Minutes of the Cataloguing and Authorities Users’ Group

2013-09-09 10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Alice Moulton Room, Gerstein Science Library

Carmen Socknat (Vic), Mary Reynolds (Regis), Mary Jaques (SMC), Diana Liang (UTSC), Dong Xia Wang (UTSC), Lisa Andrews-Attwater (Rotman), P.J. Carefoote (Fisher), Irene Wu (ROM), Michael Bramah (SMC), Elisa Sze (ISchool Inforum), Alastair Boyd (Robarts), Kate MacDonald (Trins), Sergio Quibos (OISE), P.J. MacDougall (Massey), Sherry Smugler (Robarts Gov. Pubs./Ref.), Juliya Borie (Robarts), Fabiano Rocha (Robarts/East Asian), Lana Soglasnova (Robarts), H. Rashis (Law), James Mason (Music)

Minutes of the last meeting: Two minor spelling corrections, and one omission corrected.

Business arising from the minutes: None.

RDA updates: Alastair Boyd

- Marlene van Ballegooie unable to be present
- Little progress made over the summer on the hoped-for RDA authority file project
- It is hoped to do the mass, machine-readable file by the end of September. This will convert the majority of LSCH headings to RDA headings
- Any new, locally created name authority records should follow RDA formatting
- Do not create unnecessary local name authority records
- Some bib. records imported through the WorldCat Connexion client appear to be MARC/RDA hybrids coded i, not a. Notify Marlene or Alastair of these errors, as they display improperly

Downsview serials display

- In the new catalogue serials located at Downsview are creating confusion because the MARC holdings information states the location as Robarts (or other owning library) stacks, while the item records list Downsview as the location. Possible solutions are to correct the current non-display of 852 subfields, or to insert a note in the 866 field of the MARC holdings record. Alastair will send out options and samples so that we agree on a consistent set of rules and texts to use. The question as to who will be doing this work was raised (SLAs?)

856 links

- If one is leaving 856 live links in bib. records check to see that they function. If they are non-functioning, lead to unhelpful information (such as publishers’ websites) delete them. If they lead to tables of contents or summaries consider converting the information to a 505 or 520...
• Prefer to keep print and e-resource records separate for ease of checking e-resource 856 links to full-text

CAUG Subcommittee on training and resources

• Three meetings were held over the summer to discuss the Cataloguing Department website and its content. The subcommittee would like to know which resources currently on the site are being frequently used, and to assess training needs. They have surveyed other university sites for ideas
• A survey has been developed for CAUG members’ input. It will be sent out on CatInfo within the coming week
• The site will be in LibGuide format. It is intended to add a FAQ section, contact information, short videos, and sample records, the first being RDA authority formats

New catalogue

• Members were asked for comments about the new catalogue
• Many would like to have the fake cover display suppressed as it takes up considerable space on hand-held devices
• There are some roll-ups that create problems. Marlene, Alastair, and Bilal will meet next week to resolve this
• The ability to place holds should be more prominent than under options
• Suppression of the MARC display option is suggested
• Overnight updating of bib records is still the norm. Circ. data is 15 minutes.
• Display of non-Roman characters is sometimes incorrect or peculiar
• Search results after an auto-correct are often incorrect. A Boolean search is preferable