

WSUL AUTOMATION PROJECT
PROGRESS REPORT
October 1986

NOTIS Contract

A letter was received from NOTIS indicating that payment was due on the software delivered to date. A review of the software delivered and tested is underway to determine if contractual commitments have now been met.

NOTIS Database Loading

The Demo On-line Catalog was successfully loaded and indexed with approximately 302,000 bibliographic records by the end of October.

Review of the records run through the second customized loader program received from NOTIS was completed. The new data conversion programmer at NOTIS, Donna Hayden, was notified of the problems discovered.

Delivery of the first customized loader with requested revisions was delayed at NOTIS due to a change in programmers.

NOTIS agreed to deliver the final fix needed in the authority loader programs at no charge. The fix is to be tested at Kent State.

An enhancement request was submitted to NOTIS for the patron database loader programs, to enable a patron category code and patron ID expiration date to be tape-loaded into a patron record to which a barcode number has not yet been assigned.

Peripheral Installation

Peripherals for the online catalog and circulation received in October were IBM 3174 terminal controllers, IBM 3178 terminals, and laser barcode scanners for circulation. All peripherals ordered for these modules have now been received.

Ten online catalog terminals and five screen printers were installed and tested in the Purdy/Kresge building by the end of October. Four online catalog terminals, two screen printers, and a controller were delivered to the Science and Engineering Library for installation in early November.

A Telex 476L and Codex modem were delivered to the Pharmacy and Allied Health Library for installation in November.

NOTIS Implementation

The Online Catalog Implementation Team finalized the LUIS training program for public service staff and held their first training session on October 31st. All Purdy/Kresge public service staff were scheduled for Online Catalog training in the first two weeks of November.

They also finalized the NOTIS public access screens, and all their changes were incorporated by the last week of October. The LUIS Searching Guide was finalized and sent to be printed. Signs for the Demo Catalog were also finalized and being printed by the end of October.

Becky Lockhart, the systems programmer, figured out how to "lock" terminals into LUIS on the Demo Database, providing the required security for public access.

Site administrator training for the "care and feeding" of Telex equipment was begun in October, with Staff in SEL, Medicine, and Law. Purdy/Kresge and Technical Services site administrators were scheduled for training the first week of November.

The Circulation Team met to review book barcoding progress. All Units except Purdy/Kresge were beginning Pass Two, which involves having staff check the sheets of barcode labels leftover from Pass One in their local shelf lists and circulation files.

Staffing

Staffing for the implementation of the Circulation module was reviewed. A Search Committee was named to review applicants for the Purdy/Kresge Access Librarian position.

Louise Bugg attended a three and a half-day class in Computer Project Management conducted by IBM at the invitation of the Computing Services Center.

DALNET Status

On October 16, the DALNET Library Directors met at WSUL to review the version of the NOTIS System Agreement that had been negotiated with Oakland University. The Agreement is being re-drafted again in light of the revisions suggested.

During October, two DALNET libraries received approval from their Governing Boards to sign the Agreement with Wayne State for NOTIS access and services. The two are Wayne County Community College and Oakland University. On October 31, Oakland signed the Agreement.

Publicity

On October 9, Louise Bugg and Jim Williams made an invited presentation at the Michigan Library Association Fall Conference in Flint on the status of the WSUL NOTIS implementation and the progress being made with DALNET.

The October 24 issue of the South End, the WSU campus student newspaper, contained an article about the soon-to-be-unveiled online catalog.

Retrospective Conversion Project

During October, three micro-based terminals on loan to WSUL from OCLC were installed to be dedicated to the MICROCON retrospective conversion project. Software for these three terminals plus 9 IBM pc's and 9 OCLC M300's was being set up by Denise Taylor in preparation for the MICROCON project's scheduled start-up in November.

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