

V-Cat Bibliographic and Interface Committee Meeting Report October 3 2023

Meeting was held remotely via GoTo Meeting.

Committee members present: J. Bauer (MCPL), C. Luebbe (MCPL), F. Martinson (Merrill), R. Metzler (WVLS), E. Mueller (Medford), E. Simek (Antigo), C. Wendt (Minocqua).

Others present: K. Zimmermann (WVLS).

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

SkyRiver

- Cataloging utility owned by Innovative.
- Much cheaper than OCLC.
- It was a struggle (on the vendor's end) to get our trial set up.
- Trial ran from 8/21-9/11. 500+ records compared.
- SkyRiver 38% not usable.
- OCLC 13% not usable.
- Many of the SkyRiver records deemed "not usable" had no physical description. (Incomplete 300 field).
- SkyRiver had fewer records available. SkyRiver had higher percentage of records opened before a usable record was found.
- Appears SkyRiver depends more heavily on LC CIP records, which often don't have a physical description in their first iteration.
- SkyRiver is less restrictive than OCLC in who is allowed to edit records. Relies on "community editors".
- Sierra works well with SkyRiver.
- Committee discussed which fields we would be willing to edit to bring SkyRiver records up to our standards:
 - 300 Physical Description – Yes
 - 260/264 Publication – Yes
 - 6XX Subject headings – No
- Rachel will check comparison sheet again to gauge how many SkyRiver records were rejected ONLY because of missing description information. If we V-Cat catalogers were to edit the 300 field ourselves, how many SkyRiver records would move from the "not usable" to the "usable" column?
- Other considerations:
 - Is it possible to get OCLC for less? Adjust subscription?
 - BackStage: Will our profile need adjustment and what will that cost?
 - Question from Rachel: What support would you need to be comfortable editing a bib record?
- OCLC subscription runs through June. Ideal timeline: December Bib Committee recommendation forwarded to February V-Cat Council.

Aspen update

- Cover image training Thursday October 12 10:00 a.m. Open by invitation, includes both catalogers and others who have shown interest and are comfortable working with Aspen.
- Grouping form will be edited to allow anyone to report a grouping error, whether or not they have grouping permission.

Report of ILS Support Specialist

- Multi-item sets. The recommendation approved by the V-Cat Council at its September meeting will be slightly revised and sent back to V-Cat Council for re-approval in December. The revision will add “nonfiction” to the list of allowed exceptions to the recommendation.

Report of ILS Administrator

- Update to Sierra 6.0 on Monday October 2 went smoothly.
- Key changes:
 - View patron record from Holds queue. (Right-click patron name).
 - View item status change date. (Hover over status. Will apply to status changes going forward. Not searchable in Create Lists or exportable. Possibly available through SQL).
 - Display statistical group name in item record. (Sierra displays the descriptive name of the statistical group in the Checkout Location and Checkin Location in the item record so that staff can easily interpret the location information without referring to the Statistical Group Maintenance table).
 - Circa Inventory – FIXED ISSUE. Circa will no longer update the next barcode when a non-existent barcode is entered.
- NICE project update. The NICE Team is planning future phases of its project. If agreement on a common ILS is reached, the “Record standards workgroup” and the “Cataloging workgroup” will meet during the months of March, April & May to set cataloging standards for the joint ILS.

Other items – Tentative schedule for 2024 Bib Committee meetings: March 5, May 7, August 6, October 8.

Request for agenda items – None. Next meeting Tuesday, December 5, 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment Meeting adjourned 11:40 a.m.

Notes created by Chris Luebbe, October 19, 2023