

V-Cat Bibliographic and Interface Committee Meeting Report August 8 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), C. Wendt* (Minocqua).

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

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

Aspen update

ILS Administrator K. Zimmermann demonstrated the Audience facet in Aspen. Aspen determines a title's Audience (Adult, Juvenile, Young Adult) by looking at the fields listed below:

- Bib Record Data – Default in the absence of other data.
 - MARC Leader. Aspen first determines Record type by examining positions 6 & 7 of the MARC leader.
 - Record type “Books”, “Computer Files”, or “Music” it then moves to 006 field position 5 and 008 field position 22 to determine Audience.
 - Record type none of the above is classified “Unknown”.
- Collection mapping – we are not using.
- Subfield mapping – we are not using. It would involve mapping a specific field in the Sierra item record to designate “Audience”.
- Shelving location mapping – this is what we are currently using to inform the Audience translation map. Aspen determines Audience from the “a”, “j”, or “y” in an item's location code. It applies to ANY search results, meaning “Harry Potter and the deathly hallows” (which is included in Adult, Juvenile and Young Adult location codes in V-Cat) will appear in every facet.

Katie is working to clean up errors and watching this facet.

ILS Support Specialist R. Metzler reported on Aspen grouping errors. V-Cat library staff who do grouping are taught to compare bibs carefully and check for similarities (common language, author, title, subtitle, etc.) when grouping. They also consider the general appropriateness of including something within a group. For example: a graphic novel version of “Moby Dick” would not be grouped with text versions. Rachel is working to create a common form/spreadsheet to report and track errors/corrections.

Videogames. There appear to be a high number of videogames which should be group-able (example: “Hogwarts legacy” for Xbox One and PlayStation 4) but are not able to be grouped.

Language fixed MARC field. **und Undetermined** Aspen maps to “English”. If this produces errors, we can change or escalate to Rachel.

“More like this”. Sometimes “More like this” titles are not-at-all like this. Reason: we leave lots of subject headings in our MARC records, (LC, BISAC, Sears, FAST, etc.), giving many opportunities for Aspen to match on only 1 subject heading and push a title into “More like this”. One option: remove subject headings: 1. Manually or 2. BackStage (\$). Another option is in Aspen's development queue: Aspen would match on 3 common subject headings, and only display “More like this” results when there are enough titles to fill the screen. Other options: collapse “More like this” and expand “Similar Titles From NoveList”.

Report of ILS Support Specialist

SkyRiver

- Cost of OCLC is driving us to investigate SkyRiver.
- 2 ways to access:
 - SkyRiver app/SkyRiver client is a cataloging utility similar to OCLC Connexion. It has many functions we seldom use. Bibs are exported from SkyRiver, then imported into Sierra.
 - Z39.50 connection identical to our Z39.50 connection to OCLC. Bibs are viewed and saved directly into Sierra.
- During our 3 week trial, catalogers will assess:
 - Quantity of search results available in SkyRiver and OCLC.
 - Quality of records (i.e., the number of records which meet our quality standards).
- Spreadsheet in Google Docs to collect information.

Other items – None.

Request for agenda items – None. Next meeting Tuesday, October 3, 10:00 a.m.

SkyRiver demo – Maria Laude and Dean Cooper of Innovative:

- 98 Libraries report that they find 98% of the records they need in SkyRiver.
- 82 Million records and growing. Started in 2009.
- 1 1 right record, 1 flat rate annual subscription.
- Full service, easy to learn, use, efficient.
- Works with any ILS. Clean and robust.
- SkyRiver is both a utility and repository.
- SkyRiver client is Windows-based, has editable settings for color, font, etc. Macros.
- Implementation is straightforward. Support is through the Supportal.
- How are holdings updated when using Z39.50?

Adjournment Meeting adjourned 11:40 a.m.

Notes created by Chris Luebbe, August 23, 2023