

System Managers' Meeting October 12, 2004

MARC-NEW Format – Elizabeth Erlich would like to remind staff to make sure the default format for adding new bib records is set to MARC-NEW. Please check your cataloger's pcs' properties to make sure this is correct. Those items that have a format of MARC are not being overlaid with a proper OCLC record.

New ILL Policy – Tammy handed out the new ILL Policy that was approved by the SLC Board on September 30, 2004. If your library needs to adjust your hold map entries, please indicate what the item type is and the hold policy change. Please email slcstaff if you need new item types created.

Unicorn 2003.1.3 – A big thank you to those staff members that came to SLC to test the latest release of Unicorn. There are some nice new features that libraries found helpful: keyword searching for users, including searching by phone number, email, address, etc.; suspended holds; duplicate patron checking; isbn/issn checking; and how holds are listed in item display.

After discussion with other Sirsi consortia that are already on this release, they have advised us to wait to upgrade to Unicorn 2003.1.4, which is due out in 6 weeks. Many of the consortia had problems teaching part-time circ staff how to use the name searching (the browse searching will be brought back in this release, plus the new keyword searching will still be available) and there were also issues related to holds and the loading of the upgrade software for the clients.

SLC is recommending that we wait until Unicorn 2003.1.4 to upgrade. We will notify libraries when it becomes available.

Kristen will do a worksheet on how to use the new patron searching features when we do upgrade.

Kristen also reported on the Consortia SIG (Special Interest Group) meeting that she went to last week in Chicago. There were approximately 40 attendees representing approximately 25 consortia. Six Sirsi executives also attended. The top issues that the group would like Sirsi to work on are: Perception of Consortia, Corporate Direction, Software Development, Quality Control, Communications, and Pricing. A letter from the Consortia SIG members outlining the results of the meeting will be sent to Sirsi by October 31, 2004. A Sirsi response will be received by mid-December. The group will meet again at ALA Midwinter, and Sirsi will have an action plan by the Sirsi User Group conference in February 2005.

Sirsi Round Robin –

ROG: When using Standalone and changing the due date to 1 day, then they go to checkout for the next person, the screen goes blank and they have to shut down and bring the software backup. Is anyone else having this problem? Suggested reloading the software and having Lissa talk to other Sirsi users about this problem.

SCS: They do not like the wording on the ibistro website that lists all the libraries, but says to search MCL if they want to search all the libraries. This was put on the screen to direct CMM

patrons to an appropriate catalog. Suggestion was made to add Clinton-Macomb library card holders link and have it go to the Macomb County Library interface. SLC will make this change.

SCS: Strongly thinking about not using printed mailers any longer. CHE and TPL no longer use printed mailers, just phone calls and email notices. They are having no problems. CHE did an informational campaign for a month before they discontinued the printed mailers. CHE will share info with SCS.

SCS: Loves Envisionware. If you need a similar system, they highly recommend!

MTC: Having an open house for the library's renovation on Sunday from 2-4pm.

MPL: They are redoing their "Libraries with Word Processing" bookmark/flyer and would like to update it with all the member libraries' info about who has word processing, publisher, Access, etc. software available for patrons to use. They will update it and send it out to SLC member libraries to use.

TPL: MiLE items for academic and special libraries need to be packaged. TLN delivery will not take these items, so TPL is ending up doing all the packaging. Next week they will begin sending the items back to the original library to be packaged. (SLC is also getting MCC and Walsh items and having to package them. SLC will also begin sending the items back to the original library to be packaged as of next week)

TPL: There are still many patrons that have an extended zip code that have a User Cat 3 of TPLWORK. These need to be removed.

SCS: Would like all notification information to be displayed on the patron record (all notices not just the latest one).

Next Meeting - The next meeting will be November 9, 2004 at 9:30 am at MCL.

Attendees -

Smith	ARM
Kirsten	CHE
Minor	CHE
Morian	CMM
Price	EPL
Hirth	HPW
Powell	LWM
Casamer	MCL
Goike	MPL
Larsen	MTC
Blevins	ROG
Taskin	ROG
Eick	RSV
Harvey	RSV
Burgeson	SBL
Orlando	SCS

Radachy	SCS
Lasky	SHL
Pierce	SHL
Brodak	TPL
Horn	TPL
DoegeUPL	
Urban	WAM
Turgeon	SLC
Valyi-Hax	SLC

Bess Filtering from MISD

Tammy distributed a list of the sites that libraries requested be blocked or unblocked. The group will look at these urls and determine if they dis/agree and email turgeon@libcoop.net. If all libraries do not agree, then the filtering provided by the MISD will remain the same.