

Meeting Minutes/Summary
October 2007 Members Council Meeting

Group Name: Cataloging & Metadata Services Group

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Have the minutes been reviewed by the group chair? Yes XXXX No

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Attending:

Members Council Delegates and Alternates: Magda El-Sherbini (OHIONET), Pat French (OCLC Western) , Joan Heath (Amigos), Jan Ison (ILLINET), Suzanne Schriar (ILLINET), Bruce Willms (MINITEX, Group Vice Chair)

OCLC Staff Members: Karen Calhoun (OCLC Liaison), Linda Gabel (presenter), Chris Grabenstatter, Lisa McDonald, Gayle Palmer, Glenn Patton, Andrew Reed, Bob Van Volkenburg, Cynthia Whitacre (Recorder), David Whitehair

Other: Bruce Newell (OCLC Board), Kevin Furniss (OLAC),

Meeting Minutes/Summary:

The group meet for one hour on Tuesday, October 23.

The first thing the group did was prioritize among 6 topics from the previous day's brainstorming for potential discussion at the next meeting. The top 4 in order of priority were:

- Automatic cataloging (machine generated from full text, perhaps including a discussion of ONIX)
- Data mining to add Dewey class numbers to WorldCat records; adding other data elements to WorldCat records using data mining could also be included
- Social tagging and user contributed data in library catalogs. Subject terms were particularly mentioned as was a possible link to LibraryThing and Amazon
- WorldCat.org and WorldCat Local and implications for cataloging resulting from the advent of these services. What local data ought to become part of WorldCat?

The other two topics (Open Source ILS; Different pricing models for small libraries) did not generate interest within the group.

E-Resource Metadata Management: This was the topic for the bulk of the meeting.

Karen Calhoun stated that libraries have good strategies now for dealing with metadata management for physical resources, and that they are beginning to develop strategies for dealing with e-resources. She posed the question "What is OCLC's role in e-resource metadata management?" OCLC has made inroads with the eSerials Holdings Service, but OCLC's efforts in e-resource management are in a nascent state. What would e-resource management look like on the network level? More information about OCLC's current offerings are available at:

<http://www.oclc.org/eserialsholdings/default.htm>

Following Karen's overview, Linda Gabel presented what is being done and being planned for the eSerials Holdings Service. OCLC is working with ERM providers to set holdings in an automated manner in WorldCat. OCLC gets files from the partners (EBSCO, TDNet, Serials Solutions, some informal work with SFX, and WorldCat Link Manager (formerly 1Cate)), matches these against the knowledge base and sets holdings. Changes are sent monthly for maintenance. Some libraries send local files if they are not involved with one of the partners. Over 300 libraries currently participate. Holdings are set on the record for the electronic version, not the record for print. This helps libraries to expose their entire serial collections to patrons via WorldCat.org and helps ILL staff know what is owned. This is currently a free service.

Future plans include bibliographic record delivery for loading into local ILS, customization of those MARC records for delivery, and partnering with 3rd parties to offer delivery. Recording of coverage is also in future plans, since right now holdings are set solely at the title level (not issue or article level). ILL deflection was mentioned as a solution to not being allowed to loan titles via ILL due to licensing agreements.

Delegate comments:

- Encourage OCLC to assist libraries in setting up and populating ERM systems
- Managing licensing issues is huge
- We wish these solutions had been around years ago
- This will help keep labor costs down
- Lack of serials catalogers makes this essential
- OCLC is going in a great direction
- Expenditures on electronic resources are going up all the time

Q: How does the WorldCat Registry fit into this? A: A library may register their link resolver there. The WorldCat Registry is currently a reference service, but it will become a grid tool with machine to machine services supported by the Registry.

Recommended Agenda Items for Next Meeting *(or for Web Seminars between meetings):*

See the first item on prioritization at the beginning of the meeting. In addition:

- What goes into the bibliographic record? Can a "Basic" record (less than Core) be agreed upon that would become a de facto standard. Could we explore this?
- RDA and impact on OCLC (for a future meeting, not for February)
- Ways to move cataloging departments into the 21st century
- WorldCat Registry (potential topic for a Webinar between meetings)
- Update on WorldCat Cataloging Partners
- Automated Selection; WorldCat Selection service
- Bringing cataloging and acquisitions together