

V-Cat Bibliographic and Interface Committee Report - February 2024

Last meeting Tuesday, December 12, 2023

SkyRiver

- The committee discussed SkyRiver and OCLC and made edits to the SkyRiver Testing Summary document which is shared here.
- Re-evaluation of the SkyRiver trial data revealed that 77% of the titles surveyed had acceptable records available, provided the cataloger (with training) fills in any missing Physical Description field (300) information.
- OCLC usable records were 87%.
- OCLC agreed to a price reduction.
- SkyRiver is cheaper, even though there is an implementation fee.
- Of concern: SkyRiver records appear to have a higher rate of incorrect coding and/or missing fields in the Leader, 006, 007 and 008. Aspen depends on these fields for material type identification in the public catalog. Without a setup change, it is likely there will be an increased need to edit the Leader, 006, 007 and 008 to ensure Aspen functionality.
- Northern Waters Library Network (NWLN) uses SkyRiver, and WVLS is considering a shared ILS with NWLN as part of the NICE project. SkyRiver may be a part of that future partnership.
- After discussion, the Bib/Interface Committee decided not to switch to SkyRiver and to continue with OCLC as V-Cat's cataloging utility for 2024. During 2024, the Bib Committee and WVLS staff will discuss potential training of bibliographic edits in the Physical Description field (300) in preparation of a utility change in the future.

Future meeting dates (tentative): March 5, May 7, August 6, October 8.

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