

CONSULS Cataloger's Meeting, June 18, 2008

Present: Stephen Slovasky (StLib), Sandra Brooks, Lisa Maurer (ECSU), Cindy Schofield-Bodt, Jackie Toce, Ed Hoyer (SCSU), Priya Rai (CCSU), Alesia Szabo (WCSU)

1. Scoping: In response to a request by the CONSULS Curriculum Centers Group to enable scoping for all 4 Curriculum Centers as a unit, Sandy has begun setting up parameters for that project. Scoping is done at the bib record level and can be achieved in one of three ways—by creating a “bogus” location code, including a bcode3 code or using material type. Since there are various material types in the curriculum collections, this is not appropriate. Creating an additional location code can create problems when libraries begin using the statistical package more diligently. It was agreed that a bcode 3 would be added for curriculum scope materials. The new code is “c” for “curr scope.” Going forward, all new curriculum lab materials will include bcode3=c. Sandy will investigate the retrospective coding of existing records. The directors have approved funding for this project (\$1,500) and it will go forward as soon as the records are ready. The State Library may also have material appropriate for this scope and will contact Hope Cook (CONSULS Curriculum Center Group convener) for more information about the scoping goals.

2. Autographics: It was agreed that there is no need to continue with Autographics Gov Docs service to overlay shipping lists records. Stephen has been downloading records from OCLC from the shipping list and this system seems to be working. Gov Docs records. Since Marcive records get loaded to ReQuest Priya does not need to include gov doc records with the records she sends—Marked with a bcode3= “s” Stephen is willing to email whoever is interested that the state library shipping list is complete. Note, fed docs bib records will have various formats attached even though that’s not normally how it’s done in the catalog. (paper, fiche, links to PDF, etc.) “born digital” continues to be one record with no holdings attached. The records should be much cleaner going forward though there is some retrospective work to be done.

3. Catalogers would like to be included in ERM training. The ERM discussion led to a discussion about the general lack of communication about system-wide initiatives and shared products. There is no clear understanding that Central is “in charge” of disseminating information about new products but it seems the initial contact is always through them. We have all had the experience of looking for guidance on an issue from Central and being told that they do not provide system-wide support, but at the same time we have all had the experience of being denied system-wide information. It can not be both ways. Cindy volunteered to draft a letter to the directors outlining the communication/role definition problems and illustrating with recent examples. She will circulate to the group for approval.

4. Authority control status. There was a standstill due to lack of payment but that issue has been resolved. We are now ready to begin the “periodic update” phase. The gap tape will be sent in early August, with a small group of records being sent before that as a

“preliminary run.” After the August gap update records will be sent monthly. Safari Books and Serials Solutions records will be excluded. All other records will be sent including ejournals, ebooks and records to which only orders are attached.

Records not sent: bcode3 not = b,d,g,x,w; biblvl not= o,r,e,f,x; cdate not= blank. Priya will continue to be the “point person” for the authorization project.

5. The question of y tags being protected was raised. If they have not been “unprotected” a request should be made that they are. There was a question about the 505 field and whether it is protected from overlay but a test overlay indicated it is not protected. There was no explanation for why the contents notes remain as original when Eastern overlays a record. This discussion will be continued via email.

6. Tour—the group had a quick tour of Southern’s new building.