

Union Catalog Committee Report  
Marmot Board Meeting June 24, 2016.

Per the Committee charge, the Union Catalog Committee sets policies and procedures to maintain a high-quality union catalog. Under the 2013-2015 Strategic Plan one of the major goals was to "continuously improve the primary service: the best possible ILS and Union Catalog". Below are some highlights of the past year.

1. Mid year there was a change from Mary Katherine to Lloyd Chittenden, and the Committee didn't meet for a few months to allow that transition to occur.
2. The Marmot Sierra database was sent to LTI for authority work and has since been reloaded with updated bib and authority records. This major load does not get us entirely caught up, and provisions are being made to resolve that. A related consideration for the UCC will be how to best leverage these authority records to better serve patrons.
3. The committee regularly addresses issues relating to various types of materials in Sierra such as how to handle kits, or DVD-Blu-ray combo packs. The Committee creates solutions and policies to handle such materials.
4. Adding new libraries to Marmot runs the risk of problems with the database. Last summer there was a major problem relating to a data load that took about three weeks to mostly resolve. Though it is difficult to predict where problems will occur, continuing caution is advised as new member libraries are added.
5. There has been continuing discussion of Bibframe, and the Committee has recognized the advantage of getting library bibliographic data viewable from the Web.
6. Duplicate records in the database have been a major concern of the Committee, and the issue is recognized in the new strategic plan. Under Mary Katherine a duplicates sub-committee was created which has continued under Lloyd's leadership. An additional subcommittee was created to examine the bibliographic utility number and how it relates to the duplicates issue. Duplicates in

the database are a particular problem for the placing of holds, and for presenting confusing results to patrons. Some progress has been made, but the issue has proven difficult to completely resolve. Some areas of concern are order records, SkyRiver records, and records loaded incorrectly. Particular attention is being made to protect OCLC numbers from corruption. Some progress has been made with embedded OCLC numbers in SkyRiver records, but that has not proven to be much help in resolving related duplicate issues. Overall, progress is being made.

7. A meeting was convened in New Castle in April of those using the Acquisitions Module to specifically examine the duplicate issue as it relates to acquisitions procedures. As a result of this meeting, load table changes were made to hopefully reduce acquisitions caused duplicates.
8. Some other items of interest in recent discussion have included III re-indexing the database, and an OCLC reclamation project.

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