

MERLIN Quality Control Committee
Minutes, February 5, 2003

Present: Richard Amelung (SLU Law), Anna Zaidman (SLU Pius), David Owens (UMSL), Maggie Trish, chair (UMR), Mary Aycock (UMR), David E. Hubbard (MU HSL, guest), Wendy Fritzel (MU HSL), Carol Riley (UMKC), Kathleen Schweitzberger (UMKC), Nancy Stancel (UMKC Law), Norma Fair, recorder (MU), Alla Barabtarlo (MU), Christopher Gould (MCO), Allen Verbrugge (MCO).

Maggie Trish called the meeting to order.

1. Introductions, announcements. Wendy introduced David Hubbard, a practicum student at MU HSL, who attended as a guest. Norma announced that Vic Myers is now Head of the Catalog Department at MU Ellis Library.

2. LSO/MCO Update (by Christopher). Robin Kespohl and Axie Hindman retired from MCO effective December 31, 2002. Both have committed to work haltime through December 31, 2003. Jenny Bossaller has been hired for the Help Desk. Jenny started working in December and became full-time in January.

MCO loaded the bibliographic records for the Wright American Fiction collection into MERLIN for the entire MOBIUS Consortium as requested by the MOBIUS Electronic Resources Advisory Committee (MERAC). Maggie asked if LSO is responsible for maintaining the bibliographic records for broken links since they do not belong to a specific MERLIN Library. Christopher checked with Gary Harris who said LSO will not do any maintenance, and there should be no broken links since the 856 ju is a PURL, not a URL. Kathleen questioned the timing of the Wright American Fiction records load. MQCC has guidelines for the priority of loading collections of records into MERLIN. In this instance those guidelines were not followed. MQCC members did not know the records were going to be loaded, and MCO loaded them before collections already prioritized by MQCC.

The software for III release 2002 phase 2 has been loaded on the MCO training server. MCO staff will test it until about Spring Break and then put it into production. They will test it based on a list of known III problems supposed to be fixed by this release, as well as on a list of MOBIUS-known problems with the current release. MCO is scheduling training, for MOBIUS coordinators within the next few weeks, held at various locations throughout the state. Kathleen asked if people involved in day-to-day work with MERLIN would be allowed to test the new release, particularly in terms of how the "fixes" may adversely affect other functions. Christopher referred this question to Mark Warhenbrock. Mark said he would welcome MERLIN user volunteers to assist with testing. Kathleen volunteered to test it for Millennium Cataloging and Maggie volunteered to test it for text-based.

3 & 7. AACP project status. III says the problem of child headings not being updated when the parent heading is updated has been fixed except for series/uniform titles. III has generated an in-house enhancement request to address series/uniform titles. Christopher noted that on the training server with 2002 phase 2 release, series/uniform titles are updating properly but subjects are not.

III has been able to duplicate the problem with multiplying subfields |d in bibliographic record headings and also discovered that it can occur with subfield |c. III opened a call with Software Engineering. There is no predicted date for when it will be fixed. Christopher has no answer to the AACP anomaly of stripping the child heading (i.e. subdivision) from a 650 bibliographic heading when there has been an update to the main subject heading. Christopher will open a call to III. (The example is from the Bibliographic Updates Headings Report of 12-05-2002 which contains three entries where a bib heading "Acronyms|xDictionaries" was replaced with the heading "Acronyms", by the Automated Authority Control Processing program. —CAG email of 2/4/03).

4. The OCLC/MARS (MARS) backfile bib loads continue. Of a total of 317,309 bibliographic records, 200,000 have been loaded. Once the bib load is completed, Christopher can load some 100,000 authority records, mostly names.

Some MARCIVE shipping list records were unintentionally sent to MARS for authorities processing. On April 5, 2001 Christopher made a change to the MARCIVE bib load table so that shipping list records would be loaded without a cat date. No provision was made to strip the cat date for shipping list records loaded before April 2001. Those older records were pulled and sent to MARS. MQCC decided there is no need to go back and strip the cat date from those records, since they will not be pulled for authority processing again.

Wendy asked Christopher if there is an approximate date for loading the MARS authority records. He said probably Monday (February 10).

The problem with the returned bibliographic records having a period at the end of 856 fields (causing the URL to be a broken link) is a known problem with Innovative. When bibliographic records are pulled, III supplies ending punctuation in all fields lacking it. Any 856 not ending in a back slash (/) will have a period added. On January 22, 2003, Christopher implemented protection of the 856 field when MARS bibliographic records are loaded. Christopher has generated review files of records with the 856 field ending with a period, so that they may be fixed..

Richard asked when the system would be back to normalcy (i.e. when the backfile work will be completed and we go back to vendor authority control on a quarterly basis). Christopher could not predict a specific date. The backfile 4 load will bring us up to 7/1/02. There will be a backfile 5 for bibliographic records added between 7/1/02 and the date of going to production (quarterly basis). It takes a long time to load the backfile records. MERLIN patron loads take two full days each week. Kathleen asked if it would be possible to dispense with weekly patron loads for a while so that LSO could catch up in loading the backfiles. MQCC asked Maggie to contact Doris Beeson, chair of the MERLIN Access Services Committee, to see whether the frequency of patron loads could be reduced, possibly to biweekly, until the beginning of Summer Session. Maggie asked how long after the loads would the MARS reports be showing up. Christopher was not certain, but thought there may be fewer reports than in the past. MERLIN will receive the following reports: N001 (no match), N006 (partial match), and N019 (deletes).

5. OCLC/MARS partial match report. MCO had proposed to stop getting MARS report N006 (partial match). MERLIN libraries reaffirmed their request to continue receiving this report. MERLIN had been getting a combined N001/N006 report from WLN, but the N006 report is also available separately. Carol Riley said UMKC prefers to have N006 as a separate report. No other library had any particular preference. Christopher will advise MARS to split out N006 separately from the N001 report.

