Cataloging Standards Meeting Minutes

13 May 2016

Bangor Public Library

Attendees:  Cason Snow (ORO), Sharon Fitzgerald (ORO), Lynn Uhlman (SYS), Albie Dunn (SYS), Bryce Cundick (FAR), Jess Isler (AUG), Asita Albert (FK), Ben Noeske (MAC), Jim Roy (MSL), Mary Saunders (MSL), Alex Burnett (LEG), Ryan Jones (LEG), Elizabeth Phipps (USM), Michelle Greene (PI), Patrick Layne (BPL)

The URSUS Cataloging Standards Committee met on Friday, May 13, 2016 at Bangor Public Library.  Secretary for this meeting was Mary Saunders.

The first agenda item was Floating Collections.  Alisia Revitt was unable to attend, but she sent members an email explaining how it will work.  When an item from one campus is checked in at another campus, the location code will be changed from that of the lending location to that of the borrowing location.  The new location is now the item location for system purposes.  In order for this to work, the item location names need to be parallel, so that they  all use the same pattern of one first character for the library and the same three characters for detail behind it.  The only such consistent locations in URSUS are \*sta and \*ovr. (This is a problem for MSL and Machias, as they use two first characters before the three characters for detail.  If these libraries want to participate, all their item locations will need to be redone.)   A new “l” field (a small L), for the original location, will be added to every possible floating record (only for the locations that float,  \*sta and \*ovr).  Alisia can globally update existing records, but going forward, it needs to be incorporated into cataloging workflow.  USM and FK have been doing it for a semester as a trial.

We discussed 856 links.  There is a problem with Summon in that the 856 in some of their print records links not to the URSUS catalog, but to the resource itself.   Albie said that Infonet can do a workaround but that Summon may later decide on another kind of fix.  Another 856 issue concerns serials.  We have been accustomed to attaching  records for the same serial in various formats (print, pdf, electronic) to only one bib record.  Cason reminded us that RDA requires a separate bib record for each format and that going forward, ILS evolution will require this.

Sharon brought up an issue concerning newspaper serial records in the shared catalog.  Microform holdings have the mat type “m” rather than “s”.   Anything coded “m” is missed in a search scoped to serials.  Records for microform serials should have their mat types changed to “s” for patron discovery.

Sharon also called our attention to another newspaper serial issue.  Some campuses use item records rather than holding records.  In the shared catalog, this creates an extra step as the item records display first and patrons often do not know to click on the title to see all the holdings.  The solution is to not permit item records on newspaper serial bibs.  LAW has some item records attached to serials.  Currently, LAW does not have a  CatStandards rep.   Alex Burnett offered to contact Steve Salhany at LAW.

The new mat type for audiobooks, “h”,  is up and running.  The icon looks great.  Alisia apologized, via email, for dropping the ball and not letting everyone know about it.

The new barcode order has been shipped.  In the future, Albie suggests ordering more than needed so that you won’t run out before the next order.

We discussed the use of item records in batch loads of electronic resources, such as Kanopy.  We need an easy way to delete records from publishers who drop out of packages.   Sharon said that ORO doesn’t have the staff to delete hundreds or thousands of records.  Albie said that one solution would be for vendors to send MARC records for deletes.  We could do a fresh full load to protect current holdings.  Anything that doesn’t get updated in the fresh full load could be isolated and deleted.  Sharon brought up JSTOR and the issue of a campus having access to a title by subscription for a set period of time only.  There is also the issue of the same title appearing in packages from different vendors.  Item records would identify specific campus holdings and make deletions easier.

Last, Mary asked about global update of subject headings.  Albie explained that the quarterly Backstage updates involve new records only.  Conversion of specific subject headings can be contracted to Backstage.  There are also automated systems that could do the work, but they are expensive.

After lunch, we went around the room telling what was new at our respective campus libraries.

The next CatStandards meeting will be Friday, September 16, 2016, at Bangor Public Library.