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WSUL Automation Project
Progress Report
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NOTIS Contract

During April, the list of all current MVS NOTIS programs was received and compared to those installed. Some batch programs are still to be delivered in the final release tape of the MVS version of NOTIS.

NOTIS Installation

The call number index is now operational on the NOTIS test database. A test file of LC name authority records has been successfully loaded into NOTIS.

The NOTIS software is now installed on the Library's dedicated IBM 4381, with the necessary links to the IBM 3081.

Database Loading Status

NOTIS programmer Allen McKiel has customized the "vanilla" bibliographic records loader programs according to the revised WSUL specifications. After he completes testing the programs using Wayne State's sample database of barcoded records, the programs will be delivered.

Blackwell North America returned Wayne's original bibliographic record database in April. They also delivered the final revision of the database ready for loading. The 301,906 bibliographic records on thirteen reels of tape have had duplicates deleted, barcode numbers added, and name and subject headings up-dated to the current Library of Congress forms. They are ready for loading into NOTIS as soon as the loader program arrives.

Further development of the patron database loader is awaiting receipt of the MVS version of the NOTIS patron interface programs.

Peripheral Evaluation and Installation

Barcode readers continued to be evaluated, to see if all desired products could be provided via a single vendor, including readers, wedges, light pens, and laser scanners.

Testing and configuring the Telex terminals and controllers began. The remaining terminals ordered are scheduled for delivery in May.

Telephone lines for the Science and Engineering, Law, and Medical Libraries were installed. Codex modems arrived in April and are being installed on these phone lines by CSC staff.

Black Box switches to link OCLC terminals to Telex 476L's for data transfer were ordered and received.

Cabling for the terminals in Technical Services and the NOTIS training room was begun. Wiring GIRF's for Phase One installation of terminals for all library buildings were completed and sent for estimates.

NOTIS Implementation

The Service Level Agreement between the Libraries and the Computing Center was finalized and forwarded to Mort Rahimi and Peter Spyers-Duran for review.

The Circulation Team worked on security tables, barcoding plans, and NOTIS circulation policy tables. N. Allen is coordinating circulation policy decisions for the Library System that are needed to implement NOTIS.

The Online Catalog Team worked on security tables and online catalog (LUIS) screens. Two "generic" cataloging workflow options for implementing NOTIS at WSUL were drafted.

NOTIS User Education and Publicity

Staff demonstrations of NOTIS were completed in April.

Plans were made to host visitors to our NOTIS installation from the Libraries at Michigan State University and the University of Michigan on May 21.

NOTIS Development

Since NOTIS plans not to develop the distributed printing capability in 1986, WSU will draft a proposal to develop that capability, in consultation with NASA, the other NOTIS user committed to its development. The goal is to have NOTIS incorporate the capability in the supported version of the software.

DALNET Status

DALNET Library Directors/Administrators met once on April 17 to work on the draft DALNET System Agreement, Charging Schedules, and Bylaws. The major outstanding issue is voting rights of members.

The DALNET Database Committee evaluated responses of vendors for OCLC tape preparation services and selected a vendor with which to contract. WSUL notified that vendor of its intent to contract on behalf of the three DALNET libraries involved.

Retrospective Conversion Project

During April, Library staff converted 1,947 records into machine readable form, bringing the total converted to date to 90,562.

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