

BRIDGES CATALOGUING COMMITTEE

February 13, 2006

Minutes

The Committee met at Covenant Theological Seminary. Denise Pakala, Committee Chair presided.

Attending were:

Brady Shuman, Covenant Theological Seminary
Joel Shedlofsky, Logan College of Chiropractic
Kathy Nystrom, Eden-Webster Library
Linda Orzel, Harris-Stowe State University
Marty Knorr, Harris-Stowe State University
Corrie Christensen, Lindenwood University
Julie Portman, Fontbonne University
Denise Pakala, Covenant Theological Seminary
Elaine Trost, Missouri Baptist University
Anne Calhoun, Missouri Baptist University
Wendy Schlegel, Eden-Webster Library
Mary Ann Mercante, Maryville University
Eileen Condon, Webster University & Chair, Bridges Site Coordinators

INSTITUTIONAL NEWS

Covenant Theological Seminary: Covenant is planning for its 50th anniversary celebration this summer; otherwise there is no news.

Lindenwood: Corrie reported that her replacement has come and gone. The woman hired left after a month because of a job offer to do investigative research for a newspaper in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Maryville University: Mary Ann reported that Maryville has completed the load of its latest Netlibrary books.

Harris-Stowe State College: Marty reported that Denise spent a day with them setting them up for inputting original records into OCLC. She helped tremendously with activities such as setting up constant data records.

REVERSE SUPPRESSION CODE

The code "q" has been added to the Bridges list of item suppression codes (ICODE2). An item coded with suppression code "q" is displayed in the MOBIUS Union Catalog, but is suppressed in the Bridges catalog (SUPP LOC/DIS C)

The code was added in order to give us a tool to improve the holdings displays in the Union Catalog for multivolume sets and for serials. There is no standard among libraries as to their policies for creating item records and/or serials checkin records in their local catalogs for multivolume sets and for periodicals. As a result, many of the displays in the Union Catalog have a mixture of multiple item records and/or serial checkin records.

The use of code q allows a library to create a summary holdings statement in an item record for display in the Union Catalog. The Library can then use item suppression code l (SUPP CEN/DIS L) in the other item records to have them display in the local catalog, but not in the Central catalog. It is important to use code l instead of code z (NO CEN/DISPLAY LOCAL) so as not to affect the item count in the central catalog.

The use of suppression code q in a summary holdings item record in concert with the use of code l in the other item records can only work for items which are not requestable through the central catalog. A multivolume title where the items are requestable needs to have the item records for the individual parts display in MOBIUS.

Denise reported that MCDAC will be discussing use of the reverse suppression code at its March meeting. She said that the different ways of handling journals in libraries will probably mean a "best practices" document will be prepared by MCDAC rather than a recommendation for one standard way to use code q. MCDAC will also not expect libraries to retrospectively change records already in the system that are closed sets or closed serials.

Once the MCDAC "best practices" document is prepared, then the Bridges catalogers can discuss any questions related to implementing the reverse suppression code in Bridges.

Mary Ann reminded folks who do year-end statistics off the system to remember to deduct items with suppression code q from their year end count, since these wouldn't represent new items.

710/110 INDEXING/DISPLAY ISSUES

Currently in Bridges, subfield n is indexed in the 110/111 fields, but is not indexed in the 710/711 fields. This causes problems in record displays. The problem can be seen in the results list from an author search on "World Council of Churches Assembly" in Bridges.

A larger issue with the indexing of subfield n is that subfield n has a different meaning when used in an author field vs. a title field. Indexing subfield n in both the author indexes and the title indexes causes other display problems. This can be seen by searching MERLIN for the author "Geological survey us v"

The Arthur cluster indexes subfield n in keyword only. Searching Arthur for the author "Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations" retrieves a results list where subfield n does not display.

Authority indexing also needs to be coordinated with bibliographic indexing.