6. Overlay protection for 430 & 530. It was recently discovered that there is inconsistency in the position of code 9 (overlay protection) in fields 430 & 530 of authority records. Some records have it as the first indicator and some as the second indicator. Christopher reviewed earlier documentation and found that code 9 was intended to be in the first indicator position of 430 & 530 fields. In other protected fields, code 9 is to be in the second indicator position. Christopher will expand the list to show the coding for each protected field.

400_9	500_9
410_9	510_9
411_9	511_9
4309_	5309_
450_9	550_9
451_9	551_9
455_9	555_9

7. x11 subfield \$d proliferation. See 3 above.

8. Genre heading update service from OCLC/MARS. MARS has a new service that can match bibliographic form/genre headings tagged as 655 fields against a variety of authoritative lists, based on subfield \$2 of the 655 field. The only requirement is that the 655 be indexed in the local OPAC.

Christopher will ask MARS if the type of index (phrase or keyword) matters. The MARS service currently provides authority control for terms from three sources: Guidelines on Subject Access to Individual Works of Fiction, Etc. (GSAFD), Getty's Art & Architecture Thesaurus (AAT) and MeSH. Wendy does not want to use MeSH genre matching because when the National Library of Medicine distributes their records to vendors, genre headings are moved from the 655 to \$v of 650s. MQCC made no decision regarding the form/genre authority service, pending an answer to the indexing question. [MARS responded that it makes no difference how the 655 is indexed, just that it is indexed.]

9. Checkin records. MQCC discussed the MRSC response to a proposed revision to the MERLIN guidelines for inactive checkin records (7.1.5.1). MQCC had proposed changing the wording from "Monograph sets or serials with more than 5 physical volumes" to "Monograph sets or serials with more than 5 physical volumes in the 300 field or open-ended designation, as v." MRSC voted in favor of having checkin records for every monographic set or serial regardless of the number of volumes. No library plans to add checkin records retrospectively. Richard addressed using inactive checkin records to "do the right thing." For example, if a library owns an edition of Encyclopaedia Britannica complete in x number of volumes, there is no need for a checkin record. However, a checkin would be useful if the library has an old edition of Encyclopaedia Britannica located in RARE but owns only v. 1, 4, & 6. Nancy asked if there would be a problem with adding more checkins, particularly because of the way checkin records are segmented among campuses. Christopher did not think it would, but he will order more checkin records. Anna said we need to keep notifying other campuses when the existence of a checkin record on a bib requires another campus to add a checkin record, but also try to accommodate the MRSC request. David noted that using the OCLC Union Listing service would require checkin records for all serials. MQCC agreed to no longer limit to more than 5 volumes. Maggie will revise the standard and post it to the list for MQCC approval. Upon approval, Maggie will notify MRSC of the new version and that we will not go back and add checkins to former cataloging.

10. UMR proposed allowing the usage of 655_\$5 to enhance searching of electronic journals to which UMR has access. For UMR the subfield \$5UMR would limit retrieval to electronic journals actually available to UMR users by entering a Boolean search, electronic journals AND \$5 UMR. Any institution may use this technique if desired. MQCC approved the proposal. Maggie will send a request to the Help Desk to request adding \$5 to the 655 index, but not display \$5.

11. GMD of "cartographic material." Cartographic material is now an accepted GMD replacing globe and map in list 2 of GMDs, but LC does not use it. Richard will clarify with OCLC whether they will allow input of "cartographic materials" even though LC does not use it.

12. Subfield \$e in added entries. MARS will strip subfield \$e (relator term) from MERLIN records when they are processed for authority control. SLU Pius will continue to use ACRL relator terms for rare materials. OCLC has a list of subfield \$e text that will be deleted. MARS will not strip the ACRL relator terms.

13. Field 041, repeatable subfield \$a. 041 subfield \$a is now repeatable in lieu of entering a string of language codes into a single subfield \$a. Richard follows the new 041 standard as a contributor of PCC records. MQCC decided that libraries should follow the revised 041 standard for all new original & copy cataloging. [MQCC did not discuss the repeatability of subfields b, d, e, f, & g in the revised 041 standard.]

14. Marcive Subfield \$z and Freely available online. Geoff Swindells attended the November 2002 MCDAC meeting as the GovDoc liaison. He said that the "Freely available online" text was important, and emphasized that MOBIUS is serving as a regional gateway to GovDocs, and as such the freeness of the resource needs to be clear. However, if there is only one \$u and multiple \$z's in an 856 field, the \$z's do not hotlink correctly. The 2nd \$z links to a blank page. There is a discrepancy between the online version of MARC21 for bibs and the Catalogers Desktop version as to the repeatability of \$u in the 856 field. If subfield \$u is repeatable, that might allow 2 subfield z's. MCDAC suspended the MARCIVE \$z project until the subfield \$z question is resolved. MCDAC wants to use "Freely available online" if at all possible. In addition to it being automatically added to MARCIVE records, MCDAC requests that we add it to all government records, federal, state, and international.

15. Missouri Document retrospective load. It may be possible to load the State Library's Missouri State documents bib records into MERLIN if so desired. The MERLIN library Catalog already contains many Missouri document records and cataloging centers currently add them on an "as needed" basis. MQCC does not want retrospective Missouri document records loaded into MERLIN.

16. MARCIVE 655 fields. It has been noticed that some MARCIVE records lack the 655 field(s). All records are supposed to have 655_7 \$a National government records \$z United States. \$2 aat. Records with an 856 field are supposed to have 655_7 \$a Electronic government documents. \$2 local/ers. Christopher will check with MARCIVE about the problem.