

MERLIN Quality Control Committee  
February-March 2008 wiki meeting  
(Comment period: February 14-March 5)

## Minutes

### 1) Announcements

UMSL: Tony Garrett joined UMSL in January as the Head of Access Services. Prior to coming to UMSL, Tony served as Library Director at Baptist Bible College (BBC) in Springfield, MO.

MST: LaDonna is the new Catalog/Metadata librarian at Missouri S&T

MST: 590 UMR: is now 590 MST:

UMKC: UMKC's new Head of Collections, Steve Alleman, began work on Feb. 18. Steve comes to us from the University of New Orleans. This position was restructured after Marilyn Carbonell left and Steve will report to Brenda Dingley, the Assistant Director for Technical Services and Collections.

MU: From Ann Riley: MOBIUS TF on search overlays is supposed to report at the rescheduled MOBIUS Council meeting, Feb. 29. Draft report was submitted to them last month. As soon as the council accepts the report, it will be released to everyone.

MU: We will be changing our 590 UMC: to 590 MU: to be consistent with other display elements in MERLIN. We will continue to use MoU in \$5 as appropriate.

### 2) Heading reports

Wayne spoke with Janine at MCO on Feb. 13, 2008. She asked about MQCC's decision on the frequency of headings reports. He informed her we decided to try the weekly reports although some preferred the daily reports. She will send out a notification when she switches frequency so everyone knows what's going on. She also said that we could presumably do something between daily and weekly (say TR, or MWF) as an option if we are unsatisfied with the weeklies after we try them out.

Loads will get a separate report the following day if that is indicated in the load specifications. If a record load is routine, like Serial Solutions or MARCIVE, include information on how the headings reports should be handled when you set up the load specifications. David noted that MQCC standards for (Special) loads already include information about where to send the associated authority head reports (10.1.2.1).

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. URLs in items: MU was interested in possibilities such as bookplates or what URLs to resources in item look like in MERLIN and MOBIUS. No one has begun using URLs in item records. MQCC standards do not preclude putting URLs to online resources in item records. Looks like link checking wouldn't be an issue.

3. Public note field in item record: No objections to enabling this field. Felicity will submit MCO request. MU will propose guidelines for use prior to MQCC implementation related to local bib. vs. local item notes.
4. Uploading detailed holdings to WorldCat: Awaiting info from MCO about the ability to load holdings for special collections materials from item records on monographs instead of checkin records. May need to follow up with getting additional information from MLNC or OCLC.
5. ITYPES for online resources: MU was interested in more specific ITYPES for online resources. Issue tabled until we see if the MAT TYPES used for icons will do the job.
6. Genre index: We would like to index the genre field 655 in our bibliographic records. Proceed with referring to MCDRSC for additional indexes, etc. Be aware that III is being asked to include this as a standard feature. MU MQCC will be taking forward the following for consideration: place/place/date, donor/honoree, location (e.g., MU Special Collections), name (by and about), uniform title.
7. New icons: Plan for implementation of more specific, user-friendly icons proposed. MQCC will need to assign codes for the different types, too, which will require the least amount of maintenance. When decisions are made by MCDRSC, we will proceed.
8. Government document MARC records, etc., service: UMKC raised the idea of reviewing our current service and exploring other options available to us. Possibly good idea, but no volunteer to follow through.
9. 79x fields: Kathleen added to the load table. Awaiting MCO/III action for next step.

MCO-TICKET 012069 (Request to add as follows, plus to add to the keyword index:)

- \* 790 and 796 [like 700] Keep abcdeq - Author(a)
- \* 790 and 796 [like 700] Keep fgklmnoprst - Exact title(t)
- \* 791 and 797 [like 710] Keep abcden - Author(a)
- \* 791 and 797 [like 710] Keep fgklmnoprst - Exact title(t)
- \* 792 and 798 [like 711] Keep acdegnq - Author(a)
- \* 792 and 798 [like 711] Keep fklpst - Exact title(t)
- \* 793 and 799 [like 740] Rem 5hx - Exact title(t)

10. Millennium problems: There aren't major ongoing problems. Duplicates have stopped on all but rare occasion. Freezing is less persistent and pandemic.

11. Other pending issues - reports: There are still outstanding tickets. Please keep us all up-to-date on progress.

- \* MCO-012377: Some current order records do not display in MERLIN
- \* MCO-011751: Erroneous authorization when transferring order records
- \* MCO-012161: III mis-codes some LHRs so OCLC won't accept them through the batchload process. If we re-code the LHRs so OCLC will take

them, MERLIN displays them incorrectly.

\* Not reported: If you're looking at a record in Millennium and you select View > Public Display, Internet Explorer 7 will not display diacritics in the record. If Firefox is your default browser, this doesn't happen. If you open a record in any other way in IE7, this doesn't happen. Doesn't appear to affect patrons

NEW BUSINESS

12. Backstage and headings for old SLU records: UMKC discovered we are receiving authority records from Backstage for SLU headings. Two choices were identified: 1). Have Backstage delete this file and start a new file, or 2). Mark these new authority records for deletion as they come in quarterly. We need more information about what this would involve. Would there be a cost associated with a new replacement file? UMKC submitted this agenda item. Can you all follow up on this?