MCDAC will discuss this topic at its next meeting. If a decision is made to change the indexing in the central catalog, each cluster will need to be reindexed also.

After looking at the examples, the Cataloguing Committee recommends that subfield n be indexed in the author index, both in the 110/111 and 710/711. Since this is a display issue for the Web OPAC, Eileen will take this to the Site Coordinators.

STOPWORDS FUNCTION

The Committee discussed the pros/cons of changing how Bridges is profiled for the handling of initial articles. Currently, when indexing a title the system disregards what it defines as initial articles when these words begin a title. It also disregards these initial articles when they are typed in at the start of a title by a patron doing a title search. This choice was originally made in the belief that it would reduce the number of failed searches by patrons. The downside to this choice is that there are some titles where words defined as initial articles begin a title but are not serving the function of an article. Examples are titles such as *A is for ...* or *THE journal*. These are not retrievable in a title search unless one knows the trick of using quotation marks: "*A*" *is for alligator* or "*THE*" *journal*. Repeating the title in the 246 is a workaround that can be done by the cataloguers to make the title retrievable.

At the last MCDAC meeting, Truman State University described how the LANCE cluster changed its profiling to have MARC filing indicators honored in indexing and to retain users' initial articles in searches rather than automatically dropping them. Truman State also convinced III to reindex the LANCE catalog for free.

Discussion followed as to whether the Cataloguing Committee should recommend a change to follow the Truman State example or should keep its profiling as is. A suggestion was made to look at the Bridges system search logs to see how often patrons are including the initial article in title searching. Melissa Belvadi has run the system search logs for Maryville at different times. Several Committee members asked to be refreshed on how to do this. Mary Ann will ask Melissa to send instructions to the Bridges Cataloguing Committee.

After much discussion, the Cataloguing Committee decided not to recommend a change, but to keep its profiling as is. The key factors in the decision were the desire to keep our profiling in this area the same as the profiling for the central catalog and to avoid having to retrain large numbers of patrons on searching.

ACTIONS TAKEN SINCE LAST MEETING

Eileen reported on actions taken since the last Cataloguing Committee meeting.

- The MARC validation table has been changed so that the 229 tag appears in red again
- ICODE2 value “I” has been relabeled to read Supp Cen/Display L
- The 007 coding document prepared by Wendy Schlegel has been posted on the Bridges Cataloguers website
- The changes requested to the 7xx subfields have not yet been done. Eileen has submitted them but Lynn Edgar says there are other things tied in to this. They will be done, but not as quickly as we expected
- The NetLibrary record loader protection changes have been made, but Eileen hasn’t heard about any of the others

CATALOGUING PROBLEM FROM COVENANT

Denise showed the Committee how she cataloged the study guide she had asked about at the previous meeting. This is a study guide sold only in electronic form to end users who have to go to the company’s website, pay, and then can download and print. See OCLC no. 62710253.

LDR UPLOAD & CHANGES TO SERIAL HOLDINGS

Mary Ann reported that as part of a serials weeding project, Maryville is withdrawing some of its journal backholdings and completely discarding some journal titles. Thirty-one titles are involved in this project. Maryville will update its Millennium Serials checkin records but had concerns on what to do about OCLC Union List. If Maryville updates the Union List by going online through Connexion, would the changes be wiped out when the records from the original LDR pull are finally batchloaded at OCLC? In response to Maryville’s query, Susan Lewis at MLNC advised making the changes now via Connexion to help ILL borrowers, but to keep a list and check the records after the LDR pull is batchloaded.

Several Committee members expressed dismay that OCLC is planning to load the originally pulled records because the information is now so old. The Committee agreed that each library with concerns should contact MCO and request a new pull of its records.

WHEN TO ADD A VOLUME FIELD

Denise distributed a very helpful guide on when to add a volume field and when to put the volume in the call # field.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Bridges Cataloguing Committee will be held Wed. April 19, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Covenant Theological Seminary.