

Minutes
Prospector Catalog Reference Committee Meeting
May 18, 2006

Present: Mary Beth Chambers (chair), Tova Aragon, Dawn Bastian, Joan Beam, Joanna Blair, Pam Blome, Julia Fox, Gene Gardner, Virginia Inness, Janet Lee, Terri Lewis, George Machovec, Betty Meagher, Rose Nelson, Pam Newberg, Helen Reed, Janet Ryan, Mary Sacoman, and Cynthia Wilson.

1. Introductions: There have been more membership changes to the committee, so there were introductions of all members to begin.

2. Housekeeping and other matters:

A. There was a consensus that the procedure used for the minutes had worked pretty well and should continue making sure that the general announcement goes out when the final version is posted on the Prospector staff site.

B. We also wished Joan Beam a fond farewell and best of luck in retirement from CSU.

C. Mary Beth suggested that we look at the charge to the committee, which was written in 1999, and revise it to reflect what we are currently doing.

3. Announcements:

A. Wyoming is now “live” but currently flying “under the radar.” We can borrow and loan Wyoming books, but they will postpone the announcement and official launch until August.

B. Louisville P.L. will be closed for several weeks from late May through early August as they get ready and move into their new building.

C. IUG will be held in Denver this weekend, the INN-Reach enhancement meeting will be held on Sunday morning.

D. George activated the WWWoptions feature to allow 945 MARC fields to display, in MARC record display mode, but it did not work. (This is the feature that would allow us to view holdings codes for individual Prospector libraries and to determine which Prospector library holds the master bib record.) George opened a call with III and learned that our system needed a patch for this; however, the patch did not work in our system. III said the feature will work once we upgrade to R2006, so we will wait for the install of R2006 and test this again.

4. Remote shell connections: George discussed the discontinuation of the INN-Reach remote shell connections. He said that this is a telnet option which works with the telnet version of Prospector, which is used by very few libraries or patrons any longer. This is a public option. The staff telnet options will continue to operate.

5. **LC policy on series authority:** We discussed possible options for what libraries will do when LC discontinues the series authority files. Now, Prospector strips out the X9X fields in most cases from the records, so this would include 490s. Most libraries will continue to code their records as they always have—the public libraries need and use the series fields a great deal with children’s literature. Some hope that another agency, such as the PCC will take over this role. We will continue to revisit this issue.
6. **Request screens:** We are asking everyone to check their “Request” screen for functionality. If it is NOT working correctly, the III libraries should report it directly to Innovative and the non-III libraries should report it to George.
7. **Updates/Reports:**
 - A. **No copies available message:** The change of wording request was sent to Innovative for the “Sorry, No copies available for request” message. George will let us know when it’s been implemented. The new message will read as follows, “Sorry, no copies available for request. Contact your library.”
 - B. **E-book record problems:** In a follow up on the ACLS history e-book problem: Merger issues in Prospector: Betty reported that based on the record, Africans in Colonial Louisiana, there is not enough evidence at this time to prove that there is a merger problem in Prospector, and that we will need to continue watching to see if we have an issue. It does appear that if a library is the master record with holdings from other libraries attached, and that bib record is deleted or suppressed locally from the library's catalog, that record remains the master record in Prospector, at least until another library suppresses and/or edits their record. The master record is then re-evaluated. DU suppressed and unsuppressed the record, Africans in Colonial Louisiana, and the Boulder ACLS master record disappeared. Records match on the ISBN and the first three words of the title with the Encoding level and institutional priority determining which record is the master record. At this point, there are four records for Africans in Colonial Louisiana--one NetLibrary electronic record; one 1995 paperback edition record; and two print records for the same 1992 print edition. There is no master record in Prospector for Boulder's ACLS electronic record for Africans in Colonial Louisiana. The ACLS record matched on the print record because of the ISBN and title match point. NetLibrary is always a separate record because NetLibrary uses new e-ISBNs, not print ISBNs in 020 \$a. Likewise, ebrary is always a separate record because ebrary uses a print ISBN (sometimes minus the paper/binding info) in 020 \$z. Prospector does not index 020 \$z (or 022 \$y), so the matching algorithm never sees that false positive as a prospective match point, when the 001s don't match. On a future note, this may be a precursor to FRBRization.
 - C. **BCODE3=g:** There are still echoes of the B code 3 = g problem that haunted us in the past. This was coding for “global” resources, accessible to all. It was originally the coding on the NetLibrary books which were loaded years ago and

had universal access. Now there is no reason for anyone to use the encoding. When an item has this encoding, accidentally, it eliminates local holdings.

- 8. Subcommittees/Taskforces:** We clarified the membership in a few subcommittees:
 - A. Best Practices:** Betty Meagher will be chair of the “Best practices/Large record set loads” group. Dawn Bastian and Cynthia Wilson will also serve on that committee.
 - B. Basic Documentation:** George and Mary Beth will lead the Basic documentation review task force. Helen Reed, Cynthia Wilson, and Rose Nelson will also serve.
 - C. Multipart Items:** The third group is the “Best Practices for multipart items.” Representation will be from Jeffco, DPL and UNC on this committee.

- 9. Inn-Reach statistical data:** Rose reviewed and demonstrated the new feature that allows ftp downloading statistical data from Inn-Reach. Starting with 2006 data, the Alliance Office will transfer Prospector statistics on a monthly basis and post them to the Prospector staff Web site.

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