

ODIN Users Group meeting -- Sept. 22, 1999

Ca. 40 in attendance

The meeting began with an overview of PALS from Acquisitions, to Cataloging, to Circulation, to ILL by Shelby Harken, Kaaren Pupino, Paulette Dvorak and Kristine Shrauger. The purpose was to demonstrate the interconnectedness of data in PALS and to generate some thought about what we need in a future system.

Database Users Group Agenda had a number of items. Most will be followed up with email via ODINFO or to the ODIN Office.

1. Authorities. Libraries who said they were updating their records – are you ready for regular processing? Discussion favored quarterly updates of topical headings. Shelby will send out email survey.
2. Authorities. Are we ready for geographic headings? Ellen said we are still waiting for MnSCU/PALS to figure it out.
3. MeSH status. Still in the investigation stage with MnSCU/PALS
4. Authorities. Draft of policy for authority work. Shelby will continue discussion of draft previously posted via ODINFO or IVN later.
5. Authorities training. Who is interested in training for NACO or SACO? NDS and possibly NDJ. Shelby will survey via ODINFO and set up training sessions. NACO must be a one-day session. SACO might be possible via IVN.
6. Editing of records. Shelby explained that if you have multiple occurrences of a shelflist, you will only get one. You will have to update once loaded. She also explained you cannot both CMR and edit the record on OCLC in the same tape load. Ellen said ODIN is looking at FTP daily, with weekly indexing. Most libraries would prefer that.
7. Index 773/774. Shelby explained that 774 is a new field. 773 and 774 are fields that may be used on manuscript records to connect the main collection with records for parts of a collection. 773 is also being used in the proposed standard for aggregated online serial titles. To assist searching in these situations, the #a, s,t, and x fields should be indexed. There was no disagreement. Shelby will survey via ODINFO
8. 100 search as AT? Previous decision was to not index personal authors as a term search. With the new interface using Z39.50 via LaND, we might want to reconsider this. On the initial screen, the "Author" option is not searching personal names in ODIN; they can be searched using the "Advanced" search but if personal names are found in other libraries, users may not think to try "Advanced" to include ODIN libraries. Minnesota recently changed the indexing in PALS to include a term search in order to be more in synch with other libraries when using Z39.50. Shelby will survey via ODINFO.
9. Limit by DI. Shelby proposed changing the wording of the drop-down menu for format when limiting a search for computer or digital items to something like: Computer/Web or Digital (not Computer Disk). Some discussion favored Computer/Web. Shelby will survey via ODINFO.
10. Limit by BLvl "b". BLvl "b" is to be used with serials that are component parts, particularly with aggregated serial titles. PALS is not finding serials coded "b". Shelby will have ODIN check on this.
11. Location of holdings in IAC. Most people prefer to have holdings near the top, rather than having to scroll to the end. Shelby will email ODIN. Libraries can configure the IAC database indexes to list the most often used database for their library.

Other discussion:

1. OCL in the borrowing string for ILL. This would automatically switch to OCLC ILL. Becky Bell said we need to hold off because all the information isn't ready at PALS.
2. The status of inventory work was discussed. Several libraries are done. PALS is looking at new scanners since the one most of us has is obsolete.
3. Serial checkin problems were discussed
4. CPR/CPV. Paulette alerted us to a problem with changing patron information. Although CPR appears to work, it may not. Ellen said we need to use CPV. That means if several lines need to be fixed, we have to change them one by one. Ellen said this is really also true for other subsystem records; use __V for variable fields.
5. ILL for IAC. Right now we have to use the blank ILL form. We might be able to use ISO ILL standards through LaND to generate ILL requests, so we might want to lobby for it in the future.
6. Email addresses in patron records. To get email addresses in patron records for NDUS libraries, contact Lynn Wolf.
7. ILL statistics. Paulette reported on a study UND (CFL) did to determine ILL lending and borrowing costs, fill rates, etc.
8. Ver. 14. Ellen said ODIN is ready to do Ver. 14 of PALS as soon as MnSCU/PALS releases it.