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BCLN PROJECT NEWS

A major task in preparing for the conversion of our UTLAS records into BCLN has been a field-by-field comparison of the UTLAS bibliographic record format (based on Canadian MARC) with the WLN format (based on LC MARC). The product of this effort is an annotated version of the UTLAS format, showing where all the data will go when it is converted. Copies are available for your inspection in Joan Sandilands' office and in the Catalogue Records Division. Three types of problems turned up during the comparison:

1. A field exists in both formats, but UTLAS (and often CANMARC also) has extra coded values. This occurs frequently in the fixed length fields, where such information as literary genre (poetry, drama, etc.) is identified in CANMARC but not in LC MARC. We have requested the addition of the extra CANMARC values so that we may retain the information.

2. A field exists in both formats but lacks some subfields in WLN. This occurs rarely, and we have asked for the addition of the extra subfields if they have been used.

3. A field exists in UTLAS but not in WLN (and often not in CANMARC either!). Adding a field to the WLN format requires a major change to the system, and cannot be undertaken for the pilot project, so we must find another place for the data. The difficulty with storing the information in another field is that it then loses its unique identification. A notable example is the Canadiana number, which has to go into the "national bibliography number" field, a field not indexed in WLN. Rather than lose the Canadiana number as an access point, we are requesting that the field be indexed, thus providing on-line access to the Canadiana number as well as the other national bibliography numbers (BNB, etc.)

Another awkward field is the local note "For holdings see microcatalogue." At the moment it looks as though we won't be able to continue printing it on the catalogue cards in BCLN. Will that be a problem for anyone?

If you have questions or comments about the conversion, please contact Ann Turner (3510) or Joan Sandilands (2076), your representatives on the BCLN Implementation Advisory Committee. Please do so promptly -- March 1 is the last day we can request changes to the conversion format.

Procedures for matching records in the five BCLN participants' UTLAS files have been developed, and also a hierarchy by which one of the matching records will be selected as the BCLN record. The other participants' holdings will be attached to this record, as is done now in producing the BC Union Catalogue. Contact Ann Turner for details.

BRIEF REVIEW OF BCLN PROJECT DEVELOPMENTS

On February 3 the BCLN Project task managers met to review developments. UTLAS is willing to continue selling us catalogue records during the pilot project at current prices, to gather information about our expected level of usage. They would like us to continue filing records into their database for interlibrary loan purposes, but we have not yet considered how this will be accomplished. The National Library is interested in developing a system interface with BCLN, which would give us access to their CANMARC and other records, but this connection will not be in place during the Project.

Bob MacDonald and Paul Baldwin are working on the Purchase Agreement for the pilot implementation with an option to purchase the system at the conclusion of the pilot. Some funds have been advanced to Bibliotechniques, the Washington company selling BCLN the system, to cover development of the holdings format and the Feb 9 installation of COM-PLETE on the UVic computer, the first link in the telecommunications network.

UBC Systems staff are merging the UTLAS tapes for each institution (weekly tapes into their base files), and preparing programs for the record matching process. The format conversion programs are next on the schedule, but the BLIS holdings format is required, and questions about changes to the BLIS bibliographic format must be answered first.

Two kinds of CRT terminals have been identified as suitable for work on BCLN: the Televideo 950 and IBM 3101. (Systems staff will use a Telex Terminal to monitor system performance.) Prices and other information for group purchase of terminals will be provided to the library administrations.

Brian Owen is preparing a report about batch product requirements and the existing BLIS specifications, and will call a meeting of the "products people" at each institution.

Training will not be scheduled until we have a better idea of when the system will be up and ready to use. We have to give Bibliotechniques 30 days' notice of when we want to begin training.

BCLN DATABASE POLICY GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

Tracing of series:

We are recommending that the BCUC policy of tracing all series be carried over into BCLN. Two of the BCLN institutions consistently trace all series, and wish to continue to do so. Others vary in the extent to which they follow the BCUC policy. We chose to resolve this discrepancy by establishing a general guideline that members are encouraged to upgrade a series from untraced to traced, but the decision to stop tracing a series will require assent of all members.

Implementation of AACR2:

Again, we are recommending that the BCUC policy be carried over into BCLN, i.e that members implement AACR2 insofar as they can afford to do so. However, since there is only one copy of each record to serve all the BCLN participants, some guidelines are necessary to ensure that we don't interfere with each other's work. As a general guideline, members should upgrade records to AACR2 whenever possible. Downgrading is not permitted. And, where a heading is upgraded, a reference from the old form to the AACR2 form must be made, so that users may "track" a heading from its old form, which may still exist in a card catalogue, to the new one.

Treatment of music, maps and manuscripts:

These formats are not implemented in WLN yet, so are not available in BCLN. Music is the biggest problem, and we are recommending that music scores and sound recordings continue to be entered on UTLAS until the format is implemented on BCLN. The music records will be kept on magnetic tape and merged with the rest of the records for COM catalogue production. The WLN books format allows maps and atlases to be entered there, and that is where we propose to record the few that are on UTLAS now. None of the participants has entered manuscripts on UTLAS. For more details, contact Ann Turner, Catalogue Records Division.

