Library Catalog Committee  
March 16, 2017  
Meeting Minutes

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

1. **Subject browse**  
The Browse Alphabetically by Subject option, as discussed at the February meeting, is still problematic. As a first step, Bob will check the relevant indexing in the Legacy Catalog and apply the same standards to the VuFind test catalog (e.g., add the 651 field, geographic subject added entry, to the index). The committee will review the change in test to determine whether it is an adequate fix, or whether to pursue the removal of the subject browse option from the catalog.

**Decisions/Actions:** Bob will review the subject browse index in the Legacy Catalog and apply the same indexing standards to the VuFind test catalog. The committee will review the change in the test catalog so that it can be implemented during the next reindexing if it adequately addresses the problem with subject browse.

2. **Text for 856 links**  
The committee was asked to review the notes now being added to the 856 (i.e., electronic access) field for titles that have restrictions on the number of simultaneous users. The text of the existing notes is “Due to license restrictions, access is limited to # concurrent users.” See *AccessMedicine* for an example: [https://catalog.libraries.rutgers.edu/vufind/catalog_search.php?record=2539750](https://catalog.libraries.rutgers.edu/vufind/catalog_search.php?record=2539750).

The consensus of the group was that the note should be shortened to “Limited to # concurrent users.” This is in line with previous efforts to shorten the notes associated with URLs in the 856 field.

The information regarding the number of concurrent users should carry over to the Connection Notes on the database description pages, when appropriate, since users are more likely to access databases from those pages.

Several record anomalies were found while 856 notes were being reviewed and were fixed subsequent to the meeting. One issue requires further investigation. The record for one online resource included an LC call number on the item line instead of the usual note to indicate “ELECTRONIC RESOURCE.” This was likely an artifact from a discussion held some years ago. Bob will generate a report to determine how many other electronic resources have LC call numbers on the item line.

**Decisions/Actions:** Stephanie will contact Mary Beth Weber and Gracemary Smulewitz with the recommendation for shortening the text used in the 856 to indicate the number of simultaneous users. The recommended text is “Limited to # concurrent users.” Although outside the purview of LCC, a recommendation will also be made to add equivalent text to the Connection Note field on the database description pages.
3. VuFind task list
The remaining list of prioritized tasks for VuFind includes five indexing decisions, most of which were completed in the test catalog, but not carried over to the production catalog.

- Index invalid ISSNs and ISBNs
- Index Series titles in title browse
- Update VuFind Journal Title browse with indexing configuration decisions from Symphony PERTITLE browse
- Update VuFind Title and Journal Title keyword with indexing configuration decisions from Symphony
- Revise stopword list to match Symphony's list; remove is

Bob will work with Chris Sterback to plan for implementing these decisions and reindexing the production catalog during the break between semesters in May.

Decisions/Actions: Bob will work with Chris Sterback to implement the outstanding indexing changes and reindex the production system during the break between semesters in May.

4. Information sharing
- The list of outstanding VuFind issues has been added to the LCC Work Space LibGuide.
- Li Sun will join LCC while Melissa is on leave.
- Rhonda Marker will attend the June LCC meeting.

5. Next meeting
June 15, 1:30 p.m., University Librarian’s Conference Room

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