

Libraries Australia Forum 2007

Questions On Notice

Question 1

Libraries Australia Subscribers have previously requested the development of a service similar to OCLC PromptCat. "With the new NLA-OCLC agreement and 4 years down the track, is the NLA closer to replicating and offering this service to it's Australian customers?" (Victoria University)

Use of the WorldCat Cataloguing Partners 'basic' service is covered by the NLA-OCLC Agreement and is available to Libraries Australia subscribers. ANBD bibliographic and holdings will be loaded into WorldCat in the near future and will be available to Australian libraries that use the WorldCat Cataloguing Partners service. Any holdings set in WorldCat via the service will be included in the ANBD. Australian libraries that wish to use the WorldCat Cataloguing Partners service have the option of receiving their records directly from OCLC or as a Libraries Australia product.

Additional comments from Rob Walls:

The PromptCat service from OCLC allows libraries to receive MARC records from library suppliers or vendors for the library materials that they order through the vendor/supplier. These vendors or library suppliers get their records from OCLC.

Libraries Australia already works with vendors to supply data for the materials that they supply to libraries. Libraries Australia supports these vendors or library suppliers by supplying MARC records on receipt of a file listing the standard numbers for the titles required, although Libraries Australia does not deduplicate records.

The new OCLC/NLA agreement allows access to the PromptCat service. Libraries Australia will be loading the ANBD into World Cat, so this will result in Libraries Australia records being accessible to PromptCat via the new OCLC/NLA agreement. Libraries Australia is not planning to replicate a PromptCat style service for Libraries Australia. If a library uses PromptCat, the records received will be added to the ANBD. There will be options for records supplied to you by PromptCat to be either sent to you directly from OCLC or sent to Libraries Australia and you would receive these records as part of your Libraries Australia Products stream.

Question 2

Can we have an explanation of importing and exporting of OCLC Records
What happens to the records that are changed – do they go back to OCLC?"
(NSW Users Group)

The agreement between the National Library of Australia and OCLC includes both access to the OCLC WorldCat Bibliographic and Authorities databases for all Australian Libraries Australia Subscribers, as well as a commitment to cross-update data between the ANBD and WorldCat. Most bibliographic records and holdings created, changed or deleted in Libraries Australia will be transmitted to WorldCat; the

exception is bibliographic records which have been supplied to the ANBD by commercial suppliers and where Libraries Australia is not licenced to supply the data to OCLC. Changes made to bibliographic records and holdings of Australian libraries in WorldCat will be transmitted to the ANBD if the library has advised Libraries Australia that it wants its WorldCat data added to the ANBD.

Additional comments from Rob Walls:

Our plan is that changes made to Australian library holdings, or bibliographic records with Australian library holdings attached to them in World Cat or the ANBD will be cross updated and reflected in the other database. Changed records will go back to OCLC.

As an example of a workflow, when records are imported from World Cat (into the ANBD), with holdings added, or bibliographic details added, or fields edited, changes will go back to World Cat via Libraries Australia.

Question 3

Are there standards being developed (MARC authorities etc.) for coding information for FRBRised catalogues?

Should we be lobbying our ILS vendors for standard implementations of FRBR? (University of Tasmania)

Answered by Deirdre Kiorgaard:

When people talk about FRBRised catalogues, they generally mean the ability to display results in groups based on the work or expression or expression to which they belong. This can be done only to a limited extent now, based on the data available in existing records. In the future, Resource Description and Access (RDA) will have guidelines on the provision of access points for works and expressions which can be used to explicitly link manifestations to the works and expressions to which they belong. The group developing RDA (the JSC <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/jsc/rda.html>) are working with those who maintain the MARC format to ensure that these access points can be encoded in MARC. A discussion paper on issues related to the harmonisation of RDA and MARC will go to the MARC community in January 2008.

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Vendors can assist in the creation of FRBRised catalogues in three ways: the ability to massage existing data into FRBRised displays is something they should be addressing now (it can do no harm to mention that their competitors are taking up this challenge); the ability to accept RDA/MARC records which contain access points for works and expressions will need to be addressed alongside the implementation of RDA; and lastly, they can design data input screens which make the creation of access points for works and expressions easier (by re-using manifestation data), again they should be thinking about this in relation to providing it alongside the implementation of RDA.

Question 4

How do we progress the opportunity to update the NBD from our local library using SRU? What is required? What are the implications? (University of Adelaide)

Answered by Bemal Rajapatirana

There are specifications or protocol guidelines for Search, Retrieval and Update (SRU) available on the web. Your vendors should be aware of them [and be able] to implement support for them at the local library system level. Our plans in the first instance are to trial SRU update between the ANBD and WorldCat databases. There are a lot of things that need to be worked out about implementing SRU. This trial will help us to determine appropriate set up and workflows. One implication is there will be a need to focus on persistent identifiers (PI) and the synchronisation of PIs between national and local systems and across utilities as well, as we will be doing with OCLC. As we learn more we will keep you up to date on how we plan to implement SRU.

Question 5

Is there a drop down box that allows you to report an error quote something from the cataloguing client? (University of Adelaide)

We will look at putting a hyperlink from the client to a form.

Question 6

What are your plans to achieve consistency between Australian and the Library of Congress]names (e.g. Vietnamese)? (University of Adelaide)

Answered by Bemal Rajapatirana

We plan to provide our Australian authorities to the co-operative cataloguing NACO project. We have talked to LC about providing our authorities although we need to look at other strategies for influencing what is proposed to NACO. Earlier today there was mention of loading Library of Congress authority files into the ANBD. While this does not resolve the issue of synchronisation, it can focus where we need to attempt to synchronise. We have done a lot of work in rescinding some of the Australian subject headings from LASH. We have worked with the Subject Headings Review Panel on minimising the variation between ourselves and LC. We need to go further, particularly in terms of our Australian name authorities. I'd also like to add that from time to time we submit changes on the fly. The NACO site has a form where you can make corrections however we want to look at more strategic solutions.

Question 7

We have had a number of electronic journal articles rejected from the ANBD on the basis of 008 CP 34. These are resources that include all former titles. CP 34 value = Ø only on the ANBD, but we feel the need for the use of value 1 or 2 as supported by MARC21. Is a change likely to enable us to supply records correctly coded with these values?" (Adelaide University)

For those that do know what character 34 in the 008 field is, you will understand what the implications of what that code conveys in the catalogue. We do not reject the coded data, it reflects a policy we have in terms of how we catalogue serials, whether

it's latest title or successive title. There are implications in the database of letting records in with both forms. We will review this policy to determine if it is possible to support both types of serials cataloguing.