

ACTIVITY REPORT FOR JULY – OCTOBER 2009

Background

This is a companion document to the 2009 Annual Report.

Key achievements

Outreach

- The national roadshow programme was completed. A separate report is included in these papers.
- A series of visits to all university libraries was completed. The visits provided an opportunity to promote new services such as the availability of records free-of-charge from the WorldCat Cataloguing Partners' basic service, and the option for a copy of any records purchased from Serials Solutions to be added to the ANBD to support resource discovery; and to discuss the responses to the National Bibliographic Database survey.
- A public version of the 2009-2011 Strategic Plan was released in July at www.nla.gov.au/librariesaustralia/documents/strategic-plan.pdf. It will be reviewed six-monthly.
- The date of 20 October 2010 has been set for the 2010 Libraries Australia Forum, which will be held at the National Library in Canberra. A Trove contributors meeting may also be held in conjunction with this event.

Database services

- The automated duplicate removal algorithm was invoked using the International Standard Book Number (ISBN) as the match key. The first pass ISBN through the Australian National bibliographic Database (ANBD) is expected to remove approximately 260,000 duplicate records. Due to the large number of database updates generated by this activity, the first ISBN pass will be run over several months.
- Libraries Australia has recently signed an agreement to participate in the Virtual International Authority File. 679,000 Libraries Authority Name Authority records have been added to the VIAF. 478,000 of these records matched with an authority record from at least one other source. 276,000 records match with a Library of Congress Name Authority Record. As a VIAF participant the National Library is able to use VIAF data in the Trove service. Libraries Australia is also considering adding VIAF and LC identifiers to Libraries Australia Authority records to provide additional match points for the RIS Authorities service.
- Libraries Australia currently has 1.3 million bibliographic records that have been enhanced with Table of Contents (TOC) data. Most of this TOC data has

been obtained through a subscription to the Blackwell's TOC service, or has been included in records supplied by Library of Congress. We are undertaking a project to harvest TOC data that Library of Congress has created, and which is currently stored in web pages that are separate from, although linked to, the relevant bibliographic record. We will harvest this data, convert it, and insert it in the relevant ANBD bibliographic records. This will add TOC to a further 180,000 records. We have successfully tested the harvesting and data conversion processes and plan to start the production run with in the next couple of weeks.

- In preparation for the decommissioning of the Register of Archives and Manuscripts (RAAM) service, the records in the service have been transferred to the Australian National Bibliographic Database and will be accessible through Trove, the new discovery service replacing the Libraries Australia free search service in November 2009.
- The addition of OCLC numbers to all ANBD records in CBS and TeraText was completed. This massive task required the complete reloading of the TeraText database.
- Testing of the Libraries Australia WINIBW Cataloguing Client version 3.3 was completed. The new client will include an improved special characters toolbar and an improved copy cataloguing function that retains 5XX fields. It will be distributed to users later in the year. In preparation for the implementation, several changes have been made to the CBS server configuration including the addition of new MARC 21 country and language codes and changes to some cataloguing templates including the removal of the obsolete 440 field from the Novice template.
- Discussions commenced with OCLC on linking the Libraries Australia Document Delivery service and WorldCat Resource Sharing during a video-conference on 22nd October.

Search services

- Promulgation of deep linking from Libraries Australia search results to individual entries in public catalogues was increased. Enabled sites include:
 - State Library of Queensland
 - National Native Tribunal
 - Victoria University
 - State Library of Victoria
 - Vianney College: St Ann's Library (Wagga Wagga).A suggestion offered at one roadshow to highlight those links which have been activated – in green – will be implemented.
- A new help desk package, RefTracker, was introduced on 6 October. The software is used by many state libraries to support reference services, and was chosen in part because it is more user-oriented than the previous package. All online contact points will be channelled through RefTracker.
- There are now 1,292 signons with alerts functionality enabled, up from 1,090 in October 2008.
- A *check copyright status* button was added to the Libraries Australia search display which links to the National Library of Australia's copyright status

algorithm for confirming the status of a particular Australia work. The software behind the algorithm has also been made available on the LibraryForge site at <http://code.nla.gov.au> for incorporation into any library catalogue.

Issues

TeraText performance

The performance of TeraText searching has worsened in recent months, due in part to the increased usage of Libraries Australia services.

Staff of the IT Division commenced a process to investigate improvement options, and have recommended the following steps to alleviate performance issues:

1. separation of the free search service and subscription search service instances – completed;
2. addition of a new high performance server with four Central Processing Units – completed;
3. modification of the relevance ranking algorithm, including its removal from the Record Export Service and products suites - underway;
4. upgrade to the latest version of the TeraText software – under investigation;
5. early migration of the subscription service to the Lucene platform – estimates prepared.

Training course provision

CAVAL contacted the Libraries Australia office concerning changes to their training courses for non-CAVAL members. This may affect the provision of courses in Victoria. It may also reflect a broader need to identify what level of training is actually required for the effective use of Libraries Australia and how best that should be provided across Australia.

Recommendation

The Libraries Australia Advisory Committee to note the report.

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Author: [Husky, Ferlin](#).

Title: Greatest hits [sound recording] / Ferlin **Husky**.

Published: Burbank, Ca. : Curb, p1990.

Description: 1 sound disc : digital ; 4 3/4 in.

Standard Number: 715187734128

LC Call Number: [SDA 59498](#)

Contents: Gone — Dear John letter — Wings of a dove — Just for you — Once — Every step of the way — I can't stop loving you — I feel better all over — My reason for living — Heavenly sunshine — I really don't want to know.

Performer: Ferlin **Husky**, vocals, with accompaniment.

Subjects: [Country music](#).

Music Publisher D2 77341

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