DALNET PROJECT MANAGERS' MEETING

March 4, 1991, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
WSU Libraries, Purdy Library, Dean's Conference Room

Agenda

1. NOTIS GTO Release 3.0 Implementation (Charlene)
2. LCSH Resource File (Charlene)
3. Planning for NOTIS LMS Release 5.0 (Louise)
4. Michigan NUGM Planning (Louise)
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Minutes


Absent: D. Adams, M. Klein, C. Liner

NOTIS SIG Minutes

L. Bugg circulated three sets of NOTIS SIG minutes from ALA Midwinter meetings, (for the NOTIS Preservation Interest Group, the NOTIS-Faxon Users Group, and Circulation SIG). Project Managers indicated which minutes, if any, they wished to receive.

NOTIS GTO Release 3.0

C. Wecker reported that the Release 3.0 GTO software for the OCLC transfer (whose original release date was December 1990) arrived the last week of February. Testing will begin this week. Testing and necessary modifications for our DALNET environment are expected to take about 90 days; training of DALNET libraries will begin in June. An outline of the broad steps involved in GTO implementation was distributed, with a list of the OCLC Passport software parameters for GTO. Project Managers are asked to keep C. Wecker informed about their timetables and GTO equipment installations.

LCSH Resource File

C. Wecker announced that the LCSH retrospective tapeload of subject authority records was done on March 2. 143,150 new records were created; 42,303 existing DALNET authority records were overlaid. She distributed a three page document describing this load and detailing future loads. Project Managers should alert their staff to question No. 5 which describes how the newly loaded records should be used by DALNET staff. Two points were stressed: 1. When DALNET library staff encounter LC authority records for headings used in their bibliographic databases, they should "claim" the records even if they make NO modifications to them; and 2. If modifications are made to the authority records, staff must input their library's NUC codes in subfield "d" of the 040 field to prevent the records from being overlaid during subsequent tapeloads.

Planning for NOTIS LMS Release 5.0

NOTIS is currently citing April as the delivery date for LMS Release 5.0. Because we are an MDAS site and MDAS 1.1 is not compatible with LMS 5.0, we also need Release 1.2 MDAS (NOTIS's current target date is July 1991) to implement 5.0.
Our current projections are that Release 5.0 will be implemented at our site in late 1991/early 1992.

Plans are to use the "tt" region for testing LMS 5.0. Testing of 5.0, screen design, etc. can begin without MDAS. When MDAS Release 1.2 arrives, it will be installed for testing with 5.0. Work on designing screens can begin anytime. W. Kane distributed diskettes with sample screens at the last Project Managers' meeting. Purdue University was a Beta test site for Release 5.0 and has it in production. Purdue's online catalog is available through the Internet for "examination" by DALNET libraries' staff.

Both the Merged Headings Index and the call number index will be available to the public in LUIS with 5.0. The Database Standards Committee should review the "cleanup" to be done before this occurs. DALNET libraries are expected to use Option A (899 field option) for their MFHD conversions. Testing MFHD conversion can also begin once 5.0 is installed in "tt". The final MFHD conversion can be done after 5.0 has been installed in production; conversion is done separately for each DALNET library. The conversion of order records for the "fiscal year close" will also be done during implementation of Release 5.0.

A major task to be accomplished prior to 5.0 Implementation is conversion of the bulk of our NOTIS tables into the new 5.0 format. Conversion needs to be done for the 102, 104, 105, and 106 tables. Most likely, this will entail rekeying. With 5.0, each staff member will have a separate security record, rather than having entries in several security tables.

**Michigan NUGM Meeting**

This year's meeting will be held on Thursday, June 6. DALNET will be the host site; the meeting will be held at the WSU McGregor Conference Center. The University of Michigan is coordinator for the program. Attendees will pay for lunch and parking. L. Bugg and C. Wecker met with University of Michigan and Michigan State University staff last week to begin planning the meeting. (Michigan State staff coordinated last year's meeting.) Plans are to have two key speakers this year: Stuart Miller from NOTIS; and Alan Alexander-Manifold from Purdue University Libraries. Alan can present both Release 5.0 implementation and the PAClink Project. The University of Michigan will be sending an announcement of the meeting to Michigan NOTIS sites (and Windsor) for distribution.
NOTIS Circulation SIG Survey

DALNET staff on the Circulation SIG's mailing list recently received a survey. It was agreed that each DALNET site should submit its own survey response. Sites should indicate that they are part of a consortium. The answers for questions 3 and 10 on page 2 should be for the consortium as a whole; a note to this effect should be added to the survey response.

Status Reports

- Keyword for DALNET

W. Kane distributed copies of the training packets used for the DALNET Keyword training sessions. L. Bugg discussed the problem encountered when keyword searches were qualified by fixed field code, e.g., ".lib." or ".lng." When this type of search is done, the system seems to first pull up all occurrences of the term qualified by the fixed field code, and then combine it with the other terms in the keyword search. If the term being qualified is in thousands of records, e.g., "ws" for WSUL holdings or "eng" for English language books, the number of records retrieved could exceed the temporary storage being allotted keyword searches. These searches are not able to be executed; and "SM02" error messages display.

To solve this problem, we recently increased the keyword temporary storage to near the maximum allowable. The time necessary to execute these searches is far greater than to do the same searches without qualification.

- LD025 Batch Linker Program

This software—which will link unlinked item records to bibliographic records by matching on call number—has been received. It is on D. Fox's list of projects.