13. Parallel language records: UMKC started a discussion of this new development of parallel language records in OCLC. Currently, MERLIN does not load the 936 field from our MARC load tables. Our decision is to keep the field, add to load table, suppress from public display. The Chairs request that Kathleen add this field to the load table.

14. Series for online resources with print counterparts: A separate series statement is justified for online and print versions. With record loads, the separate series may not be used. Opinions vary as to whether we should follow national standards or continue to qualify or not based on what is in records. The chairs will add this to the next MQCC meeting agenda for further discussion.

15. Searchable field in item record: MU would like to have a searchable field in item records for internal use. The MU propose using 990 for this new searchable field which will be indexed in the INNOVACQ index. No objections were stated. The chairs will send out for vote the use of 990 and will open a ticket for information gathering on whether this will work and to implement it if it will.

16. MARCIVE no longer available: MU will proceed with its current practice of withdrawing online government documents that are no longer available. If we get a separate 9xx field set up, we can re-tag the 856.

17. 9xx field for unused 856s: MU proposes establishing a 9xx field for URLs that aren't being used. E.g., the item is on order. No objections were stated. MU proposes using the 957 field. The chairs will send out a vote to use the 957 field for this and will open a ticket to implement this. The field will be suppressed from display in the WebPAC.

18. Update Checkin record field group tag LDR: MU suggested changing the checkin record field label from "LDR" to "LHR". No objections were stated. The chairs will refer this to MACQ for approval and will submit ticket to MCO.

19. Map cataloging for digital reproductions: Jee Davis, MU, attended an ALCTS workshop on cataloging maps. For digital reproductions, she found out that the map cataloging community recommends describing the reproduction and putting information about the original in a note field

(534). This is in conflict with the LCRI. MU asked for input from MQCC. Wendy, UMKC, presented a case for following the LCRI. This is MU's preference and they will proceed to use the standards stated in the LCRI.

20. Subfield Periodical: MU proposed switching |x to |v for the subheading periodical. Most of them are form headings. No discussion. MU will put this on its project list (low priority); we will exclude monographs.

21. Item records for freely available resources: MU proposed allowing multiple e---- items so that holdings can be uploaded to WorldCat and it will be easier for catalogers to know if a record has been reviewed. No objections stated. MU will modify MQCC standard 8.2.5.1.1 to allow the addition of multiple items. Only one item e---- may be unsuppressed.

22. Routine maintenance operations by MERLIN libraries: MU asked what RMOs cataloging centers are performing. A few additions were submitted. MU will collate and post list to MQCC website.

23. MQCC charge: MERLIN site coordinators asked that each MERLIN committee review its charge for updates in light of SLU leaving MERLIN. A couple of changes were noted. The chairs will submit changes to site coordinators.

24. Transaction files: The MERLIN site coordinators asked MQCC to consider what activities might have been occurring to cause the transaction file problems we've been having. Record loads and other MCO activities (rescoping) likely played a part in recent problems. MU would like to clarify when we should not be creating lists, etc., and will check with MCO about this.

25. MQCC standards wiki: At a previous meeting, MU noted that the use of a wiki for MQCC standards would allow others to edit documents directly. They put some of the standards into a wiki for MQCC to review. Chairs will send this out for a vote: Use wiki or use current website?

## 26. Reports

Info on link checker from Hardy, LSO. LSO is looking into using the W3C LinkChecker: <http://validator.w3.org/docs/checklink.html>. For proxied links, LSO can parse out the ezproxy info from the 856, and then run them against the link checker. A problem with this idea is authentication. They need to investigate whether they can either obtain VPN credentials on each campus, OR, more likely, access to a Unix shell account on each campus, from which they can the link checker. OR, they can code an application which they we invite people to run.

UMSL is reviewing options and may purchase a link checker.

27. Other: Notes and suggestions for things to follow up on were submitted. Chairs will review for addition to next meeting agenda.

\* Timeliness of ongoing e-resource loads and specs? (Loads for NAXOS for UMKC are fallen behind.)

\* Note: When we merge bibliographic records, we are changing

"persistent" links.

\* Updates to bibs needed for genre headings for government publications  
- current headings (MU will follow up on this:

\* 655 \_0 Government publications|z[place].

\* 655 \_0 Electronic government publications|z[place].

Some records don't have these headings, and some records have  
previous versions of the headings

\* j 655 \_7 National government records|zUnited States.|2aat

\* j 655 \_7 Electronic government documents.|2local/ers

\* Discussion - Low priority

\* Item record - why is local free text call number 090? It should  
be 099.

\* 539 field: In MERLIN the information is found in 539 and 533 |7  
fields. Consistency?

\* Pending MERLIN cleanup (low priority - just want to keep track of  
these)

\* j 655 7 Electronic journals.|2lcsh We need to change these  
to 655 \_0

\* FF codes not added correctly. MU created a review file to  
identify some of these.

\* 040 \$b non-English codes. MU created a review file of these  
records

8. Authority work for overlaid bibliographic records. MU noted that  
some overlaid bibliographic records are being sent for authority work,  
and headings may not have been changed. Differentiating records  
previously sent for authority work will be cumbersome. No change in  
current practice is proposed at this time.

29. INNOPAC SYSTEM OPTIONS (Database maintenance): The site  
coordinators suggested that setup options be reviewed. Kathleen  
forwarded the current database maintenance options. Changes were  
proposed. The Chairs request that Kathleen make changes as proposed.

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