**URSUS Cataloging Standards Committee meeting notes**

**February 7, 2014**

**Bangor Public Library**

In attendance: Bryce Cundick (FAR), Alex Burnett (LLRL), Cason Snow (ORO), Sharon Quinn Fitzgerald (ORO), Elizabeth Phipps (USM), Lanny Lumbert (USM), Judie Leighton (BPL), Lynn Wilcox (LAW), Mary Saunders (MSL), Peggi Loveless (UMA), Nelson Eubanks (InfoNet).

Gretchen Brissette (UMPI), Katie Donohue (FK), Ben Noske (MAC), Alisia Revitt (InfoNet) & Jessica Thomas & Kathleen Spahn (PPL) joined us via PolyCom.

Peggi volunteered to be secretary for the day

**RDA Implementation**

Round the room on what's been done to date and other Library updates

**Farmington** – previously frozen budget has now been unfrozen. **BPL** – struggling with staffing issues; Implementing RDA in piecemeal fashion; Renovations may necessitate a move. **USM** – still buying but budget problems: Weeding this summer; Flooring in Gorham library being replaced after water damage earlier in the winter. **MSL** – Implementing RDA as best as they can. **Orono** – Flat budget; Creating more open space in Library: Weeding, especially in the science and engineering areas; Tech. Services staff involved in digitization; RDA being implemented as possible in all formats. **LAW** – weeding and accreditation. **LLR** – Weeding, not renewing some titles. Work in off-site warehouse. Julie has left the library. **POR** – Tech. Services is now part of Collection Management. &70K serials/database budget last year. $15 million shortfall for all of USM in the coming year. **Maine InfoNet** – Alisia is now Library System Manager and the Trainer position is in search mode. The contract with III has been renegotiated. URSUS and Minerva catalogs will migrate from Millennium to Sierra, hopefully this summer. CBB has merged their 3 catalogs and gone live to InnReach and hope to migrate to Sierra this summer also. InfoNet is negotiating with III to work with Evergreen (open source) for the smaller Solar libraries. The authentication problems with ARES were noted. **Presque Isle** – Gretchen will be on medical leave until March 3rd; They are also short staffed; The ground floor of the Library is being converted to a 24/7 accessible space for students, computer café concept with key card access.: Gretchen continues to churn out the duplicates lists from the OCLC reclamation project; Not doing any RDA or original cataloging. **Fort Kent** – cataloging all formats in RDA now; Digitization project; Map backlog to be cataloged; Re-allocating their budget to more robust programs; dealing with reaccreditation also. **Machias** – Not doing any RDA cataloging – copy-cataloging only; Their budget has been cut as has the staff. **PPL** – has experienced personnel changes; Are cataloging using RDA. **Augusta** – Not cataloging using RDA; Accreditation; Budget and staff cuts; Likely the director search has been cancelled (note – this was confirmed to staff on 2/12).

To sum up on RDA implementation; some locations are using, some are not. USM will catalog rare books in RDA when the new edition of DCRM(B): Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Material (Books) is available, but at this point, they do not have a standard for cataloging these materials in RDA.

The Minerva libraries are using a checklist to bring records to a more RDA-like standard but they are still hybrid records. The checklist is aimed at the most important pieces of data. Question was posed about the possibility of creating a template in URSUS for RDA records similar to the RDA workform in OCLC. The “cataloger’s discretion” aspect of RDA is likely more restricted by the Minerva group than it would need to be in URSUS. And we need to remind ourselves that it is Resource Description and ACCESS. It may feel like the cart before the horse but we do need to learn how to ride. This implementation is mirroring what is happening in the larger world.

* + Implementation issues (Lynn) – Lynn noticed an increase in the number of split files as a result of RDA changes especially to corporate body notation – i.e Dept. v. Department. There are other issues that need human intervention.
* Discussion ensued about whether we should decide to implement RDA across the board while we are still dealing with non-RDA and hybrid records. Sharon suggested that every library should be doing some RDA cataloging but there is no need at this time for everyone to upgrade copy catalog records. Orono however is ready to go forward with RDA practice for all materials. RDA is the emerging standard that provides benefits to the users and librarians. It was decided that original cataloging will be done in RDA and when copy cataloging will choose the RDA or hybrid records over those AACR. Bryce will approach the Director’s group at their next meeting about providing funding for all to purchase the RDA Toolkit for each campus. The revised pricing appears to be $150 per campus/user. Orono offered to send the committee a portfolio of records they have created already as examples. (Sharon forwarded via email February 8th)
* NAXOS record load--UM/UMA records for streamed video from OCLC (Sharon) – This was covered in the campus updates and Sharon provided an example bib before the meeting.
* Sierra
  + Overview of agreement (see attachments) Word is that the public and staff interfaces will not change but there appears to be some uncertainty about this. Also, wonder if this presents an opportunity to re-scope or restructure fund codes? Reminder to complete clean up on file 288 – records without publishers.
  + Any need for preparation, especially for Acquisitions? Clean up will be needed, especially on order and patron records. This likely needs to be completed by Augusta 1st.
  + Clean up Vendors and Codes?
  + Any opportunities this creates for us (new scoping, new indexing, etc.)?
  + Where will the information we currently access via telnet reside? The InnoPac (TelNet) version will disappear – most if not all functionality can be found in Millennium and if there is something we can’t find let InfoNet know.
* FAST Headings from OCLC (Lynn) \_ these appear to be “Library of Congress light” and better at geographics. Sharon suggested these would be a better fit for small local and historical collections.
* Report back from directors (Bryce)
* Other
* The next meeting was set for May 16th
* Lynn requested that Loads be posted to Support page in lieu of email notification.
* Respectfully submitted,

Peggi Loveless, secretary du jour