

Cataloging Standards Meeting

31 January 2020

Online

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Secretary: Patrick Layne, BPL

1. From Fort Kent: limiting record edits/deletes by location - as detailed in previous emails to the cataloging group (see "records deleted issue" emails), fk would like to add this item to the agenda for discussion and ultimately a decision. Based on experiences over the years resulting in accidental deletion of fk bib and item records (and loss of data for Annual Reports) fk would like to put in place limiters to restrict editing/deleting of records.

Group continues not to understand why records keep getting intentionally or unintentionally deleted. The consensus for reducing the risk of deletion is to remove your item records, not the bib records. If you delete the last item record in URSUS, you would then be justifiably deleting the bib record as well.

The group decided we will make no change to authorizations that might fix this error at this time. We can review this again at the next meeting in six months.

We were reminded that it is possible that non-catalogers could be the perpetrator of this problem. Authorizations for deletion exist across multiple library departments across over a dozen URSUS libraries.

2. From Fort Kent: ssj bibs with attached records - back in September, after MIN made me aware, I ran a list of ssj bibs with fk attached records, and moved any fk records off these bibs. In the process I noticed other locations had attached records too. There is most likely more as I only ran my list looking for fk records attached to ssj bibs. Attached to this email is the list I worked with and what actions I took. After I let Albie know (ticket 66924) as he had to push the bibs through a process to fix the bib branch field locations. Fk would like to ask that we all do a search and fix these, as any ssj bibs with attached records will have incomplete/incorrect locations listed. On first glance, patrons across the system could assume (based on the information showing) that their location does not have access to the ejournal, when in fact they might have access because of this issue. Lastly, the attached excel file is the list of records I worked with. For an example, see b55688184 (it appears attached records have been moved off the bib, but the branch field location is not listing all locations - when you view the record in the catalog: <http://ursus.maine.edu/record=b5568818>). Most likely it has not gone through the process to fix the branch field locations.

Not much discussion occurred around this topic. Lynn Uhlman and Cason Snow, if I'm remembering correction, confirmed we would need input/direction from Albie Dunn at Maine Infonet in resolving this issue.

3. From Orono: Relator term in X11 fields. Should be j and not e.

Reiterated that it should be a j, not an e.

4. From Orono: Designation of unsure dates. Use suffix letter?

When unsure of dates, at the end of the call number put an a or a z.

5. New Mat Type progress?

This is another issue we are waiting on Maine Infonet. Maine Infonet is going to create icons for the new material types. These are the icons for materials as they display in URSUS and MaineCat.

6. New business

Lynn Uhlman said work needs to be done and is being done to remove unwanted 800 fields, predominantly unwanted 856 fields that are bad publisher links, outdated publisher links, etc.

Cason is doing much of this 800 field work for URSUS libraries. He stated the links need to be removed from the item and bib records.

Lynn also mentioned that the recent purchase of III (Triple I) by Xlibris for now hasn't meant changes to III. Status quo for the time being.

7. Around the room

Jim Roy at MSL introduced Sarah Duggan, a new cataloger at MSL.

Mary Saunders at MSL said she's working on government documents and rare books.

MSLAW said they are working on a backlog of legislative documents.

Cason Snow said he was "in maintenance mode." He had been working recently on adding serial holdings to Connexxion.

Portland Public Library said they are "diving into the Lucky Day collection."

Ben at Machias mentioned the routine of the new semester.

Fort Kent is looking for a new cataloger, following the departure of Asita Albert for work at Colby College.

University of Maine Farmington had a flood in the library which will take a few months to recover from. Many books will be unavailable as recovery is underway.

8. Next meeting (Probably September, in person)

Next meeting scheduled to be at Bangor Public Library September 25th at 10AM.

