MERLIN Acquisitions/Serials Control Committee (MASCC)
10:00 a. m., July 30, 1997
Library Systems Office Conference Room

Attendance: Committee Chair Brenda Dingley (UMKC); Rich Rexroat
(UMC-HSL); Suzy Bent (UMC); Becky Merrell (UMR); Fay Watkins (UMR);
Dean Cody (SLU-Law); Rhonda Glazier (UMC); Joyce Edinger (UMSL); Ellen
Grewe (UMSL): Jack Montgomery (UMC-Law); Janet Jackson (LSO); Gary
Harris (LSO); Bette Stuart (UMC); Richard Amelung (SLU-Law); Linda
Hulbert (SLU-HSC); Carla Paul (UMKC); Robert Cleary (UMKC); Hunter
Kevil (UMC); Alice Allen (UMC); Jean Parker (SLU-Pius); Patrick
McCarthy (SLU-Pius); Andy Stewart (UMR).

[Agenda Item]**1** Minutes/Recorder: Andy Stewart agreed to serve as
recorder. Jack Montgomery will be responsible for the minutes next
meeting.

There were no changes to the minutes from the May 14 meeting as posted by
Robert Cleary.

2 Announcements: None

3 LSO Update:
Janet Jackson reported these items:
     * The load of 010 field records is partly done. It is a big project
and will take a long time.
     * Vivian Lee has started loading the last batch of BNA authority
records.
     * All the 930s have been loaded.

Janet also answered questions from the floor about these items:
     * A work order requesting a table for the GPO load has gone in to
III but we don't know if it is ready yet. Kurt Kopp will have to write a
program to pre-process these records before they can be loaded.
     * There are still questions to be answered before the Autographics
load can begin. LSO is trying to reduce the number of duplicate records,
but the records are available and otherwise ready to load.

4 MQCC proposal for special paid enhancement for checkin notes:
Current situation: Displaying notes will overwrite the third line of
public serials display. (UMKC public service librarians don't want to
give up the third line; MASCC committee was in agreement with this.)

MASCC agreed that the identity field should be added to the checkin
record, with the addition of the words (SHOWN HERE IN ALL CAPS) as
follows:
     Recommendation 4a: Display the identity field in the recent
receipts screen in patron display in the character based catalog **IN
ADDITION TO THE CURRENT DISPLAY**.

     Recommendation 4b: Display the identity field in the staff
checkin card display **IN ADDITION TO THE CURRENT DISPLAY**.

Recommendation 1, 2, and 3: During a thorough discussion, these issues were raised and possible actions were presented:

* Define a presently-undefined, variable length field and code (maybe "p" and labelled PUBLIC NOTE). Information currently in first note field (Note1) could then be moved into this field and leave current checkin notes1 as they are now.

* Each campus may need to determine how many records would need to be touched before having Note1 ready for public display.

* Each cataloging center has used Note1, Note2, and Internal Notes differently. The group was polled to determine the potential problems with changing so the first note field (Note1) is displayed, with these results:
   These libraries would have problems if Note1 were to be displayed before they could change Note1 contents:
      UMSL; SLU-Pius: UMK; UMK-Law ("probably")

   For these libraries, it would be OK to display Note1 "right now":
      UMC; UMC-HSL; UMR; UMC-Law; SLU-HSC; SLU-Law

* Hunter Kevil asked about investigating whether III can do a location-dependent data conversion ("n" field to "p" field, for example). This would reduce the number of records which would have to be manually changed.

* What the public sees when the change is is first made is important to UMKC--this is an issue of timing.

* Add an indicator in the first display screen to show if a note exists.

* Hunter Kevil asked if we should take a more systematic look at which fields are displayed (and which ones we want displayed) on other screens.

Committee members agreed that this list of checkin record displays is desirable--without specifying "HOW" the changes might be done:

   * Display of the Identity field on checkin records

   * Variable-length note field to display on "current receipts" (second screen). A library-defined, local public note. For example, Note1 displays for UMC; Note1 does NOT display for SLU-Pius. (Janet Jackson offered that examples are very useful in communicating to III.)

   * Displays are the same in WebPAC as in the character mode display. (but Gary Harris says this will NOT happen.)

   * Staff notes be displayed on both check cards and checkin records.

Recommendation 5: There was no discussion of this recommendation.

To conclude the morning session, there was a brief discussion of III bindery functions, including pull slips. Libraries are using various

workarounds to use the III bindery module. Robert Cleary will have more "hands-on" bindery information, including sample forms, for our next meeting.

5 Loading Approval Records.

After lunch, the loading of approval records and possibly large numbers of duplicate records was discussed.

III help desk (Rebecca Petrascu, 6/30/97 message) has suggested that purchasing additional load tables will allow matching (and duplicate reduction) on an internal vendor number. (This will reduce duplicates only if libraries have the same vendor.)

Currently, UMK is loading approval records from BNA--using the Merlin default load table (which they have expanded) and they are getting "as close as possible to" MARC records. So far, we do not know how to view this table. Approval records from Matthews are *NOT* working at SLU-HSC.

A poll was made to see how pressing this issue is:
        ___Library (approval vendor) - plans___

        UMC (Academic Book Center) - wants to use approval records, but is waiting; maybe in 2-3 months?

        UMR (Yankee Book) - uses approval slips only--does not plan to use approval records

        SLU-Pius - has no plans to use approval records

        UMC-HSL (Matthews) - might use for order records only, but they have a very short "review" period and fully process approval books quickly.

        UMS - wants to begin using BNA records as soon as possible, but is hoping to reduce record duplication in MERLIN

        SLU- Law - has no plans to use

        SLU-HSC (Matthews) - wants to begin as soon as possible

        UMK-Law - not actively looking to use

Gary Harris reminded the committee that a schedule for loading approval records will need to be developed when more libraries are using this function. He will also continue to attempt to resolve approval record loading problems with III.

Patrick McCarthy asked if ISBN might work as a matching field. At least it would lower the number of potentially duplicate records compared to not using any matching. Gary Harris will also pursue this with III.

6 Holding Standards (preview)

Brenda Dingley presented a draft for holdings standards which she has been working on with Robin Kespohl. She explained that this is a first draft and the document's goal is not to be restrictive. At present, there is nothing from SLU in the standards; if desired, this can be included. Robin and Brenda's document also includes some **proposed** standards.

In discussion, it was pointed out that the health sciences libraries may need an exception as they are required to make a full load of their serials holdings--in a (different) prescribed format--into SerHold. Rich Rexroat will send proposed language for this to Brenda.

Brenda concluded by stating the holdings standard document is an evolving document. Committee members are asked to look it over and give any suggestions.

The date for the next committee meeting was scheduled for October 29, 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

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