Library Catalog Committee  
February 16, 2017  
Meeting Minutes

Present: Stephanie Bartz (chair & recorder), Natalie Borisovets, Melissa De Fino, Bob Warwick, Yini Zhu

1. Membership change  
Yini Zhu, who was previously a member of LCC, has returned to the committee to replace Roberta Bronson Fitzpatrick.

2. Carr/Kilmer name change  
Issues related to the changes needed in the Library Catalog in order to accommodate the renaming of the Kilmer Library to the James Dickson Carr Library were discussed and recommendations drafted.

- Results screens and bib records include full library names with campus names.

  Recommendation:  
  James Dickson Carr Library (Livingston) or  
  James Dickson Carr Library [Kilmer] (Livingston)

  NOTE: For the short term, it may be useful to point to the relation between Carr and Kilmer. The “[Kilmer]” portion would be removed after a designated period.

- Facets use shortened “codes” to identify libraries, and are limited to 10 characters. These are the actual policy codes from Symphony.

  Recommendation: CARR

  NOTE: Due to the fact that these are actual policy codes used behind the scenes in Symphony, including a reference to Kilmer here is not recommended. It would entail extra labor when it came time to remove the reference.

- Delivery options on request pages (e.g., Book Delivery) include the codes and the full names of the libraries with campuses.

  Recommendation:  
  CARR: James Dickson Carr Library (Livingston) or  
  CARR: James Dickson Carr Library [Kilmer] (Livingston)

Decisions/Actions: Stephanie will forward the recommendations to Rhonda Marker and Jeanne Boyle.

3. Including times with due dates  
My Library Account currently lists due dates for all checked out items without including the time those items are due back. This is problematic for items such as laptops and reserve materials
which can only be checked out for a few hours at a time. The legacy catalog does include a time stamp with the date for material that’s checked out.

LCC would like to have the test catalog changed to include the time stamp with the due date, so that the committee can review the display before any change is made to the production catalog. Ideally the time should display in 12-hour format rather than 24-hour format.

**Decisions/Actions:** Bob will investigate to determine whether such a feature exists and get an estimate of how much work would be required to implement it.

4. **Text for 856 links**
   LCC was asked to review the text for the various types of public notes ([z] used for electronic access links in the Library Catalog.

   **Decisions/Actions:** Melissa will collect examples for a future meeting.

5. **Item types for web archives**
   Records for archived web content, such as that collected by the End of Term Web Archive which captures federal government websites during major transitions, are being added to the catalog. (For an example see Administration for Native Americans - [https://catalog.libraries.rutgers.edu/vufind/catalog_search.php?record=5346506](https://catalog.libraries.rutgers.edu/vufind/catalog_search.php?record=5346506).) There is currently no item type that’s appropriate for these resources. They are automatically assigned to PERIODCL-N because the record format is serial.

   A new WEBARCHV-N item type will be requested to accommodate these materials.

   **Decisions/Actions:** Stephanie will contact Mary Beth Weber to ask for approval of the new item type. Bob will review some of the related records to determine whether it would be possible to automatically assign the item type during batch record loads based on a common element in all the records.

6. **Review of feedback**
   - The Browse Alphabetically by Subject option continues to be problematic. A search for “Blasket Islands,” for example, throws you into a list that begins with the term “Blasko Iban’es…” A search for “Latin America” brings up fewer than 10 headings. There appear to be multiple problems. The 651 field (geographic subject added entry) was not included in the original settings for the browse index. Additionally, while the legacy catalog rotates headings so that any portion of the heading is searchable (e.g. SOCIETY OF FRIENDS--CIVIL WAR, 1861-1865--PENNSYLVANIA would be found with a search for Society of Friends, Civil War, or Pennsylvania), the current Library Catalog doesn’t have that feature. Improving the subject browse either needs to be looked at as a priority, or the seriously flawed subject browse option should be removed as an option.
   - The indexing for journal titles also has continuing issues. The results of a Browse Alphabetically by Journal Title search for “Public Choice” don’t include the title, although it is listed in the results for a Basic Journal Title search. This is similar to the problem reported previously with titles such as *Speculum* and *Monist.*
• A faculty member complained about the inability to print records in the same format she was used to in the legacy catalog. This was considered a low priority issue since there are print options available, and the faculty member can still use the legacy catalog if unwilling or unable to adapt to the new catalog.

• A Basic Keyword search for “‘introduction to econometrics’ and stock” retrieves records for three different editions of the same textbook. Two display the red “checked out” image on the results screen, while the third does not, even though the full record for that item indicates that it is checked out. The anomaly needs to be investigated as part of the already identified issue with displaying correct item status on the results list.

• Books that are charged to missing aren’t identified that way on the results screen. This is also part of the already identified issue with displaying the correct current status on the results list.

• The list of VuFind Post-Implementation tasks includes some items that were slated to be done during winter break, but that weren’t completed. Stephanie will review the list to identify these items for follow-up.

**Decisions/Actions:** Stephanie will forward the concern about the subject browse search to Rhonda Marker for consideration by Cabinet, will see that appropriate notes about other issues are added to the existing list of VuFind Post-Implementation Tasks, and will follow-up with Bob and Chris Sterback regarding post-implementation tasks not completed.

7. **Information sharing**

• Plans are moving forward to eliminate the catalog search options from the link resolver page that’s retrieved when Get it @R doesn’t find full text. Users will be pointed to document delivery.

• Melissa will be away from early May through mid-August, but will look for a substitute to attend LCC during her absence.

• A representative for LCC from Camden has been requested.

8. **Next meeting**

March 16, 1:30 p.m., University Librarian’s Conference Room

The May 18 meeting is cancelled.

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