Minutes of the Cataloguing and Authorities Users' Group
Date: Monday, May 7, 2012, 10:00am – 11:30 am
Location: Gerstein, Alice Moulton Room.

Attendees: Lisa Andrews-Attwater (Rotman), Mary Jaques (St. Michael's) Mary Reynolds (Regis), P.J. MacDougall (Massey), Wendy Li (Hong Kong), Juliya Borie (Robarts), Melissa Paldines (Credit Valley), Helen Ge (Knox), Juliya Borie (Robarts), Carmen Socknat (Victoria), Alastair Boyd (Robarts), Marlene van Ballegooie (Robarts), Kate MacDonald (Trinity), Lana Soglasnova (Robarts), Sergio Quibus (OISE), Diana Liang (Scarborough), Elisa Sze (Inforum), Tim Neufeldt (Music), Fabiano Rocha (Robarts), Joan Links (Media Commons), James Mason (Music)
Regrets: Humayun Rashid (Law)

1. **Report from the Metadata Librarian**

Serials Solutions update
- Training: Aiming to train Robarts staff in September; other library staff will be trained later on.
- Record quality: Serials Solutions records not always of high quality and Marlene is looking into overlaying them with our records; planning to get in touch with cataloguers at Serials Solutions to discuss the quality issue; if UTL has better records for certain titles it is possible that we could submit them as master records to Serials Solutions.
- Serials Solutions to look at all the databases U of T subscribes to ensure there are proper MARC records for all of our subscriptions in their database.
- Serials concatenation: prioritized by Larry Alford so Marlene is hoping to focus on this project during the summer; will target dead records that are not linked to acquisitions records because they are easier to correct.

Deleting records

- Word of caution: be careful when deleting your holdings not to delete another library's items; you can set your properties on the delete title call number wizard to only delete records for the searching library. If you do delete someone else's record by mistake, call Alastair right away to restore it from training database.

2. **RDA Update (Alastair)**

- National Library of Medicine, LAC, British Library committed to implementation in first quarter of 2013 but conflicting standards will overlap for some time in WorldCat.
- U of T Libraries, Endeca will have to be adjusted to accommodate changes to old fields and addition of new fields, for example GMD - 245 non-print material; new 3xx fields will replace GMD designation and will have to mapped to an equivalent index.
- Utility in use at Robarts - will take RDA record edit back to AACR2 more or less; difficult to introduce within Sirsi.
- Comment: One attendee mentioned that she was hesitant to begin training too

early until we start cataloguing in RDA. Alastair's response: he does hope to postpone training for some time depending on how fast RDA records start appearing in significant numbers. OPAC display issues must be worked out before we can add RDA records to the database, but it would be good to familiarize ourselves with the standard in advance.

- Special Libraries Cataloging has developed a useful resource, [RDA/AACR2 Changes](#), to compare the two standards.

Q: How will Sirsi handle these new MARC tags? Sirsi is not able to handle the new tags yet, so part of the work-plan this year is to make sure it does.

- RDA authority records - additional fields in the 6xx range cannot be authorized right now; option: existing records that are compatible with RDA will be left

Q: Genre categories in 655 with an indicator of 8 are stripped when downloaded into Sirsi, but 655 indicator 0 will come through-is this somehow related to RDA? It is probably the incorrect indicator that is throwing things off and not an issue related to RDA.

- *RDA Toolkit:* Alastair's current recommendation is to hold off on subscribing to the RDA toolkit until September with full on training after Christmas. Elisa Sze mentioned that the Inforum has a subscription for two users to RDA toolkit for a class; for classroom training purposes were told they did not have to pay more for it.

Q: if we find RDA records to download, at what point will we actually be permitted to download them? Will there be an announcement? For now batch loads from Robarts will be converted from RDA back to AACR2 to keep things consistent while Endeca and OPAC display sorted out.

- There is a possibility that Endeca could display both AACR2 & RDA records simultaneously; Alastair is hoping to meet with Bilal & Sian to find out how well Endeca can be used to display the two different standards. Authority file is not indexed as part of Endeca and cross-references not included.
- Alastair stressed that he did not think cataloguers should waste time cataloguing from one to another standard; if there is a commitment that Endeca can be set-up to display things properly this would be the most desirable outcome. He hoped that by September things will be clearer.
- If you do download an RDA record, it's discoverability that is key if you do not convert it entirely back to AACR2. But if you do convert it make sure fixed field for desc is changed back from i to a, and delete |e RDA from the 040 field. Don't spend time changing "pages", "illustrated" back to shortened forms.

Next meeting: September 10th, Alice Moulton Room.