

SUMMARY OF HEADS OF TECHNICAL SERVICES (HOTS) ACTIVITIES

September - November 2005

HOTS had one teleconference call (September 29, 2005) and one in-person meeting (November 14, 2005).

Shared Print issues

There is now an indicator in Melvyl which identifies that a title is part of the UC Shared Print Program. It can be searched under title as "UCL Shared Print." There is discussion of purchasing or providing tables-of-contents enrichment to make these monographic titles more usable to remote users. HOTS will be looking at how to fund the costs associated with shared print processing. SCP will not be distributing records for materials acquired through the shared print program to campuses. The Canadian literature prospective shared print project will receive shelf-ready materials and cataloging records from YBP through PromptCat.

Shared Cataloging Program issues

HOTS approved a proposal to add a field to SCP records to indicate the content status of electronic serials (e.g. active, inactive, moving wall). This will assist campuses in collecting statistics. There is another proposal under consideration to add the SFX unique identifier to serial records to assist in the implementation of the UC Electronic Resources Management System.

Bibliographic Services Task Force

Under the aegis of HOTS, the Task Force began work in May, and an interim report was issued in August. The Task Force is considering many options and developing pros and cons for each. Recommendations may include a single file of records in MELVYL (rather than merged clusters of records) and a single catalog maintenance platform feeding campus OPACS. Holdings data would have to be standardized. FRBR based and federated searching may be recommended as well as searching metadata in repositories; bibliographic data from MELVYL could be sent out to campus web pages and subject portals. Subject searches may be supplemented by keywords from contents notes and museum metadata. The Task Force may also recommend a single platform for all technical services operations or an OPAC outsourced to OCLC, Red Light Green or Google. After the final report is issued, there will be 3-6 months of systemwide discussion before any further action is taken.

Documents Without Shelves

HOTS agreed to a proposal for SCP to subscribe to MARCIVE's Documents Without Shelves service for federal electronic resources. This would represent a savings over what individual campuses are paying collectively. CDC will be asked to pay for the subscription.

Link Resolver issues

Concerns were raised by HOTS over the process by which decisions were made to make changes in the technical issues concerning link resolvers. The issue was forwarded to SOPAG for their review.

CONSER Funnel Proposal

SCP will be developing a detailed proposal that would allow the UC libraries to make changes to and update authenticated CONSER records. This would allow changes noted in local UC catalogs to become permanent changes in the national level CONSER records and facilitate overlaying local serials records with records distributed by SCP.

UC Electronic Resources Management System Progress

Three teams are working on joint development functional specifications to manage the consortial aspects of the system. CDL anticipates having the current release of the Verde software installed in January 2006.

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