

Cataloging and Metadata Council

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Announcements

Jean: Worldcat updates have been decided not to do because of various reasons.

Randy: Kenna Fisher, Manuscripts Cataloger, is retiring Nov. 1, 2021. Lara and Randy are trying to figure out the workflow of manuscript cataloging at Bancroft.

Jo Anne: Campus announced the hiring freeze is over. Exemptions are for new positions only. However, for the Library requests for replacement or new positions still go thru Cabinet for approval. There is a library reduction so not all positions can be filled hence the Cabinet discussion around priorities.

Alma listening session

The session is an open session that is to share anything and any feeling, including ideas, pinpoints, and suggestions, related to Alma. The session started with looking back at old platforms, such as Voyager, Millennium and others.

From a public services perspective, Jim mentioned that there are a number of features that are really nice. One thing that Jim missed in particular, was the higher local classifications, subjects, because that's really great for historical research, However, we can't do it sometimes in the new system. It can also be incredibly difficult to find out what the holdings are other campuses. That makes a storage decision harder. But overall, Jim thinks the new system is great. Salwa commented that that was really positive to hear from a public services perspective because everything we are doing is for our users, not for ourselves. Other divisions have comparable voices. There was a little bit of discussion around should we include things that we don't have. UC Santa Cruz still display the items they don't have then at least users can see them and it is really important for the researchers. Library can bring the items to users through interlibrary loan request. The process of request is a lot easier.

Catalogers more concerned about the roles in Alma. Role configuration in Alma is different with in Millennium. There is more demarcations between cataloging and acquisition compare to Millennium. We are still learning the roles in Alma. Roles in Alma really depends on the positions. if cataloger found something that's a part their job but can't do. Please let Jane and LIT know. Two roles are particularly discussed. The item task force group makes a recommendation for the deletion of accidental duplicate creations. It is easy to create duplicate items by mistake in Alma, catalogers need to have a permission to delete these records. Another role related issue is cataloger can't move order records. Sometimes a POL linked to different bib records, suppressed records or inappropriate bib records. Catalogers need to move them the appropriate records which is a cataloging job. Catalogers need a role to move POLs between bib records.

OCLC annual subscription review

CDL negotiated a three-year deal with OCLC a UC system annual subscription deal. Based on what we have paid, Berkeley paid significant and paid most cost across the UC system.

CDL is going to take on the negotiation with the OCLC again on behalf of the campuses since the three-year deal is up. Jo Anne reached out to CDL and asked them to work with us before starting the negotiation. She thinks we could approach annual subscription more efficiently, like the GOBI model. We created a UC system GOBI records process and there were savings across the board. Because it's about the network zone, so why would we want to pay multiple times for the same records. Jo Anne shared some background information because Jo Anne and Jane might be reaching out with some questions to try to understand what we're doing. If there is something that surprises you, please let Jo Anne and Jane know. The cost of OCLC subscription is a cost of doing business basically, but we want to have the best subscription and make sure that we're being charged appropriate. We can push CDL to think of OCLC annual subscription holistically and not just rely on Berkeley. Jane is going to review and reorganize the OCLC accounts.