

Minutes from the LION Bibliographic committee 1/3/18

Members present : Andrea Buka, Ledyard ; Fran Hobbs Kail, New London ; Angela Beach, North Haven ; Carol Herzig, Durham ; Jessica Dans, Hamden ; Liz Gatter, Wallingford ; Janet Everett, Old Lyme ; Sue Staehly, Brainerd ; Anne O'Connor, Madison ; Lew Daniels, Westbrook ; Norma Wright, Old Saybrook ; Travis Fedor, West Haven ; Marilou Overson, East Hampton ; Lynn Serra, Woodbridge ; Lydia Main, East Lyme ; Nancy Bruckner, Norwich ; Jonathan Wiener, Orange ; Joe Farara, LION ; Andy Gardner, LION ; Amy Noble, North Branford ; Pat Griswold, East Haddam ; Danielle Eadevito, Guilford ; Marian Amedeo, Hamden ; Colleen Bailie, West Haven ; Karan Conover, LION

-members introduced themselves (there were many new members) and LION director Joe Farara introduced himself and asked questions about the committee and its purpose. The group confirmed that decisions are made by the bibliographic committee, some of which require approval by the Board of Trustees, and that the role of the LION cataloger is to enforce these decisions. The current bibliographic manual was put together by a working group charged by the bibliographic committee.

-Joe also reported on how Library Connection (LCI) handles vendor records. He detailed a top-down process overseen by LCI's two catalogers, where vendor records are suppressed from the public catalog for a fixed period of time, which allows multiple records to be merged into a single, bibliographically exact record before being available in the OPAC. This process also serves to merge duplicate records in the LCI database. When polled to see if LION should adopt this practice, the committee voted no.

-serials, graphic novels and series. There was much discussion about what constitutes a series and whether or not a series should be formatted as a serial. Some libraries felt merging the records without advance notification was detrimental to their electronic card catalog. Because volume numbers were not being used, all the records were lumped into one record and for holds purposes it was impossible to tell what is what. Such mergers will be handled by the LION central office, and as a result it was determined that Karan will notify all member libraries before she merges records into serial records to enable the holding libraries to make necessary adjustments to their volume fields or titles. She will wait a day or two before proceeding with the merger. No other changes to the handling of serials/graphic novels/ series were made by the committee.

-the implementation of the PIKA catalog/system was also discussed. It is expected to be up and running in May. PIKA will improve the look and feel of the public catalog by introducing Goggle-like searching, nested search results (for instance, grouping together different formats of a title) and relevance-ranked hit lists. It will also provide a book jacket carousel, new book lists, best sellers, reviews, etc.

-it was also decided that catalogers should continue to use the subfield H in the 245 field, but to make sure that the proper formats are being included. Everyone agreed it is extremely useful. Andy reminded

the group that the material type field in the bibliographic record needs to correspond to the 245 subfield in order to properly display in the online catalog.

-Nancy offered to help libraries with their bilingual cataloging efforts. A number of libraries expressed interest and thanks. A list of catalogers with special interests or talents will be compiled to serve as a guide for catalogers to serve as a guideline for those with cataloging questions or for training resources. Please e-mail Nancy your area of interest for inclusion to the list

-it was also determined the committee should meet more frequently and someone in attendance from each member library would be mandatory. Therefore the next meeting will be in April and a representative from each library will attend.

Submitted by
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