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CARE FOR USERS CAMPAIGN

Dear Feedback,

> "..a suggestion: tell the librarians to wear soft-soled shoes."
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> "...some of the librarians are most respectful of our need for relative peace and quiet within these four walls; but a few speak with a volume that is simply out of place, and rather perplexing in professionals."

Are library staff getting noisier, or are users getting more sensitive? Feedback in the Main Library reports a big increase in complaints about noisy staff. Those of us who work near our patrons know we are sometimes guilty of walking noisily, enjoying our conversations too loudly, forgetting that we share our space with people doing quiet work. As term deadlines near, let's be more conscious of those bowed heads and studious poses and proceed about our jobs as quietly as possible.

UBC OPEN HOUSE - MEDICAL FACULTIES
March 11-13, 1983

Woodward Library is the library participating in this year's Open House. Staff are offering demonstrations of computerized information services such as CANOLE, DIALOG, and our own DRS, Serials and City Council minutes. Tours of the Memorial Room and student displays of the history of science (including one on Norman Bethune) will be added attractions.

Normal library hours will be in effect. Computer demonstrations are happening Friday 10-12, 1-4; Saturday 10-12, 2-4, and Sunday 2-4. Tours of the Memorial Room are Friday 10-4, Saturday 10-5, Sunday 12-4.

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!

SOCIAL WORK LIBRARY GETS NEW HEAD

Judith Frye has just been appointed Head of Social Work Library, replacing Elsie de Bruijn, who is now Associate Head, Woodward Library. Judith has worked in Woodward Library since 1979, apart from a short stint as Acting Head of the Ecology Library in 1982. She'll assume her new duties at the beginning of March.

CRANE LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE

Ever heard a computer talk, felt an atlas, saw a Braille pinup? You can do all these things at the Crane Library Open House, March 24-25, Thursday and Friday, 1:30 - 4:30. Thursday is staff day; everybody please drop by and see the Kurzweil electronic computer, the Tactile Atlas of British Columbia, talking calculators, watches, clocks, TV magnifiers, and all the wonders of the Crane recording centre.

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR LECTURE

Maurice B. Line, Director-General, British Library Lending Division, will speak on the "Impact of Technology and Economics on Document Publication and Supply," Tuesday March 8 at 4:30, Buchanan A104.

GO AHEAD; DON'T BE AFRAID TO BE STIMULATED!
MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDAR!

SUPPORT STAFF CHANGES

New Staff:
Sharon Hoy, LA1, Sedgewick
Ups and Downs:
Susan Marrs, Clerk 2, Crane
Maureen Sturgess, LA 3, Recon
Yun Luke Chin, Stack Supervisor, Sedgewick
Transfers:
Raymond Wong, LA1, Catalogue Products
Goodbyes:
Loveron Zibin, LA3, Catalogue Records

CONFERENCES/COURSES/WORKSHOPS/TRAVEL

TOGETHER: LIBRARIES IN COMMON CAUSE, BCLA/BCLTA 1983 SPRING CONFERENCE, April 13-16, The Inn at Denman Place.
Preconference workshops are: "Librarians in a Leadership Mode," "Getting Things Done: Overcoming the Time Trap," "Babies and Books." Bill de John of the University of Washington Resource Sharing Program is the keynote speaker - "The Cause: Prepare for the Emerging Technology."
For a brochure, contact Joan Sandilands, I & O, (2076).

LIBRARIES OF THE USSR, a tour sponsored by ALA, July 10-24, 1983. An in-depth study tour of the Soviet library system, visiting Moscow, Riga and Leningrad, and open to Canadians, you'll be glad to know. Cost? Why spoil a nice dream, but Erik has the brochure. Go for it.

STUDY ABROAD THIS SUMMER at the International Graduate Summer School in Librarianship and Information Science, College of Librarianship, Aberystwyth, Wales, 27 June-20 August, 1983. Courses include medical librarianship, information services, etc. Lois Carrier, Social Sciences (3155) has brochures.

STUDY IN NEW WESTMINSTER THIS SPRING. Douglas College is offering "Basic Reference Skills," Thursdays, March 3- April 14, 7-10 pm. $29.50. For more information call Admissions at 520-5400 and ask about course LIB 113, section N50.

STUDY AT THE INN AT DENMAN PLACE. "The Online Library: a workshop on online public access catalogues for libraries," May 12-13, $120. For further information contact Alice Bacon, BCLA Executive Coordinator, 298-0422.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gifts and Exchanges needs:
Western Living, January 1982.
If you can supply this issue, please phone Kris Hans (2304).

FINE ARTS GET NUDE. "Bacchus and Ariadne," presented to UBC by Mrs. Eva Bene in 1946, has been hung in the Fine Arts Library, after being cleaned and restored by the Canadian Conservation Institute in Ottawa. The painting is probably Venetian, perhaps by Gregorio Lazzarini (1665-1730).

Upward mobility available in Erik's office:
Assistant Director for Collection Management, Louisiana State Library, Baton Rouge
University Librarian, University of California, Santa Barbara
Dean of the School of Communication, Information and Library Studies, Rutgers.
(And more. Ask for the Upward Mobility binder.)

There were a couple of errors in support staff changes last month. Just can't seem to get a good computer anymore.

And then next month, let's have a care for library staff campaign.