowledge Base Collections** – updates e-resource records.
 - **Query Collection** – facilitates searching WorldCat for collection development purposes.
 - **WorldCat Data Sync** – a method for uploading our holdings to OCLC which is being investigated as an alternative to our current method (First Item).
- OCLC has worldwide reach and is a near monopoly. SkyRiver is competition to OCLC, but much smaller.

Jigsaw puzzle cataloging procedure. Rachel demonstrated instructions. The goal is to standardize and ensure consistency in the V-Cat catalog. Rachel believes most patrons are browsing available puzzles at their local library, not placing holds, therefore the bibs can be brief but will meet our minimum standards. Instructions will be finalized and sent out soon.

Report of the ILS Administrator

- Search Aspen > Detailed Location > More Detailed Locations > Search Detailed Locations [*type in window*]. Results vary depending on which exact phrase is used. “Kit” and “Kits” will yield different results, as will “Books on CD” and “Book on CD”.
- Katie is working to make all Location Code names in Sierra consistent so that Aspen searches are consistent. This may include changing the order of the words in the name to follow this formula:
 - Library Audience Format Collection Specific
Antigo Adult Books on CD Fiction Western
- Katie is also working to ensure all detailed shelf locations are viewable in Aspen display, but she will need our help. If you don't see all the codes you think you should be seeing, please let her know.
- Katie has reached out to Aspen to have shelf locations reindexed.
- Aspen Status Map. Currently:
 - Library Use Only Suppress – No Display – Yes
 - Problem is that when multiple items are present, “Library Use Only” shows as “On Shelf”.
 - Katie will ask Aspen to append “Library Use Only” to the words “On Shelf” in the display.

Aspen update

- Book + CD-ROM, Book + CD, Book + DVD, etc.:
 - Rachel, James & Chris met with 2 Aspen representatives (including a member of the Development team) on April 4 to review documentation.
 - The Aspen developer was able to make changes to the code to better identify these types of items. Their display is now more consistent.
 - Suggestion for catalogers: when you finish cataloging an AV item, check Aspen display.
 - Blu-ray/DVD combo: If the 250a, 500a, or 538a contains any variation of "blu-ray" AND "dvd" including characters / \ or + , display will show Blu-ray/DVD Combo.
- Big books: We have asked Aspen to define “Big books” as an official format (with label) based on the bib edition statement. It is currently in consideration with the Aspen team, and WVLS has set it as one of our top three priorities.
- Larger print: Rachel demonstrated instructions for editing a bib record to ensure “Larger print” titles display as “Book”. V-Cat tries to make it so catalogers don't need to make significant edits when importing bibs, but in this case it is necessary to ensure consistency in the catalog and adhere to V-Cat guidelines. See <https://wvls.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/2021.09.02-Recommendation-on-Large-Print-Materials.pdf> for additional explanation.
- Playaway formats. The V-Cat libraries carry 5 different types of Playaway among them. In addition, some libraries carry Vox books, which are a different-brand equivalent of the Playaway Wonderbook. Goal is to identify format labels that are: 1. Accurate. 2. Differentiate each type from the others. 3. De-emphasize brand name so that similar items can be grouped together.
 - Playaway = Portable Audiobook
 - Playaway Wonderbook/Vox book = Read-Along Book
 - Playaway View = Portable Video Player
 - Playaway Launchpad = Playaway Launchpad
 - Playaway Backpack = Book + Portable Audiobook

Report of the ILS Support Specialist

- Diacritics update:
 - 4100 bib records were sent to BackStage for correction.
 - 252 were not corrected through BackStage's mapping process. Rachel is hoping to work with BackStage on a solution. If none can be found, Rachel will work on them manually.
 - Rachel is working on setting up an overlay profile with BackStage. Example: Bibs with blank page counts could be overlaid per the profile.
 - Our work with BackStage so far has involved specific solutions for specific problems. An overlay profile would be a tool to facilitate a general solution to many problems.
- Rachel wants to use the coming months to deepen our understanding of Aspen and investigate OCLC and SkyRiver.

Remaining 2023 meeting dates

August 8
October 3
December 5

Other Items None.

Request for agenda items None.

Adjournment Meeting adjourned 11:50 a.m.

Notes created by Chris Luebbe, May 11, 2023