- USPS Mailing Label Requirements

W. Kane distributed a WSU memo about these new label requirements. He will also send a copy of this memo to NOTIS. The NOTIS release after 5.1 (5.2?) is slated to include Circulation Module enhancements. Perhaps something could be included in that release to accommodate the new mailing label requirements for circulation.
• "Disclaimer" on Overdues

The DALNET Circulation Task Force has approved the wording for the disclaimer to appear on overdues. Final testing revealed that another "fix" was needed. It should be in production soon.

• MDAS Installation

The packet used at WSU during MDAS demonstrations was distributed to Project Managers. MDAS is currently installed with very small test files in "td." DALNET staff may look at it, however, too much activity in "td" may interfere with the extensive testing now being conducted. Currently, very small files of MEDLINE and Wilson records are in "td." Plans call for implementing MDAS with Wilson by mid-April. The Wilson file arrives on 20 reels with records and indexes for 5 databases. All five databases will be searched simultaneously.

The next step will be to install MDAS with the complete Wilson databases in "tr." At that point, authorization to use MDAS will be restricted to WSU according to the stipulations in our Wilson contract.

The implementation of both DALNET keyword searching and MDAS in the production region will probably degrade response time. By the time MDAS is in the production region, use of LUIS will be past its peak (use is lower from May through the summer months). If response time is seriously degraded, the solution is a larger CPU. An interim solution until the "new" CPU is in place is to reduce simultaneous keyword searches (currently limited to 20) and to restrict keyword and MDAS to specified terminals.

Current Contents files will be loaded after Wilson. We have not received the loader programs yet from NOTIS; they are expected by the end of March.

• Macomb University Center (MUC) Circulation Options

L. Bugg reviewed the plans for the MUC which, beginning in the Fall, will offer degrees from 5 Michigan institutions. WSU will offer 8 programs, Walsh College will offer 2 programs, and Central Michigan University,
Oakland University, and the University of Detroit Mercy will each offer 1 program. It is desirable to use NOTIS for circulating across service units so that materials from the three DALNET libraries offering programs can be charged and discharged at Macomb. This is called inter-institution courtesy charge and discharge. Testing identified a problem with notices printed for courtesy discharges with fines owing. A "fix" for this was done by FCLA and is being obtained by DALNET programmers.

The DALNET Access Committee is currently investigating van delivery whereby materials would be picked up/delivered at each DALNET library once a week. E. Condic (Oakland University) is investigating costs for this service.

- DALNET Circulation Forum Plans

This Forum will be held on April 8 and will be hosted by the Detroit Public Library. L. Bugg distributed a draft of the registration form that will be sent to DALNET libraries shortly. The target audience for this all-day meeting is "front-line" circulation staff. Detroit Public Library will provide free parking and coffee. The cost to individuals for the Forum is to cover the optional box lunch.

Announcements

- Library of Congress Network Advisory Committee Meeting Invitation

The LC NAC invited L. Bugg to represent a small, shared, multi-type local system at their April 2 meeting in Washington, D.C. They are investigating the impact of local systems on the emerging nationwide bibliographic and holdings "database." Louise distributed copies of the questions she is to address and the NAC Vision statement for a nationwide database. Input from DALNET libraries to Louise would be most welcome.

- L. Bugg is updating the current DALNET brochure for this meeting and asked Project Managers to tell her their 1991/92 terminal estimates.
• Informa 1991

The Informa 1991 meeting, sponsored by IBM, is being held in Long Beach on April 7 - 9. Project Managers were not aware of anyone planning to attend from DALNET institutions.

• Indiana University's Linkway System

I. David received diskettes for Indiana's PC-based system, Linkway. Linkway is used as a front-end to the NOTIS online catalog. It provides a user-friendly interface and accommodates the "point and click" method with a "mouse." It is Indiana's IBM answer to Texas A & M's Macintosh Hypercard front end (MacNOTIS). It includes graphics, pop-up windows, screens, etc. Linkway would need to be customized to accommodate DALNET's online catalog. W. Kane will review this system for potential use by DALNET.

• Detroit Public Library GPO Load

234,113 MARCIVE GPO records were loaded into DPL's database last weekend. This represents DPL's retrospective holdings from 1976-February 1990; it includes both depository and non-depository titles. All three DALNET libraries receiving GPO records from MARCIVE have decided to switch to OCLC for their current subscriptions to the monthly tapes.

• Terminals and Printers

H. Ma reported that DPL's 10th branch (Wilder) is now closed and in the process of linking its titles. It is the first branch to use Harris H471C terminals (IBM 3472 clones). Departments in DPL's Main Library have also used these terminals. H. Ma is very pleased with them. The screen format is easy on the eye. Also, the script "l" (frequently in DPL call numbers) is distinguishable as such on the Harris. She finds them easier to configure, with more options and three speeds (rather than one) from which to choose. DPL makes heavy use of the "record" and "playback" function key features to save time during the linking process.
J. Houghton reported that the University of Detroit is finding IBM 3472s (the most recent IBM model of color terminal) to be slower than the IBM 3192s. Their print command is a two-step process. It was suggested that the UD controller diskette needs to be configured differently for the 3472 keyboard. University of Detroit is using the HP Desk Jet printer with the 3472. Printers used with these IBM terminals need to emulate a Proprinter. The Siemens ink jet printer also can emulate a Proprinter. Louise is investigating the Siemens for Wayne's LUIS terminals.

- MLA Local Area Network Meeting

L. Bugg announced the MLA meeting on LANs to be held on April 18 in Lansing.

The next Project Managers' Meeting will be held on Monday, June 3 at 1:00 p.m. in the WSULS Dean's Conference Room.

Notes by
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