

Arthur Technical Services Committee
Meeting
August 10, 2006
1:00-4:30 p.m.
MCO Room 120

Present: Inas El-Sayed, Vandy Evermon, Corrine Caputo, Susan Morrisroe, and Pat Seavey.
Tom Schultz has absent due to illness.

Consolidation of formats on a single bibliographic record.

In general, Arthur libraries have been using a single bibliographic record for all formats (except electronic) for serial records. The decision was based on ease for the user. We decided to carry on with that policy, even though a future implementation of FRBR (Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records) may make this undesirable. The IUG website has presentations on FRBR from past IUG meetings. There also may be information on the CSDirect website about FRBR. When finally developed, it will be a new product that we would have to purchase. We decided we would deal with FRBR when it happens. Right now the practice makes the website cleaner for users.

There was some discussion of adding 856 links in serial records to AtoZ lists. This doesn't work very well in a shared catalog. WebBridge may be the solution for the electronic version of periodical titles.

Now that WorldCat is available to the public, we wondered what impact our policy of consolidating records has on the display in WorldCat. After checking a couple of serial titles at www.worldcat.org it appears that our policy will have little impact right now, as there are several entries for a single serial title. [*Note: Discussion on OCLC-Cat implies that WorldCat needs some work*].

MARC Coding in Millennium

We looked at some bibliographic records and noticed that some legitimate bibliographic fields were coded in red. The load table and index table looked fine, but the missing fields were not in the Format Validity Table (available through Database Options). The Cluster is responsible for updating the Country Codes and Language Codes, but we were unsure if we were responsible for the Format Validity Table [*Note: I checked the Coordinator handbook and the Cluster is responsible for the Format Validity Table. I will update it*]. The source for the language and country codes is Library of Congress MARC21 Bibliographic formats – code changes.

It was noted that the rotational schedule for responsibility of updates is on the Arthur Technical Services page of the MCO website.

Item Record Suppression for Multi-Volume Sets

It was agreed that multi-volume items that do not circulate (e.g., bound periodicals) should be suppressed and a check-in record with a library holdings statement and call number, if applicable, should be used instead. The check-in record makes a cleaner display in the WebPAC. There was discussion of codes used for suppression in item and bib records. It was agreed item record suppression code “n” would be used as the temporary suppression code and item suppression code “s” would be used as the permanent suppression code when items should not appear in either MOBIUS or Arthur. Item suppression code “l” is used for reserve items.

Similar codes should be used in BCode3 of the bibliographic record. Code “d” for delete in bibliographic records is seldom used by Arthur members.

EDIFACT

MOBIUS has purchased Edifact for all Clusters. Libraries should contact their acquisition vendors for the needed information and update their vendor records. The III manual has information on pages #102819 and #102820 about Edifact vendor records.

Authority Control

Inas had a question about the “Updated headings” report. This is the report on all headings changes made by AACP (Automated Authority Control Processing). The report should be scanned to see if there were any errors (i.e. any heading erroneously changed). A heading does not need to be searched in Millennium unless there appears to be a problem. Information on this report will be included in the Authority Control Documentation. The draft of the Authority Control document was reviewed and suggestions were made that will be incorporated into the document. There was some discussion on verifying headings in Millennium vs. verifying headings in Connexion. Each institution should develop their own workflow (either way is fine) as long as headings are verified in each bibliographic record added to the database.

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The 856 fields were discussed briefly. These look okay in Arthur but terrible in MOBIUS. At present there is nothing we can do about the ugly display in MOBIUS, MAAC is discussing, but it may take an enhancement from III to improve the display.

Next Meeting

This meeting took longer than originally planned and some items need to be discussed further. Items for further discussion and perhaps the next meeting are Coding, 856 fields, and Partial heading reports.

No date was set for the next meeting.