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Subject: Enhance Sharing Session Follow-up

The following is not so much a summary of the discussion from the Enhance Sharing Session held in Washington at ALA, but follow-up on the questions that several of the participants raised. If I have left anything out, please contact me. My apologies for taking so long to send this information to you.

CATME for Windows

There was some discussion on whether CatME for Windows was being used by Enhance libraries now that replaces could be done through CATME. Most of the participants indicated that CATME was still not useful for Enhance because they could not correct or create authority records, or use Robert Bremer's Authority macro.

After ALA, David Whitehair, CatME for Windows Product Manager, confirmed that users cannot use Robert Bremer's Authority macro to create authority records from data in bibliographic records because CatME does not yet support NACO functionality. However, he reported that OCLC plans to add NACO functionality to CatME for Windows in a future enhancement. A project to do this is in the very early stages and more information will be available later this year.

Order Of Replace For National Level Records

A question was raised about whether OCLC could provide a table listing the precedence for replace for national level records. The Duplicate Detection and Resolution (DDR) software, which compares and merges Books records already in WorldCat, and the various programs that are used to add records to WorldCat differ in some significant details. In addition, Encoding Levels also play an important part in determining which record is retained. The result is that any single table of precedence would tend to be misleadingly oversimplified because there are too many variables. One of the few generalizations that can be made is that when a full-level LC record is involved, it will always be the retained record.

Guidelines For Input Of Field 856 When Enhancing Other Members' Records

A question was asked about whether OCLC could provide guidelines for entering data in field 856 in other members' records. The guidelines should not differ for what a library would do for its own records. LC issued guidelines on its web site and we think those might be useful to you. See <http://lcweb.loc.gov/marc/856guide.html>.

Names Of Vendors

Several participants at the meeting asked that we announce the names of the foreign vendors on the Enhance listserv as we begin loading their records. We will be glad to do this. The most recent foreign vendor, JEAN TOUZOT LIBAIRE EDITEUR (Touzot), was loaded this past June. The symbol is TZT. Records from other foreign vendors currently in WorldCat are Puvill (PL#), Casalini (C3L) and Iberbook (I5L).

Master Enhance List

One participant asked if OCLC could add a column to the Master Enhance

List to indicate if the library has Enhance for CJK. Jay Weitz, Product Manager for Enhance, reported that, because of the specialized nature of CJK cataloging, institutions applying for CJK Enhance do not go through the usual Enhance evaluation process and so have never been tracked in the same way. In addition, especially since the introduction of the OCLC Access Suite (which includes OCLC CJK software), there is no longer the close relationship between institutions that HAVE the software and those institutions that actually USE the software, whichever authorization level they use. OCLC needs to take a closer look at the feasibility of providing a complete and reliable indication of CJK Enhance participation as part of the Master Enhance List.

Enhance Procedures, BIBCO Libraries And National Level Enhance
Several participants at the Sharing session were from BIBCO libraries. They raised some questions about the procedures and paperwork involved in applying for Enhance for various formats after they have received BIBCO training. Some BIBCO libraries would like to have Enhance and National Level Enhance across all formats once they have been approved for BIBCO and authorized for Enhance in Books format. OCLC staff prefers to retain the format-by-format authorization process that was built into the original design of the Enhance program. We have discussed this with staff at LC and they have endorsed OCLC maintaining format-specific evaluations.

Enhance was intended to be an extension of OCLC's own database quality control efforts. The extra measure of individual format quality evaluations helps to uphold that tradition. Over the years we have found that the whole evaluation and monitoring process helps identify inputting and cataloging problems that would have a negative impact on the quality of records in WorldCat. Many institutions have actually expressed appreciation for the fine-tuning in their own procedures that have resulted.

OCLC will be working on a formal statement concerning Enhance procedures, paperwork and monitoring for BIBCO libraries in response to similar questions raised at the May BIBCO Operations Committee meeting. We are planning to have the statement ready before the end of the calendar year. In the meantime, OCLC will continue to limit Enhance by format and will require records be evaluated before Enhance is granted for a specific format.

Adding vernacular to LC records

Several participants at the Sharing session had questions about adding vernacular on LC records. They were interested in using National Level Enhance to add vernacular instead of having OCLC's Technical Processing Dept. upgrade the records using the information supplied by the libraries. Enhance libraries that are also BIBCO libraries can ask for a National Level Enhance authorization to add vernacular. However, we ask that they contact the BIBCO Coordinator at LC for information about what is required to participate. We also ask that a library requesting National Level Enhance for CJK indicate on the OCLC access and authorization form that the authorization is for CJK.

Basically, if the CJK participants want to add vernacular to LC records they will also have to verify all headings. This requires participation in NACO. Unless those wanting to add vernacular are willing to do the

work involved in being a NACO participant, they will not be approved for a National Level Enhance authorization.

CJK libraries can still have vernacular added to LC records even if they do not want to do all the work required for BIBCO. They may send OCLC's Technical Processing Dept. the information. Specifically, send copies of the records with vernacular characters added to Ms. Bing Yu, Asia Link Supervisor, via mail, fax, or e-mail. Ms. Yu will see that the records are processed within two weeks from the date of receipt provided that the quantity does not exceed 30 records per language in one day. If more are received, it may take longer to process those over the limit.

Exporting Core Records With Vernacular

One participant reported that she was not able to correctly export a K-level record with an 039 field containing 'core'. The Encoding Level is not changed from 'K' to '4' on output as it is on other core-level records. Hisako Kotaka, CJK Product Manager, reported that a fix will be installed for CJK 3.0, which is scheduled for release in early 1999. In the meantime, CJK users will have to convert these records to Encoding Level '4' in their own local system, edit them before exporting or enter them without the 'core-level' designation. If the 'core-level' designation is not used in the master database record, the library can either enter the records at I-level, if the records meet I-level standards, or K-level.

If you have any questions or comments about this information, please feel free to post to this list or contact me directly.

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